

## Meeting Minutes – 2024 AGM

**Date:** November 23, 2024

**Location:** Crown Plaza Hotel, Moncton, New Brunswick

**Time:** 9:30 AM

### 1. Call to Order

- **Chairperson:** Randy Welcome
  - **Approval of Agenda:**
    - Motion: Denis Hogan
    - Seconded: Dylan Parker
    - **No amendments** noted.
  - **Voting Members Identified:**
    - Grand Falls (Sylvie and Troy), Centreville (Byron and Tyler), Woodstock (Graham and Judd), PEI (Jason and Jamie)
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### 2. Presentations of Events

#### **Spud Speedway - Caribou, Maine:**

- Weather challenges impacted operations last year.
- Desire to hold a points pull event:
- Proposed dates: May 30/31, 2025 (Mud Bowl) or possibly in Presque Isle in June (27/28).
- Timeline concerns for farmers were noted for May dates and June 27/28 is Centreville's pull weekend.

Representatives of Caribou will work with MTTPA executive to confirm dates and details of a 2025 exhibition event with details to follow once available.

### **Petty Raceway - Petitcodiac, New Brunswick:**

- Preparations underway.
- Proposed dates: July 4 & 5, 2025.
- Graham mentioned he might be willing to push Woodstock pull back a week (July 18/19) to avoid having 3 pull weekends in a row.
- Large pit area and sled arrangements (from Vermont) confirmed.
- Sep 19/20<sup>th</sup> confirmed dates for 2025.

### **Antigonish, Nova Scotia:**

- Dates for 2025 – Labour Day weekend Aug 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> Rain date: 31<sup>st</sup>
- Expanded pit area planned for 2025.

Motion made by Jason Webster to bring Antigonish on as a MTTPA points pull in 2025

- Seconded by: Kirby Densmore
- All clubs in favor.

### **Event Schedule for 2025:**

- **Grand Falls, NB:** June 13/14 (Rain Date: June 15).
- **Centreville, NB:** June 27/28 (Rain Date: June 29).
- **Woodstock, NB:** July 11/12 (Rain Date: July 13).
- **Crapaud, PEI:** August 1/2 (Rain Date: August 3).
- **Antigonish, NS:** August 29/30 (Rain Date: August 31).

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### 3. Review of 2023 Minutes

- No questions or updates discussed from 2023 minutes.

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### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Presented by Megan Graham.
- Motion to accept: Kirby Densmore
- Seconded: Denis Hogan
- **Approved.**

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### 5. Tech Official Report

- **Training Updates:**
  - Additional training on **NTPA certification for roll cages** is being pursued.
  - Recommendations for future safety courses were discussed.

Motion made by Jason Webster to send Scott to Louisville for roll cage and clutch training.

- Seconded by Jacob Mackenzie
- All clubs in favor.

- **Safety Rule Changes Proposed:**

1. Add turbo blankets to chargers 2.5" intake diameter or larger (all classes).

Motion made by Byron McGrath to move to 3" intake diameter (all classes).

- Seconded by Tyler McDougall
  - All clubs in favor.
2. No more plates for clutch/flywheel protection – only SFI-certified scatter blankets are accepted.

Motion made by Kirby Densmore that no more plates be used for clutch/flywheel protection. Only a certified SFI scatter blanket or SFI bellhousing will be accepted for any class that requires clutch protection currently.

- Seconded by Jamie Thompson
- All clubs in favor.

**3.** Two steel cable ties (minimum 3/8" size) or following NTPA rules are required on engines 414 cubic inches and above for added safety.

Exempt classes: Heavy Pro Stock, Light Pro Stock, Super Farm, Blower Truck Class, 4x4 Modified Truck Class

Motion by Denis Hogan to accept #3 as written. Seconded by Chris Parker. All clubs in favor.

- 4. No loaded tires allowed on any vehicle.

Motion by Byron McGrath to scrap #4, Graham Briggs seconded. All clubs in favor.

- 5. Fire suits, harnesses, scatter blankets, boots, and neck braces must be replaced if expired.

Scott brought this to everyone's attention for 2025. We will revisit at 2025 AGM after Scott has done further research into expiries of the different equipment.

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## 6. Website & Points Management

- **Proposal:** Create a volunteer-based position for website/points admin support.
- **Role Includes:**
  - Assisting clubs at registration.
  - Overseeing class results, validating points, and reporting discrepancies.
  - Runner from the dyno to registration for stock classes to validate/announce proper results/disqualifications.
  - Coordinating with web developers and officials for efficient reporting.
- **Additional Discussion:**
  - Suggested development of a **mobile app** for tracking points and results.

Motion by Jason Webster that all clubs only assign MTTPA #'s at their events and that clubs post all their results online within 3 days of their event.

Seconded: Chris Parker

All clubs in favor.

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## 7. Election of Officers

### Results:

- **President:** Randy Shaw
  - Nominated: Ryan Springer
  - Seconded: Robert Pryor
  - **Won by Acclamation.**
- **Vice President:** Jeff Wood nominated Jacob Horsnell for the position with Kevin Shaw seconding. Hannah McEwen nominated Stevee Graham for the position with Kasie Graham seconding. A vote was completed by current MTTPA members who were in attendance.

