

January 2024

Approved Secretary's minutes for Power from the Past EDGE-TA #240,

The January regular monthly meeting was held January 8, 2024 at Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church in Benson, AZ. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Skaggs at 6:00 P.M. We joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members Greg Skaggs, Lyle Rasmussen, Jerry Hayes, Zane Parker, Virgil Schmidt, Julia Davis and Rose Tidwell along with tractor chair Charlie Bub were present. There were 21 members in attendance.

The Secretary's minutes and the Treasurer's report were both approved as read. The Vice President shared an update on the tractor sled.

From the President's report we were reminded of the upcoming annual meeting and the election of board members. We heard about the work day on the tractor sled by Greg Skaggs, Bucky Stevens, Zane Parker and Charlie Bub in preparation for the Wellton show. The Western engine was moved to Barry ~~Cantor's~~ Kanner's place for better access after Greg replaced the gaskets on the oiler. Greg also did some additional work on the McCormick-Deering engine to hopefully slow the leak. And he shared that John Davenport has volunteered to work at getting sponsors for promotional items for the club. He also shared we had missed the grand opening of the newest Tractor Supply on the East side of Tucson..

Our Care Person Ruth Perkins gave us an update on her efforts at communicating with our members.

Communications were received from Kellond school in Tucson inviting us to participate in their Sock Hop with our rope making. The national EDGE-TA newsletter included requests for volunteer clubs to take on hosting a regional show, And from Mel Perkins were reminders of the upcoming display at Culver's and the February World Ag Expo held in Tulare, CA where his connections have kept us in twine for rope making. And a thank you was received from the Benson Community on our donated food items collected at our December meeting.

The Engine chair suggested looking into opportunities to display at the newly opened Tractor Supply and the Safety Chair and the Tractor chair both reported on the success of the recent tractor ride held at Empire Ranch. Also we were reminded that membership and EDGE-TA dues were being collected and we took a look at the calendar and discussed upcoming events and their insurance coverage.

There was no old business. In new business we discussed our past participation in the Kellond School Sock Hop and tabled a vote for this years event pending further review. We approved plans to be made for a tractor ride in March and for a \$500 budget to send Seth Hoyte to the World Ag Expo to hopefully acquire twine for our rope making. Next we discussed a plow day for High Desert dog facility before their next event with several volunteers offering to check it out.

A call to the board and Lyle took some time to remind us of the real business of our club per the by-laws is for promoting old engines and tractors without prejudice and not for profiteering along with his thoughts on land purchase.

Jim Fieber responded to a call to members with encouragement to interact with the public more during our displays when an opportunity is available.

Closing statements and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Rose Tidwell, Secretary. Corrected and approved