

# Maritime Truck & Tractor Pull Association 2014 Minutes

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The annual MTTPA meeting was hosted by the Presque Isle, Maine club on November 8, 2014.

## **1. Welcome**

Welcome by Kirby Densmore, Association President

## **2. Call To Order – Identify Voting Members**

Meeting called to order by Kirby Densmore at 10:20 am US time with 35 in attendance.

Seconded by Russell Bugbee

Identification of voting members from each club:

- Centreville, NB – Bryon McGrath & Robert Pryor
- Grand Falls, NB – John Bellefleur & Troy Greene
- Richmond Corner, NB – Ernest Atkinson & Steven McBride
- Presque Isle, Maine – Russell Bugbee & Terry Berube
- Crapaud, PEI – Jason Webster & Jamie Thompson

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

**\*Motion: To accept 2014 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion – Jason Webster                      Seconded by Russell Bugbee                      Motion carried 10 -0**

## **4. Approval of 2014 Minutes**

**\*Motion: To accept copy of the 2013 minutes as circulated**

**Motion – Russell Bugbee                      Seconded by Terry Berube                      Motion carried 10-0**

- a. No business arising from 2013 minutes

## **5. Review 2014 Treasurer's Report**

A detailed treasurer's report for 2014 was read by Chance McGrath, Treasurer. Yearend balance on hand \$20, 328.06 less 2014 banquet & award expenses and an invoice to be paid to KKP, Woodstock, NB for 2014 AGM material.

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## 2014 TREASURERS REPORT

**2013 Year End Balance (2013)** **\$19853.48**

### 2013 Expenses:

<b>Banquet Expenses:</b>	<b>\$5531.96</b>	
<b>Banquet Revenue</b>	<b>\$960.00 (ticket sales)</b>	<b>(4571.96)</b>

### 2014 Expenses:

<b>Bank fees</b>	<b>\$ 94.50</b>	
<b>LMO</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	
<b>Drost Insurance</b>	<b>\$3374.00</b>	
<b>Tech Services</b>	<b>\$4200.00</b>	
<b>Business Cards</b>	<b>\$172.50</b>	
<b>Dyno Rental</b>	<b>\$1800.00</b>	
<b>Car Show</b>	<b>\$1250.00</b>	
<b>Kwik Copy (Agenda, meetings)</b>	<b>\$107.46</b>	
<b><u>Web Hosting</u></b>	<b><u>\$350.00</u></b>	
	<b>\$11898.46</b>	<b>(11898.46)</b>

### 2014 REVENUE

<b>MTTPA Club Reg</b>	<b>\$7220.00</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$4500.00</b>	
<b><u>Insurance</u></b>	<b><u>\$5225.00</u></b>	
	<b>\$16945.00</b>	<b>\$16945.00</b>

**2014 YEAR END BALANCE** **\$20328.06**

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Discussion of the \$550 expense for the LMO (labor market opinion), this is a new charge for the 2014 season for border crossing papers for the sled and two workers to operate it, \$275 per person. The MTTPA will cover this extra cost.

Car show in Moncton was once again well received and interest in participating again in 2015 is planned. Chance McGrath, Brad Fox and Kirby Densmore each took a vehicle for display.

Amendment – MTTPA Club Reg should read MTTPA Membership Reg

Note – Membership is Club Membership

**\*Motion: To accept the 2014 treasurer's report**

**Motion – Russell Bugbee**

**Seconded by Terry Berube**

**Motion carried 10-0**

### **6. Review of 2015 Fees (read by Kirby Densmore, President)**

2015 Fees 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 the banquet
- Insurance \$20. This is per vehicle per weekend to offset the cost of insurance.
- Any puller not wanting a full membership will be required to pay the insurance fee \$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 at an MTTPA event without being charged membership registration, BUT, will be required to pay appropriate insurance fees \$20 at each event per vehicle. These units will not receive awarded points.

**\*Motion: To accept 2015 fees as read**

**Motion-Kirby Densmore**

**Seconded by John MacLeod**

**Motion carried 10-0**

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## **7. Election of Officers**

**\*Motion: For officers to remain the same for 2015**

- **President – Kirby Densmore**
- **Vice-President- Brad Fox**
- **Treasurer – Chance McGrath**
- **Secretary – May Atkinson**

**Motion - Andy McConnell**

**Seconded by Jeff Steeves**

**Motion carried 10-0**

## **8. Discussion of Issues**

### **A. Website**

1. ***Web site hosting fee \$150, web updating \$300***
2. ***We can only update the info as it comes in from clubs***

***Discussion:***

- Driver page is available, however information is not being sent in to Sarah to put on site.
- We encourage all pullers to send in this info to maximize the website information.