**Counters for Votes:** David, Ricky, and Kirby. The result of the vote determined that Jacob had won.

- **Vice President:** Jacob Horsnell
  - Nominated: Jeff Wood
  - Seconded: Kevin Shaw
  - **Jacob elected as VP.**
- **Secretary:** Chelsey Taylor
  - Nominated: Dylan Parker
  - Seconded: Brandon Best
  - **Won by Acclamation.**
- **Treasurer:** Megan Graham
  - Nominated: Jason Webster

- Seconded: Ricky Balsor
    - **Won by Acclamation.**
  - **Tech Official:** Scott Seeley
    - Nominated: Jamie Thompson
    - Seconded: Austin Lunn
    - **Won by Acclamation.**
  - **Dyno Official:** Justin Peterson
    - Nominated: Jason Webster
    - Seconded: Adam Lawrence
    - **Won by Acclamation.**
  - **Website/Points Admin:** Kyle Ferguson
    - Nominated: Kirby Densmore
    - Seconded: Austin Lunn
    - **Won by Acclamation.**
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## 8. MTTPA Updates

### A. Truck Classes Clarification

- MTTPA sanctioned classes:
  - Modified 2WD Truck
  - Modified 4x4 Truck
  - 4x4 Street Stock- Gas
  - 4x4 Super Stock Truck - Gas
  - 8500lb 4x4 Super Stock Street Diesel
  - 20,000lb Semi's
- **Event Exhibition Classes:** To be written as such on the event schedule.

## **B. MTTPA Apparel**

- Would like to establish an **Apparel Committee** for MTTPA-branded merchandise (T-shirts, stickers, hats, sweaters).
- Clubs can purchase at cost and sell for profit.

## **C. Rule Committees**

- Proposal to form a committee of one representative per class to review rule changes and new class proposals.
- Motion: Denis Hogan
- Seconded: Stevee Graham
- **Decided to revisit at 2025 AGM**

## **D. Banquet & Gala Budget**

- Proposal to increase budget from \$7,500 to \$8,500.

Motion by Kirby Densmore to increase the banquet budget to \$10,000 using this increase for better prizes for our pullers and not just a fancier venue. Seconded by Brandin MacDonald.

## **E. Too Hot to Farm Review**

- Class rules reviewed. Motion by Byron McGrath to increase weight to **14,500 lbs** for 2025 and all other rules as written. Seconded by Glen Mockler.

## **F. Outlaw Tractor Review**

- Weight changes discussed (see below)

### **6500lb Outlaw Class:**

- Motion to increase weight to **7500lbs**.
  - Motion: Glen MacQuarrie

- Seconded: Lee Flowers
- **Amended:** Increase to **7000lbs.**
  - Motion: Glen MacQuarrie
  - Seconded: Lee Flowers
  - Club Vote Results: GF (Yes), C (Yes), W (No), PEI (Yes).

**Motion passed.**

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### **9. Protest Procedure:**

- Set protest fee at \$2,500 CAD.
  - Procedure outlined for submission, review, and outcomes.
  - To be revisited at 2025 AGM.
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### **10. Club Resolution and Discussion:**

**Grand Falls** – Planning to change pit area around for 2025

**Centreville** – Lengthened track and is exploring the option of pulling the other way in 2025

**Woodstock** – Encourages all clubs to adapt the PEI lanyard idea from 2024.

-Discussion was had on our current points system and how we can avoid so many ties in the future.

Motion by Ricky Balsor to leave the points as is for 2025. Seconded by Brandon Best. All clubs in favor.

**Crapaud** - Jamie and Jason thanks for attendance and accepting the changes to the event grounds. More changes coming, thanks to the pullers for embracing these changes.

-Dyno Safety



- Pullers will be responsible for hooking on and removing the PTO drive shaft. If this is done by a pullers helper the tractor will need to be shut off during hooking up or unhooking the dyno. The dyno operator will supervise. (this is necessary to make sure we avoid injuries)

Motion by Jason Webster to enforce the above as written. Seconded by Kirby Densmore. All clubs in favor.

- All tractor operators will be responsible for making sure their tractor's PTO shaft will accept the MTTPA dyno and our adapters. This means if your PTO requires a hammer to get our dyno hooked then it will be rejected. (We cannot have equipment damaged because tractor PTO shafts are not maintained. If you need to file you shaft it should be done before you come to the track)

Motion by Jason Webster to accept the above as written. Seconded by Kirby Densmore. All clubs in favor.

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## 10. New Business

- Kirby Densmore brought forward the need for a scale operator at each event for the lawn tractors.
- Jon Visser brought forward the need for increased lawn tractor safety.
- Document was reviewed for changes to the 7200LB Modified tractor class.

Motion by Ricky Balsor to adapt proposed changes on the attached document. Seconded by Adam Lawrence. Motion was tabled until next year's AGM by the clubs.

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## 11. Adjournment

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 2:50 PM.
- Motion: Randy Shaw
- Seconded: Megan Graham

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**Minutes Prepared By:** Megan Graham – Treasurer

**Approved By:** Randy Shaw – President

**Date:** December 18, 2024