

# Northwest Tractor Pulling Association

## Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Bonnie Atteberry, Fran Atteberry, Jeff and Heather Dunton, Bill Hesse, John Ireland, Steve Kenitz, Ralph Kerr, Bob and Pat McGrotty, Brooks, Donna and John Pfister, Joe Shaver, Walt Shaver, Jim Turner, Allan Vanderzanden, Andrea Woodward.

New members joined our NWTPA today! Welcome to Jeff and Heather Dunton, Ralph Kerr, the North Clackamas F. F. A., Pat McGrotty, and John Pfister!

**Old Business:** Bob McGrotty brought up that the Banks Sunset Park Committee needed rental payment for 2004, and figured out who Steve should contact. (Steve Kenitz has since brought us up to date). No one had other old business to discuss.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:** Andrea Woodward reported that we ended the 2004 calendar year with approximately \$110 more than we started. We begin 2005 with \$1,905.06. In general, we lose money at the June Banks pull, make money at the July Columbia County Fair, and make money at the August Banks Barbecue Pull (at which we get the hook money from the garden tractor hooks, and don't have to help pay for sleds or insurance). Insurance (in 2004 insurance cost \$255 more than in 2003) and Sled Rental are our largest expenditures. We also invested in a copy card to get a lower per copy price, which cost more in 2004, but will also cover all or most of our copy needs in 2005. Steve Kenitz will continue to investigate finding cheaper insurance.

We discussed the benefit of all members seeking out sponsors within the community, and how we would be able to provide advertising (frequent mention of the sponsors during the pull announcements, possible signage, etc.) in return. Please help us with this.

**Rewards/Enticements Discussion:** We discussed the possibility of rewarding members in some way, for all the help we get at the pulls. As a group we decided to NOT give rewards/enticements. We felt that members should help, since it is our club, and that we do not have lots of extra money to hand out. This continues our past approach to volunteerism.

**Safety and Pull Organizing Committee Review:** Allan Vanderzanden and Tom, Bob McGrotty, and Steve Kenitz volunteered to be the 2005 Safety Committee. We discussed an accident during another club's California tractor pull last year, and encouraged our Safety Committee to be very nose-y and assertive with loading and unloading supervision, so that no accidents ever happen on our watch. We also decided to hold a Safety meeting for these Committee Members before each pull.

**Review of Rules for All Classes:** After a thorough revision of rules at the 2004 Annual Meeting, we left many of our rules unchanged this year. However, we did make some

modifications, which follow.

Under Rules for Stock Tractors, #3: Draw bar height cannot exceed the central line of final line of axle. Wheelie Bar required if draw bar exceeds the center line of final line axle.

*Replaces the previous rule Draw Bar must not exceed 21" in height.*

Under Super Modified Garden Tractors, #6: Allow any engine up to 200 cubic inches.

*Replaces the previous rule Limited to 4 cylinder engine.*

If you would like to receive a copy of our current rules, they will be available at all pulls, or you can request them at any time by calling or e-mailing Steve Kenitz.

**New Membership Discussion:** Up until this point it has cost \$70 to join NWTPA, and then \$15 a year dues to maintain membership. It was proposed that we drop the \$70 initial fee, so that more members will join. This motion was unanimously passed. From now on, the initial fee will be \$15, which will also serve as the family/individual's first year dues. Any individual or family who would like to join NWTPA can now do so, as we voted to put no conditions on membership.

**Website:** Our Website designer, Don Moore, felt a need to step down in 2004, and we are working toward finding someone else with the needed skills to replace him. Pat McGrotty took wonderful photos at our 2004 pulls, and will work with the new Website maintainer, to give our site a great look!

**Discussion of Co-Sponsoring Pulls with Other Clubs:** We didn't manage to get to this agenda item in the time allowed at the meeting. Steve and others will continue to look into the possibilities. Possible benefits include shared cost for insurance and advertising, shared mailing lists, and increasing overall interest in Tractor Pulling in the Northwest.

**Discussion of 2005 Pull Schedule:**

At this time we have three pulls scheduled:

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>,** Sunset Park, Banks. 1 p.m. starting time.

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>,** Columbia County Fairgrounds, St. Helens. Noon starting time.

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>,** Sunset Park, Banks Barbecue. 2 p.m. starting time.

**Election of Officers:**

Steve Kenitz was voted to remain President for a third year.

Andrea Woodward was voted to remain Secretary/Treasurer for a third year.

Bob McGrotty was voted to remain Vice President for a second year.