

Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/4/2021

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Sam Zue Building

Executive board members present: Todd Benson, Brandon Jenkins, Mike Woodward, Barb Hobson, Janice Clous, Larry Clous, Frank Holzschu, Carl VanWylen, Ham Hobson, Steve Scott, Jim Luper Ron Decker (Past President)

Meeting called to order at 7:53pm by President Todd Benson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership.

An opening prayer was given by Pastor Hewitt.

There were no new deaths reported.

There was one illness reported. Kathy Williams

Secretary Mike Woodward read the minutes from the May membership meeting. They were approved as read.

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$2,451.54 for the month of May.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$3,004.71 with an ending checkbook balance of \$6,629.33 as of the end of May. The savings account has a balance of \$32,832.96. Jan reported the ad book printing cost \$2,326.00. The ad sales offset the cost, so the club broke even on the book. Both reports were approved as read

Todd thanked everyone for all the work being done on the grounds. Many have worked hard to get the ad book stuffed, the grounds mowed, and other projects completed.

The following were welcomed as new members by the membership. Robert Grice, John Gauthier and Jason Traeger.

The deadline to sponsor a new member and have them inducted before show is close. They must attend the July meeting to be inducted.

The weeds were sprayed on the wheat field, and it is looking nice and thick. The rye is also looking good but was not sprayed as it will be turned under this year.

Chris Decker is collecting dues at the east end of the building. They go up after tonight to \$15 then \$35 after next month's meeting.

The white board in the Sam Zue has work bee dates and other projects that need to be completed. There will be a work bee in the basement of the club house tomorrow to stuff the ad books and possibly a work bee on the railroad track.

Please keep getting the word out about the show date change any time you can. It is now on the 3rd full weekend, August 19th – 22nd.

Moving forward with show, Brandon spoke with the health department yesterday. As far as they are concerned, any outdoor event is business as usual. It is looking really good for show being that most other mandates are scheduled to be lifted July 1st.

The May swap meet was a great success. It seemed like one of the best ever for attendance and participation.

The member page is up and running. If you have requested and received a log in and are unable to get in, please let Barb know. There are some who requested a code and have never logged in. A question was asked by two members as to why the May minutes are not on the site yet. Barb will check into it as she thinks they should be.

More than half of the ad books have been stuffed. There were 32,000 new covers printed. Please take some and get them passed out.

There is a committee head list at the end of the table. Please check it for accuracy if you are a committee head or have changed your number. The board will be finalizing the list soon. A committee head meeting will be on June 19th, at 1:00pm in the Sam Zue. All committee heads are asked to please attend.

Brandon presented a proposal for UTV use by club members during show. There will be no sport models allowed, it must be used for a specific purpose by a committee not for just transportation, and the same rules will apply as for personal golf carts. An application must be first approved by the committee chair then presented to Brandon for board approval of use. He asked for an approval of the new rules by the membership: ****A show of hands vote was taken, a majority of hands were raised for aye, 1 nay. Passage of the new rules was accepted by majority vote.**

It has been planned to use the outside walls of the club house basement for a display of the wooden toy donation. A written loan agreement has been prepared by the club lawyer. As soon as it is signed the club will accept the donation. Volunteers are needed to build the shelves. This has been discussed with the arts and crafts committee and they are on board.

Todd reminded the membership that the club owns many walk behind implements. If someone is interested in displaying them during show, please let the board know.

The use of the dairy booth for a soda shop is being considered. It is currently at a standstill while insurance, tax issues and a new location for EMS is being investigated and discussed by the board. It will be discussed at the next e board meeting.

The railroad crossing guards from the RR historical society have contacted the board to let them know they will be at show this year. We give them a donation for the hours they work.

A donated clutch and line shaft material will be used in the Webber building hands on display area.

There were no new donations reported.

Todd has a pamphlet for the 20 lakes show if anyone is interested. The Walloon Lake show has announced that it is a go for this year. Oakley is also a go.

McBain heritage days are July 17th. The club will be represented by Todd's family in the parade and with the animals from their farm. The Brenda Loomis band will be playing there and at our show on Friday night if anyone would like a preview.

Another reminder of the June 19th, 1:00pm committee meeting was given. An E board meeting will follow.

The July membership meeting will be on the 9th at 7:30pm in the Sam Zue.

All agenda items were covered.

Tom Farnsworth asked to address the membership and discuss the dairy booth. Todd told him that it will be discussed at the e board meeting. Tom then said he has been investigating online and doesn't feel there are any tax issues with having the booth and wanted to know why it is being ignored. He says he believes that we can take in up to \$10,000 dollars before sales tax needs to be charged and he feels that the sales will offset this. Todd Benson again informed him that this issue needs to be discussed at the e board meeting and not at the membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Submitted by Secretary Mike Woodward.