

# Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

## Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 7/9/2021

**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 7:55pm by President Todd Benson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Hewitt

It was reported that the Pastor's son and son in law had both passed away. A moment of silence was held for them.

The following members were reported as having been ill, Kathy Williams and Caden Gunett. Cards were passed around.

Secretary Mike Woodward read the minutes from the June membership meeting. They were approved as read with one correction, there are no dues penalties again this year.

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$6,731.09 for the month of June.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$2,449.91 with an ending checkbook balance of \$10,910.26 as of the end of June. The savings has \$32,837.05

Both reports were approved as read

The following were welcomed as new members by the membership. Justin and Bethany Baird, Scott and Kathy Beiser, Chris and Chuck Carlington, Henry Dohm, Kevin and Jennifer Dohm, and Tiffany Schultz.

Any new prospective members were told to meet in the kitchen after the meeting. Tonight, is the last chance to sponsor someone and still be able to become a new member for this year's show. They must attend next month's meeting as well.

Todd thanked everyone who has been working on the grounds and who helped get the ad books stuffed and ready.

There are still many members who have not paid for 2020 and 2021. Todd read a lengthy list of those who have not paid. Please remember that if you have not paid by the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, you will not be able to get a band and not be able to work during show.

The white project board is here in the Sam Zue, feel free to put a project on the board or take on anything that is on there.

There will be a work bee for the railroad tomorrow and the bathrooms will be cleaned. A backhoe will also be coming if anyone needs work done with that.

Another reminder was given to please keep getting the show dates out and keep passing out the ad books.

The committee head list has been finalized and needed a motion to be approved. **\*\*Motion Paul R, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria O to approve the committee list as presented. Yes/no vote passed unanimously.**

The committee meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> had many committees unrepresented. Next year it will be scheduled on a different date not on Father's Day weekend. It has already been printed on that date in the calendar, but the new date will be posted and announced.

Please get your personal golf cart contract and insurance papers to Brandon.

The wooden toy display contract has been signed. Some will be here for this years show. Shelves will need to be made.

Todd again asked for volunteers willing to display some of the walk behind equipment owned by the club. Talk to Carl V if you are interested.

Members of the e board met with Buckley and Blair EMS to talk about the cost the club has been paying in previous shows. They also discussed moving the EMS units to a new location on the grounds. In 2019 the club spent \$13,200 +/- for EMS coverage. During the meeting a new agreement was reached. There will still be adequate coverage of EMS and a Brush Truck to cover the train and campground for a cost of around \$6,500 and they will move to the building next to the camping entrance gate by the Webber barn. This is close to half of previous years.

The show camping permit has been paid for and the health department will be out to inspect for show. The wells have also been tested so we are good to go for a 2021 show.

112 railroad ties were donated by National Salvage and brought to the grounds for use on the railroad. Thank you to Louie Sweet and Greg Beerens for helping to facilitate the donation.

A used Ford 550 bus with a wheelchair lift has been acquired for use in bringing in guests to the show from the parking lot. The bus was taken to a member's home, was cleaned and worked on and is ready for show. The title has been turned over to the club. Several members got together and covered the \$1000 cost to buy the bus.

Member campers can start coming in at the August meeting to be set up in their position for show. Anyone who has their camper on someone else's show spot, please get it moved by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please don't take a spot that is reserved for someone else. See Lisa Gulliver to find out what spots are available.

No Campers are allowed to hook up to water. It is against health department regulations.

The Dump station will be locked at Dark the Sunday before show so please dump your campers before then if you need too. Nonmembers start coming in on Monday for the flea market and we are not allowed to dump once the public starts coming in for show.

Monday the flea market vendors come in, Tuesday exhibitors start coming and Wednesday the public can start setting up for camping.

As stated earlier, Golf carts and UTV's need to be registered with Brandon.

If you need change for your area, please let Ron Decker know as soon as possible.

If you would like to run for an E board position, please submit your name to Ron Decker by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The memorial service will be on Wednesday night at 6:00pm before show.

Barb Hobson has pre-sale tickets for show.

Golf cart drivers are not allowed to accept tips or donations while giving rides to guests. If someone wants to donate there are donation cans at most display areas.

The fuel tanks have been tested and are good for use.

The flea market needs the use of a metal detector to find the posts for set up if anyone has one they are willing to let them use. Contact Alex

Roeters farm equipment in Grant is closing its doors September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an auction October 7,8 and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Handicap Shuttles and parking need workers.

McBain Heritage days will be July 17<sup>th</sup>, See Greg Beerens if you would like to display or for information.

The General Store Committee will meet in the corner after tonight's meeting has ended.

Tim March gave a presentation to the membership on how he would like the youth committee to be set up. He presented ideas for youth activities and would like the committee to have its own social media account. The board has been working on this for the future.

There will be an e board meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

The next membership meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and is the last meeting before show.

Tom Farnsworth gave a price on metal for the bathrooms and feels it will not be able to be fixed for show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

Submitted by Secretary Mike Woodward