

Grand Falls club hosted the annual MTTPA awards/banquet on November 12, 2016.

### **A) Welcome**

Welcome by Kirby Densmore, President

### **B) Call To Order – Identify Voting Members**

Meeting called to order by Kirby Densmore, President at 9:36 am with 34 in attendance.

Identification of voting members from each club:

- Centreville, NB – Andy McConnell & Bryon McGrath
- Crapaud, PEI - Jamie Thompson & Jason Webster
- Grand Falls, NB - Mike McCluskey & Sylvie Michaud
- Presque Isle, Maine - Terry Berube & Danny Ireland
- Richmond Corner, NB - Ernest Atkinson & Jeff Steeves

### **C) Approval of Agenda**

#### **MTTPA Meeting 2016 Agenda** **Grand Falls, NB Nov 12 2016**

- Welcome
- Call to order – identify voting members
- Approval of agenda
- Review of 2015 Minutes
- Business arising from 2015 minutes
- Review 2016 Treasurers Report
- Review of 2017 Fees
- Election of Officers
- Discussion issues
- Website
- Points
- Techman
- Schedule Deadlines
- Club Discussion Time

- Presentation of Resolutions and Discussion points
- New Business
- 2017 Event Schedule & Banquet
- Adjournment

**\*Motion: To accept copy of the 2016 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: Andy McConnell                      Seconded by: Ernest Atkinson                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

**D) Approval of 2015 Minutes**

**\*Motion: To accept copy of the 2015 minutes as circulated.**

**Motion: Terry Berube                      Seconded by: Jason Webster                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

a) Business arising from 2015 minutes:

- **Status of purchase of fire Extinguisher(s).** Note: This was not done, Ernie did receive a quote from Russell, but due to the passing of Russell Bugbee this did not go any further.
- **Discussion:** As per Danny Ireland the pulling sled presently has two fire extinguisher in place, one on each fender. Ernie explained the results of using an ABS fire extinguisher (leaves a white powder residue) and a CO2 fire extinguisher (smothers a fire without chemicals and weighs approx. 30lbs). He recommended clubs to contact their local fire departments and request to borrow CO2's for their event. All track workers should be familiar with the operation of a fire extinguisher which may be done at each clubs local fire department.
- **Dyno training for each club** did not happen- to be discussed later in recommendations.

**E) Review of 2016 Treasurer's Report**

- A detailed treasurer's report for 2015 was circulated and read by Tim Talpey, Treasurer. Year end balance on hand is \$17,568.16 less KKP invoice for printing of today's materials and 2016 banquet and award expenses.

***Maritime Truck and Tractor Pulling Association  
2016 Treasurer's Report***

<b><u>2015 Year End Balance</u></b>		\$18,340.60
<b><u>2015 Expenses</u></b>		
Banquet Expenses	\$5,745.43	
		(5,745.43)
<b><u>2016 Expenses</u></b>		
Bank Fees	\$77.70	

Foreign Worker Application	\$1,155.00	
Association Insurance	\$3,755.00	
Kwik Copy (Rule Books & Cards)	\$118.45	
Website Domain & Hosting	\$300.00	
Flowers (Russell's Funeral)	\$59.08	
Tech Services	\$3,850.00	
Dyno Rental	\$1,800.00	
Sled Rental	<u>\$15,928.84</u>	
	\$27,044.07	(27,044.07)
<b><u>2016 Revenues</u></b>		
MTTPA Club Fees	\$3,750.00	
Member Dues	\$6,205.00	
Insurance	\$6,460.00	
Sled Rental	<u>\$15,602.06</u>	
	\$32,017.06	32,017.06
<b><u>2016 Year End Balance</u></b>		<b>\$17,568.16</b>

Tim explained the difference between his report of 2015 year end balance of \$18 340.60 and past treasurer's year end balance for 2015 \$19 053.50 – total amount difference -\$713.00. As the new treasurer for the MTTPA, he begins his year in January 1<sup>st</sup> and not October 31<sup>st</sup> as in the past. There were two checks that cleared in November and December totalling \$713.00.

- **Note: Beginning in 2017 the MTTPA will begin to invoice each club for their membership fees of \$750.**

**Discussion:** Mike McCluskey asked about the fee paid for the dyno rental of \$1800 and what each club receives for their \$750 club fee. If the dyno is not used by each club is the fee the same? - Explanation: Yes- \$750 is a flat fee for your club to be a member of the MTTPA.

**\*Motion to accept the 2015 treasurer's report as read**

**Motion: Terry Berube  
10/0**

**Seconded by: Bryon McGrath**

**Motion Carried:**

6. Review of the 2017 Fees (read by Kirby Densmore, President and circulated)

**2017 Fess will be as listed**

-Club Fee \$750. This is to cover the Club registration for an MTTPA event.

-Membership Dues \$65. Yearly cost per pulling vehicle to cover tech man, insurance and banquet.

-Any puller not wanting a full membership will be required to pay the insurance fee of \$20 plus \$30 for a weekend membership. Second time of attending an MTTPA event you will be charged the remaining \$35 for your full membership.

