



# Eastern Indiana District Tractor Puller Association

Minutes of the EIDTPA at Rushville, Indiana

**Date of Meeting: 2024, March 16th**

**Location: Tim & Ellen Moran's Shop**

**Meeting Called to Order at: 2:15 p.m.**

**Present Members:** Dave Angle, Ray Brewer, Kevin Byrnes, Doug Harpring, Jack Hubbell, Patrick Jordan, Bruce Logan, Andrew Masin, Korbin Mastin, Mike Mastin, Brady McNealy, Shawn McNealy, Jason Messer, Nate Moran, Pat Moran, Tim Moran, Darren Niehoff, Devon Niehoff, Nate Niehoff, Roger Redmon, Richard Pruitt, Phil Waltz, Natalie Weintraub, Mike Yeley

**Absent Members:** Brian Byrnes, Brice Byrnes, Jim Cowan, Mitchell Cowan, Will Cowan, Kevin Chapman, Brandon Everhart, Chris Everhart, Jonathan Everhart, Keigan Freese, Mike Gordon, Jason Grote, Frank Harpring, Mark Harpring, Josey Hauk, Austin Hubbell, Brian Johnson, Larry Johnson, Sam Johnson, Billy Kuhn, Gregg Lemmons, Tim Lower, Andy Mastin, Garrett McGaha, Daniel McVey, Larry McVey, Joe Niedenthal, Paul Nieman, Briar Rankin, William Rich, Kirk Trebley, Sam Trebley

**Present Guests:** Eli Ellis

## Officer Reports

### **President (Doug Harpring)**

- 2023 Total Number of Hooks:  
18+18+13+11+12+17+21+18+16+16+12+12+13+12+13+9+12+14+11+12+10+10+12+10+9+13+8+14+11+13+13+11+14+11+12+14+14+15+15+15=524
- Pretty good season
- Timmy Moran is sounding better

### **Vice President (Nate Niehoff)**

- All good here

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### Secretary (Hubbell/Weintraub)

- Thank you to the Everhart's for the use of their generator
- Sign the thank you cards that were not brought
- Check your information
- Add Brady and Korbin to the master puller information
- Need to print out Korbin a real membership card

### Treasurer (Darren Niehoff)

- Account Balances
  - Start 2023: \$1491.63
  - Ending 2023: 508.93
- 22 members paid last year
- 23 members pay this year
  - Pulling Active: 19
  - Non-Pulling Active: 3
- Roger Redmon's membership was paid by donations
- 5 weekends last year
- Takes 100 hooks to break even each weekend
- Spent \$200 on spot tractors
- Spent \$420 all the award
- Spent Party was about \$250
- Donated by Darren \$100 to spray the field
- Devon Niehoff/Edward Jones donated \$250 to the association
- Total of \$385 of donations
- Darren would like to maintain \$1000 to \$1800 each year in the checking account
- Darren Niehoff moved to increase Active Pullers from \$25 to \$40 and non-pulling pulling members to \$25
  - Shawn second that
  - Motion passed
- Funerals
  - Doug Harpring's grandmother passed
    - February 14, 2024
    - Donation to her memorial

### IT (Richard Pruitt)

- Going to get pictures
- Please give Richard or the secretaries point trophies before 2014 to be added on the website
- Our website is [eidtpa.org](http://eidtpa.org)

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## Committees

### Safety

- Darren moved to remove to Larry Johnson and add Tim Moran
  - Devon second
  - Motion passed
- “Don’t jump off the hut after drinks”
- Inspection on new tractor and current tractors
  - “Measure the front-end weight bracket...Jack”

### Steam Show

- Tim Moran moved to add rule 42: that pulling will not happen during the weekend of the Steam show every year from now on.
  - Darren seconded
  - Motion passed
- Dead Weight Pull at Steam Show
  - Mike Mastin and Dave Angle are heads of the committee
  - Saturday Morning at 10 a.m.

## Old Business

- Bob-O-Link - Jack
  - Talked with Tony on Monday, March 11th
  - Our discount is still valid
  - He brought up if we need help with awards
    - We will reach out around the last weekend of pulling
- Sign/Sponsors - Jack
  - Repaint the sign this spring
  - Sponsor board will be added to the sign
    - Check with sponsors before adding
  - Nate volunteer to help paint the sign but there might be a problem with it...



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## New Business

(2:37)

- Shawn McNealy moved to add committees/crews for judging and spot tractor
  - Same people
  - Bring the teams back
  - If there early, judge and spot early
  - If there late, judge and spot late
  - Jason Messer being a full time spot tractor operator
  - Do a better job overall
  - General agreement not to make committees/crews
- Aaron Mastin moved to pull 3 set of classes instead of 4 set of classes by pulling one at a time
  - No seconded or vote
- Devon moved pull all same class set in one weekend
  - No seconded or vote
- Mike Mastin moved to amend rule #17 to continue add weight to the sled until 2 of the first 3 tractors cannot make 15ft full pull.
  - Aaron seconded
  - Motion passed
- Natalie moved to amend rule #17 to add “the first 2 of 3 hooks on second hooks would restart the class even if its not the first 3 pullers.”
  - Devon second
  - Motion passed
- Aaron Mastin moved to amend rule #17 to “The sled will be weighted to 220% of the class to begin the first round.”
  - Pat Moran seconded
  - Motion passed
- Rule #17 now reads “The sled will be weighted to 220% of the class to begin the first round. If the first 2 out of 3 tractors that make a 15 ft. full pull on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> attempts at the current weight, more weight will be added, the class will start the next round with the first tractor. This will be continued until 2 out of the first 3 tractors to make 2 attempts do NOT make a 15 ft. full pulls. At this time the current round all tractors will have the opportunity to hook to this weight. 1000 lbs. will be added each time on the “little” sled and 2000 lbs. will be added each time on the “big” sled. The lanes must be drag if weight was added to the sled. If any of the first 3 tractors pass their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> attempts, then the next tractor to complete their attempts will be added to the 3 tractors of this rule. Revised 2024”.

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- Natalie moved to amend rule#12 to add measuring tape to measure 18ft to switch the direction of the lane.
  - Jack seconded
  - Motion failed
  - Continue with step count and judge determination
  - If a measure is disputed the judge can bring a tape measure out.
- Darren Niehoff stated to have three different colors for the three different block weight for the sled be done at set up.
  - Little sled needs 1,200 lbs. to start
  - “Big” sled needs 18,500 lbs. to 19,000 lbs. to start
- Nate Moran moves to leave the classes at 4 sets of 30 mins intervals
  - Nate Niehoff Seconded
  - Motion Passed
- Mike Yeley moved to amend Rule #39 “Pulling strictly begins at 9:00 AM with the first set of classes. The next set of classes will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last class of the previous set. The secretary will keep time.”
  - Motion was never voted on, but the general group agreed to this change
- Set up sled
  - Set up through out the week when you can; weather permitting
  - Text Jack and he will send out message to group telling others people are going to set up, if they can help
  - Or if set up is completed Jack will let group know
- Devon Niehoff moved to start on July 13<sup>th</sup>, pull 6 weeks, and ending the weekend before Labor Day, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Brady McNealy Seconded
  - Motion Passed

## Our Next Meeting Will Be Held: August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. lasting 10 mins

- Nate Niehoff hosting awards
  - Bathroom outside
  - Friday Evening on September 13<sup>th</sup>, if Maria agrees to the party
- Darren moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m.
  - Nate Moran second
  - Motion passed

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

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