### **B. Points**

1. **We need the sheets sent to us by Monday so we can update the points!!!**

***Discussion:***

- Sarah Hill has agreed to continue to calculate the points in the upcoming season
- Some clubs have been submitting their results on a spreadsheet (excel), this has worked well for Sarah and is being suggested for a all clubs to submit their results for the 2015 season this way. Please email to [sarahhill@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:sarahhill@ns.sympatico.ca)

### **C. Tech man (Ricky Springer)**

1. Tech man job needs reviewed. (responsibilities/implementation/efficiency)
2. People need to be available for being teched
3. Sheets need to be used

***Discussion:***

- Super Farm, Light and Heavy Pro Stock Tractors must to be inspected as NTPA states
- These rules were adopted in 2013
- John MacLeod has a machine available to inspect the thickness of the roll cages
- Roll cages must be inspected for stability and attachment to tractor

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- Inspection of roll cages cost \$175 and is valid for five years
- Guide lines/blue prints are available
- Sticker showing inspection is needed, no sticker – no pull!
- Russell Bugbee is able to inspect roll cages
- Paperwork should include a copy for each of the following – puller/owner, tech man and organization. Techman to complete the proper paperwork for the 2015 season.

\*Rick Springer, Techman report for the 2014 season:

**\*Motion-Russell Bugbee can inspect roll cages for super farm, light pro stock and heavy pro stock which must be built to the SFI specs. The MTTPA organization will provide a sticker, only if the vehicle passes inspection. Correct paperwork must be provided. Sticker is good for 5 years.**

**Motion: Andy McConnell**

**Seconded by Rick Springer**

**Motion carried 10 -0**

## **D. Safety**

1. Seem to be a lot of people close to the track while pulling is going on.
2. Need someone to follow up on the purchase of fire extinguishers for the track.
3. New clutch rules have been approved by the NTPPA. A copy of the 2015 rule changes below.

### **NTPPA-The following rules will take effect for the 2015 season:**

#### **All Divisions:**

**1. The WPI / NTPA Executive boards has decided to discontinue the Clutch Inspection program and no longer require competitors to annually remove the clutch assembly for inspection.**

**The competitor, by agreeing to run under all NTPA safety rules and regulations in place are required to use SFI approved clutch assemblies and contain them in SFI approved containment devices, i.e. SFI approved bell housings or SFI approved blankets.**

**2. Diesel and Biodiesel specs have been removed from the rulebook.**

**Both Diesel, Biodiesel or a blend of the two are legal fuel for Diesel only classes.**

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## 3. The rule which reads:

Water and soluble oil (no other additives) are the only ingredients allowed for water injection has not changed but, will no longer be tested unless protested.

\*Note: Diesel / Biodiesel and Water testing will cease starting January 1, 2015

4. 4.Kill switch location: On Pro Stock, Super Stock, Super Farm and Modified tractors it must be located in the rear centre of the vehicle (maximum of 6 inches off centre in any direction), 40 inches above point of hook.

5. 5. Kill switch location: On TWD and FWD vehicles it must be located in the rear centre of the vehicle (maximum of 6 inches off centre in any direction), 16 inches above the point of hook.

## All tractor divisions

~~6. No air bags or air shocks allowed in any form on front axle, the use of shock absorbers or coil over shocks is allowed.~~

**NOTE: This has been tabled until the 2015 September meetings and will be reconsidered for the 2016 NTPA season.**

## Mini Rod

The drawbar pull point pin has been increased to a 5/8 grade 8 minimum.

## Semi

1. Semi tire maximum circumference of 145" at 30psi
2. Semi tire maximum tread width 10"

## Modified

No changes were made to the current 2014 Regional Modified rules and they were locked in for a three year period.(Thru 2017)

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## Super Farm

The turbocharger seal program has been discontinued and the Super farm turbo rule now reads:

Turbo:

- a. Exhaust bolt pattern no larger than 2.750 inches x 3.5 inches, or 69 mm. x 88 mm.
- b. No altering of a housing to accommodate a smaller base; e.g., T-18A95 with a small base welded to it.

Intake:

1. Map width enhancement is allowed. Maximum map width limit of .200". MWE groove must be inside neck area where intake covered is measured at 3 inches.
2. Compressor wheel must protrude into the three inch opening at least 1/8 inch.
3. Intake housing to be no larger than three inches at the face of the wheel.