-Any card bearing members outside the Maritimes will be allowed to participate in any MTTPA event without being charged membership registration, **BUT**, will be required to pay appropriate insurance fee of \$20 at each event per vehicle. **These units will not receive awarded points.**

**\*Motion to accept 2017 fees as read**

**Motion: Ernest Atkinson      Seconded by: Jamie Thompson      Motion Carried: 10/0**

### **7) Election of Officers**

Brad Fox resigned as MTTPA Vice President.

**\*Motion: President – Kirby Densmore; Treasurer-Tim Talpey; and Secretary-May Atkinson remain the same for 2017.**

**Motion: Ernest Atkinson                      Seconded by: Terry Berube                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

President called for nominations for the vice president vacancy.  
Jason Webster, nominated - accepted  
Glenn Stewart, nominated - declined

**\*Motion: Jason Webster accept the position as vice president.**

**Motion: Bryon McGrath                      Seconded by: Mike McCluskey                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

### **8) 2016 Discussion Topics**

**a) Website:** We need to thank Kyle Ferguson from PEI for doing the website. He has agreed to do it again this year and would like any input and pictures

**Discussion:** A driver's profile form will be created and shared with driver's/owner's to be posted on the website. We encourage all member's to complete this form so our website may provide more information to our viewers.

**\*Motion made to pay Kyle Ferguson \$300 for his work updating the website.**

**Motion: Jamie Thompson      Seconded by: Ernest Atkinson                      Motion Carried: 10/0**

**b) Points:** Again we need to thank Kyle Ferguson for doing the points. He was very prompt once I received the results and sent them to him. Also need to thank the clubs for the typed results as that makes things much faster to process.

Only problem Kyle had was the MTTPA numbers were not always there or incorrect. This has always been a problem and starts with members knowing their number when registering, as well as the registration keeping them in order. Need to be careful when people pull 2 machines or for someone else.

**c) Techman** Ricky Springer has agreed to remain techman for 2017 if the association wants to keep him. Ricky was not present to at this meeting.

**Discussion:** It has been mentioned that there is confusion around dyno – who makes the calls?

**\*Motion made to have Ricky Springer continue as the tech man for the 2017 season.**

**Motion: Jason Webster      Seconded by: Mike McCluskey      Motion Carried: 10/0**

#### **d)Schedule Deadlines**

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Rulebook and Minutes posted on Website

May 1<sup>st</sup> Class lists and Pull info available for Website

Monday after pull results and report to be sent to President or Vice President.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Banquet host have info to President or Vice President.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> All resolutions be turned in to President or Vice President.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Resolutions be back to members

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Final Day for Banquet Tickets

#### **e) Club Discussion Time**

1. Open to all Clubs for discussion about their event. 2016 and upcoming 2017 plans

**GrandFalls** – Schedule will be the same for 2017 season – Saturday and Sunday – with Saturday having the evening pull. Ground work to be done including expanding the pit area which should double the space in the pit. 2017 marks our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Update on John Bellefleur who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

**Centreville** – 2016 marked our biggest pull of people, pulling rigs and revenue. Steak dinner was added for the drivers which was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Something to think about – too much duplication in stock tractors. To help clubs “entertain” the crowd stock tractors may consider pulling a max of two times.

**Richmond Corner** – Thanked pullers/organizers for working together. With our own drag now we are considering hosting different events, but yet to confirm. Working on clearing more ground and better facilities.

**Presque Isle** – Terry stepped up into pull supervisor after Russel’s passing. Had a good event, light on pulling vehicles. Prize payout could be part of the issue. 2017 may see the pull back on Friday night. Dyno is not used but RPM.

**Crapaud** – Thank you to Danny Ireland who stepped in and making sure the pulling sled completed the circuit. Weather cooperated, in one class had 32 stock tractors register. Volunteers and crowd was up. 2016 marked 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Crapaud. Something to consider, have your announcer engage with the crowd and pullers to keep the momentum. Changed the camping policy to accommodate the pullers better which definitely made a difference. Campers are not charged.

### **2016 Resolutions and Discussion points for MTTPA annual Meeting**

#### **Discussion points**

##### **Dyno**

Dyno, that the MTTPA upgrade the dyno (purchase a bigger & better unit) and that sufficient personnel be trained to operate it at every location. Should have pricing at meeting

**Discussion:** Much discussion on the dyno issue – training, purchasing our own, should the tech man operate the dyno as well? Dyno operators did ok - to be considered: location of dyno at each event – consider locating the dyno at end of each track – 300’ mark area, water for the dyno should be well water – 42 degrees to work best, gravity feed may not be enough to operate dyno correctly. All these concerns effect the operation of the dyno when changed from event to event. Top three in each stock class are to be dynoed out – however randomly dynoing could be considered by tech man.

