

# Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

## Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 8/5/2022

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** Sam Zue Building

**Executive board members present:** ☒ Todd Benson, ☒ Kim Yancich, ☒ Mike Woodward, ☒ Barb Hobson, ☒ Janice Clous, ☒ Larry Clous, ☒ Lisa Gulliver, ☒ Carl VanWylen, ☒ Ham Hobson, ☒ Steve Scott, ☒ Jim Luper ☒ Ron Decker (Past President)

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm and all were welcomed by President Todd Benson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership and a prayer given.

Two deaths were reported. George Armstrong and Neo Wilson, A moment of silence was held for them.

Sandy Hendges was reported as Ill.

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

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$4,821.40 for the month of July.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$21,163.68 with an ending checkbook balance of \$3,545.19 as of the end of July. The savings had \$162,963.36. Jan told the membership she would have to move money from the savings to checking to cover bills turned in tonight.

Both reports were approved as read

The following new members were welcomed by the membership. Julie McMichael, Steve and Carrie Sewell and Brian Cataldo.

Kim Yancich has the forms for golf cart registration for show, you will need proof of insurance.

Kim has been in touch with the Sheriff's departments. They are low on staff, but we should have deputies at show. It is still to be determined if there will be night deputies. Kim will check with them on the radios that are normally used.

Jim Luper has calendars for sale for \$10.

There are around 5000 promotional books left, please get them out if you can.

Blain and Paula Tarrant will be at the Claire welcome center tomorrow.

The temporary campground permit has been filed. A new person is in charge at the health department so there has been some confusion on the inspections and permit. She says that it has been done wrong in the past. She will be coming before show. Backflow preventers may need to be put on the water faucets and the dump station will be locked on Sunday night before show.

The wheat has been cut for threshing during show.

Your 2022 dues must be paid at \$35 tonight or you can not work at show. Todd read a list of members who have not paid.

Todd gave a report on summer projects:

The north gate excavation is complete but may need to be widened after show and fencing put back up

The town hall roof is completed

Work has been progressing on the Snow engine and many items are completed or in progress.

Todd has prints for the building for the wooden toys. It will go to the planning commission.

Steamer firewood is coming soon. There are issues with the coal because of the floods in Kentucky.

Tom Graham is working on some from Pennsylvania.

The windows on the coach car are done, work is progressing on the new open car. The new spike driver is working well for tie repairs.

The memorial wall is progressing

12 tractors are being hauled in for show and state inspections are pending

Some of the plumbing fixtures have been installed and more will be replaced after show.

The memorial service will be Wednesday night August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

There were some issues reported with debris from threshing blowing into the flea market. The large tractors will be moved to the old produce row and threshing will put full carts alongside to help block debris. Some of the static displays will be moved to other areas to give threshing more room.

A movie night is still anticipated but Matt is not here to give a report.

There will be morning meetings during show at 8:00am on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The special music events will be in building 22, Thursday @ 7:00 will be a Gordon Lightfoot tribute and Friday and Saturday it will be the Gitchell brothers' band @ 7:00

The EMS and Fire contracts have been signed with Buckley and Blair. We will have 24-hour Ambulance service.

There will be a work bee for tie replacement tomorrow at 9:00am.

The roof projects on Front Street have been completed

Education days planning are progressing. Wednesday is still sparse, and Thursday is getting full of schools.

The pay loader that has been used on the grounds has been offered for sale to the club for a sum of \$25,000.00 with a bucket and forks. Corey was okay with the club waiting until next month to make a decision.

The popcorn committee has not been heard from. It is unsure if they will be here.

The membership duties will be changing after show. They will be handled by Barb Hobson with the help of Jan Clous. Envelopes will be given out when you pick up your band at the sound booth. Please fill them out and turn them in as soon as possible.

There will be a work bee tomorrow for flea market set up, Train repair, and finish work on roof construction.

Ham Hobson reported the fire extinguishers need to be set outside for inspection on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jim needs a volunteer to lead the garden tractor safari. A volunteer was found.

Weed whacking needs to be done by the small train.

Ron Clement needs drivers for handicap shuttles.

Someone is needed for bathroom cleaning

Sanitation needs help as well as the parking lot.

The sound booth be open for band pick up on Tuesday and they need help

The general store workers are meeting at the east end of the building tonight after the meeting.

The Monday of show week there will be hot dogs and games for youth at 6:00pm

A display cabinet has been put in the Sam Zue for the Lloyd Burns wooden toy display

Ron Stark asked that no dual wheel tractors be run in the woods. It is tearing up the road and tree roots.

The election will be held in October. Some things are going to be changed and a new plan put in place for elections. Please let Ron Decker know if you intend on running for an open position by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

All campers currently in the show area or in someone else's space need to be moved to show positions.

Members can start staking out their spots this weekend.

Ginger is meeting tomorrow with someone for the big kitchen vacated by the Kingsley Kids.

The horse pull has been canceled for this year.

The conductors on the big train are looking for help, See Paul Raffel.

New chairpersons are needed for the hospitality booth for next year.

There will be a pre-show meeting on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the music building.

If anyone needs signs or banners, see Theresa Woodward as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by Secretary Mike Woodward.