Exhaust:

1. All turbine wheel tips of wheel must protrude into 3 inch opening at least 1/8 inch.
2. All air must exit through the 3 inch opening.
3. Turbine wheel exhaust blade to be no less than 2.90 inches in diameter at intersection of turbine wheel face and tip diameter.
4. Turbine housing to be no larger than three inches at intersection of turbine wheel face and tip diameter.
5. No wastegates permitted.
6. No variable geometric turbos permitted.

Intake Manifold no longer required to be OEM. SF intake rule now reads: Maximum inlet size 3.75 inches measured on the outside diameter, one inlet pipe only.

## 10,000 Pro-Stock Tractors

Aftermarket Block allowed following these guidelines:

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OEM aftermarket replacement blocks permitted, (10,000 Pro Stock tractors only, Not allowed in Lgt Pro, Limited Pro or SF classes)

- a. Steel Billet or recast Steel, no aluminium.
- b. Acceptable blocks must have come from 2WD tractors.
- c. Camshaft must remain in the OEM location. No overhead camshafts permitted.
- d. Fuel injection pump must remain in OEM location.
- e. Height maximum - Centre of crankshaft to cylinder head surface not to exceed one inch over OEM dimension (block, gaskets, deck/spacer plates)
- f. Block width and length must be OEM measurements and able to use OEM gaskets.
- g. Block will be inspected and approved by NTPA Tech Services before being allowed to compete.

\*\*\*One inch reason is for the built in deckplate no other plate allowed.

**\*Motion- MTTPA will purchase four fire extinguishers suitable for tractor pull track. Russell will carry with him. Ernest Atkinson will look into making this purchase.**

**Motion: Jason Webster**

**Seconded by Jamie Thompson**

**Motion carried 10-0**

## **E. Schedule Deadlines**

We need to try and meet our dates we set. I know everyone is busy but that's why we have 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 to be back to members
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Final Day for Banquet Tickets

## **Discussion:**

- Everyone please try to meet the deadlines for each subject.



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- Regarding the banquet, please respond asap as it is very important to the club organizing the event – location and cost of banquet is based on numbers in attendance.

## **F. Rules**

Need to look into the RPM box. It quit working so we just measured RPM with a digital tachometer. Need to purchase new box or a Tachometer.

### **Discussion:**

- RPM box has been repaired – per Ricky Springer, Techman

## **G. Classes**

Should we get rid of any classes?

Can clubs look at running 3 times instead of 2. Numbers are down and costs are up for traveling this would help pullers pay for fuel for travel.

### **Discussion**

- Again, classes scheduled are up to individual clubs.

## **H. Registration**

I think all went well with registration this year.

## **I. Advertising**

- We attended the Moncton Speed Sport Show again this year. Is this something we should continue?

### **Discussion:**

- Attend again in the 2015 season.

## **J. Club Discussion Time**

Open to all clubs for discussion about their event.

**PEI Club**

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- Not a lot of change
- Will revisit Semi & Blown Trucks participation
- Interest in hot stock class
- Club will discuss the above
- Thank all pullers for attending their event and look forward to seeing you again in 2015
- No complaints

### **Centreville Club**

- First – Kirby thanked Centreville for the work done to the grounds and security, improving location!
- Not a lot of changes
- Will consider adding 2 & 4 wheel drive gas/diesel street stock classes in 2015
- Weather and good support in 2014

### **Presque Isle Club**

- Change of days- may go back to Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening
- Appreciated all who supported
- Stock classes used 3000 rpm rule

### **Grand Falls Club**

- No changes
- Saturday night dance will not continue
- No after show – ex: Bigfoot or Motor sports
- Thank you to all pullers
- Tentative schedule is ready

### **Richmond Corner Club**

- Appreciate all pullers support
- Blocks along track may be moved back to widen track and help keep individuals back from track
- Steak supper - special thanks to Troy Green and Danny McLaughlin

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## **K. Fredericton Update**

- As we are all aware of the circumstance that canceled the 2014 pull.
- They are currently working on meetings to resolve the issue.
- They have built the track and are hoping to be able to have a pull in 2015.

### **Discussion:**

- Concern that the MTTPA cannot keep adding points events – should be approved by board of directors 60 days prior.
- Are pullers interested in another MTTPA event?

**\*Motion – An organization interested in hosting an MTTPA event will not be points pull the first year. BUT club fee will be paid and the use of insurance. Second year it will be revisited at the following AGM to continue as a points pull. Same will apply for any organization.**

**Motion – Andy McConnell**

**Seconded by Jeff Steeves**

**Motion carried 10-0**

## **9. Presentation of Resolutions – 2014 MTTPA Resolutions**

### **Issue #1 – Motion made**

Pro Farm vehicles to have roll cages mandatory and 5 point harness for the 2015 pulling season. Roll cages must be made to be certifiable under NTPA rules. Note the cost for this is approx. \$750 – \$1000 US dollars.