Q. Why not just use RPM rule?

A. We went with the RPM rule. Worked for 2 years and after that pullers were able to “modify” their tractors.

**\*Motion- Jason Webster will continue looking into purchasing a dyno – old, new. Based on confirmation before purchase is made.**

**Motion: Bryon McGrath**

**Seconded by: Mike McCluskey**

**Motion Carried: 10/0**

##### **Disqualifications for technical matters.**

That the MTTPA, as our sanctioning body, oversee all technical matters and decide on disqualifications. We as promoters, do not have the depth of knowledge necessary to debate technical matters and to be entirely honest, during the event, we neither have the time to do so.

**Discussion:** That the MTTPA step up and do the disqualifications and decisions when it comes to the dyno and other matters. It is the MTTPA’s responsibility. The techman has to realize it is

his “job” to make the hard decision(s). Rulebook states: “track official make decision. Switching of drivers and tractors in the wrong class is not acceptable. Rewrite job description of the techman. There is a gray areas – using the dyno it eliminates alot of the gray area (speed; rpm; horsepower). Pullers/tractors – wrong engine, rear ends. Tractors 10 000 lbs with Cummings, with pumps. We let them in a few years and continue as is. Rule book states: Original or MOE. Techman needs to be educated on these vehicles.

**\*Motion to revisit the techman’s job description and ensure that it includes overseeing the dyno operation and all chinchilla matter and decisions associated there to.**

**Motion: Mike McCluskey                      Seconded by: Bryon McGrath                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

### **Advertising and Promoting other pulls in Maritimes**

Is there any advantage to reach out the other pulling events around the Maritimes. There are a number of pulls and exhibitions that the pulling community may want to know about which will help promote our sport as a whole. If we help them they may want to join our group at a later date.

### **Roll cage inspections**

The MTTPA needs a new roll cage inspector with the loss of Russell.

**\*Motion to purchase from a site set of SFI plans for roll cages for the MTTPA needs.**

**Motion: Ernest Atkinson                      Seconded by: Bryon McGrath                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

### **Create Board of Directors**

Look at using the executive as well as promoters and a few members at large to have some off season meetings (conference call) to support and help clubs and executive to make improvements in our sport

Discussion: Have one director, who must be involved as an organizer from each club and one member from Nova Scotia to represent pullers meet minimun of 2x year (off season) either conference call or face to face to discuss items that they would like.

**\*Motion to choose one director from each club (must be an organizer) to formulate new board of directors for MTTPA.**

**Motion: Jason Webster                      Seconded by: Mike McCluskey                      Motion Carried:  
10/0**

### **New Board of Directors:**

Grand Falls, NB Club: Mike McCluskey

Crapaud, PEI: Jamie Thompson

Richmond Corner, NB: Ernest Atkinson

Centreville, NB: Bryon McGrath

Presque Isle, Maine: Terry Berube

Nova Scotia Representative: Jacob Horsnell

### **9) Resolutions**

No new rules for presentation.

### **10) New Business**

**A) Future of the pulling sled** – Danny Ireland was asked the plans for the future of the pulling sled? Danny confirmed it will be the same as before Russell's passing but based out of Bangor, Maine. Changes have been made to the sled – all the electronics are gone, everything is done manually now make it more consistent for everyone. The Maine State Pulling Association is still the owner of the sled. **Discussion** of training a Canadian to operate the sled was brought up and Kevin Taylor's name given. Each club will require to supply a hooker for the event.

**B) Trucks come to the MTTPA events- definitely** would like to see this happen. PEI had them for an exhibition pull. These trucks do comply to 6-7 of our rules which are safety issues. Kevin Cyr was asked to talk to the owners and see if there is interest and discuss safety rules.

**\*Motion to discuss hot stock class rules under new business**

**Motion: Mike McCluskey    Seconded by: Jason Webster    Motion Carried: 10/0**

C) Hot Stock- Are these classes covered under our insurance? There are minimum safety rules: RPM's; clutch; guard around clutch housing; cross on exhaust and shut offs. Was mentioned we presently have stock classes, pro farm classes and super farm. Why add another class – make your tractor fit into one of these classes? Was suggested for clubs to make their own rules and post them. Hot Stock pullers to come together and discuss safety rules that we can apply.

**\*Motion the MTTPA will require hot stock to run under a set of safety rules and also require hot stock pullers (Glenn Stewart; Glenn Mockler; Kevin Cyr) to come with a set of rules to cap by January 1, 2017.**

**Motion: Jason Webster    Seconded by: Andy McConnell    Motion Carried: 10/0**

### **11) 2017 Event Schedule & Banquet**

Grand Falls, NB– June 17 & 18  
Centreville, NB - weekend of June 24  
Richmond Corner, NB – July 8 -9  
Presque Isle, Maine – July 28 & 29  
Crapaud, PEI – August 4 – 5 (Rain date 6)



2017 Meeting and Banquet to be held by the Richmond Corner, NB Club on November 11, 2017.

**\*Motion made to adjourn the 2016 MTTPA meeting at 1:30 pm**

**Motion: Jason Webster  
10/0**

**Seconded by: Terry Berube**

**Motion Carried:**