### **Discussion:**

- Safety issue and has been recommended for the past couple of years.
- Weight is a concern, especially for the 10 500 lb tractors.

**\*Motion: Pro Farm vehicles to have roll cages mandatory and 5 point harness for the 2015 pulling season. Roll cages must be made to be certifiable under NTPA rules.**

**Motion – Ernie Atkinson**

**Seconded by Terry Berube**

**Motion Carried 10-0**

**\*Motion: In lieu of new pro farm roll cage rule change 10 500 lbs to 11 000 lbs to allow for roll cage.**

**Motion – Jason Webster**

**Seconded by Jamie Thompson**

**Motion carried 6-4**

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## **Issue #2 - No Motion made**

No matter the make/model of stock tractor, HP matches weight class. Ex: 7000 lbs would allow all in class 70 hp plus 15% tolerance rather than Nebraska test rule.

### **Discussion:**

- Would move away from “stock”.
- Tractors would spend all day on dyno.
- Dyno would be an issue.
- Would be a lot of issues arise.

## **Issue #3 - Recanted**

Adopt the Maine State 2014 Pro Farm rules. The only exception is to change weight class to be 8000 lbs instead of 8500 lbs. (below)

## **Issue#4 – Motion made**

Pro Farm side shields must be made easily removable (Not bolted)

**\*Motion: Pro farm side shields must be made easily removable. (Not bolted)**

**Motion – Ricky Springer**

**Seconded by Terry Berube**

**Motion Carried 9-0**

## **10. New Business**

- We include roll cages on modified tractors as well, this will be a resolution for the AGM in 2015
- Clubs were asked to consider including the following classes **Gas & Diesel Street Stock trucks** in their schedule this year. These classes go over very well in the State of Maine, no less than 15 vehicles per class. Individuals were present showing an interest in participating in the MTTTPA circuit. PEI currently hosts an event for these trucks but the weekend before their MTTTPA weekend. Jason Webster has asked for a copy of the rules, which are presently Maine rules. At this time no points would be awarded.
- It was noted that in the light stock tractor classes several tractors are leaving their distributor cap loose. If this continues, it will be addressed. Discussion that the dyno man is to check the cap, and possibly paint a line to confirm it has not been moved.

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- Discussion of combining 2wd Modified Truck class and 2wd Blown Truck class as one point's class for a point's class. Technically, this should be included in the resolutions ahead of time to allow puller to discuss and become aware of this issue. There are two different sets of rules. Drivers/owners of these vehicles are not present, should wait until there is representative before a motion is made. Centreville club mentioned the prize money would go up. PEI reminded that only 60% of classes are needed to qualify as an MTTPA event, and organization can still choose to pull a naturally aspirated class.

**\*Motion: Combine 6200 lb 2wd Modified Trucks and 6200 lb 2wd Blown Trucks as one points class – 6200 lb Modified Truck Class. All trucks will pull as modified for one year using current modified NTPA rules with the exception of cubic inch. This will be revisited at our next AGM to review.**

**Motion –Bryon McGrath      Seconded by Terry Berube      Motion carried – 8-2**

**\*Motion – To pay Sarah Hill, in kind, \$350 for her work calculating the points for the 2014 season.**

**Motion – Glenn Stewart      Seconded by John MacLeod      Motion carried 10-0**

- Regarding the LMO – May has asked for the contracts from Russell asap, so the application can be submitted for the 2015 LMO. Each club is to pay the MTTPA for the use of the sled, and then the MTTPA will forward payment to Russell for the use of the pulling sled and scales.

## **11. 2015 Event Schedule & Banquet**

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Grand Falls, NB     | June 20 & 21                          |
| • Centreville, NB     | June 27 & 28                          |
| • Richmond Corner, NB | July 11 & 12                          |
| • Presque Isle, Maine | July 24 & 25 (26?)- will be confirmed |
| • Crapaud, PEI        | July 31 & Aug 1                       |
| • Richmond Corner, NB | August 22 & 23                        |

**\*\*\*AGM, Banquet & Awards will be hosted by the PEI club on Saturday, November 14, 2015\*\*\***

## **12. Adjournment**

**\*Motion to adjourn at 3:39 US time.**

**Motion - Ernie Atkinson      Seconded by Andy McConnell      Motion carried 10-0**

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