

# Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

## Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 7/7/2023

**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,  Brandon Jenkins,  Ham Hobson,  Blain Tarrant,  Jim Luper  Ron Decker (Past President)

Meeting called to order at 7:39pm by President Todd Benson

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

There was 1 death reported. Joe Traylor, A moment of silence was held for him.

The following members were reported to have illnesses, Ron Stark and Dan Buchanan. Cards were passed around.

Todd announced that bids for the Allis Chalmers tractor and mower would still be accepted for a few more minutes.

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

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$3,855.23 for the month of June and \$20,000 was transferred from the savings to the checking.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$9,559.23 with an ending checkbook balance of \$18,764.27 as of the end of June. \$171,923.07 was the savings balance.

Both reports were approved as read

The following were welcomed as new members by the membership. Lisa Talsma, Ariel Talsma, and Harry and Diane Hardenburgh.

It was announced that Kathy is taking member camping registrations at the East end of the building.

The finalized Committee list was presented to the membership for approval. **\*\*Motion, Steve Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm Schutte to approve the list as presented. Yes/No vote passed unanimously.**

Norm has the order for the 40 radios and headsets that were approved. Jan will be sending in the payment. Norm will program them w/ different frequencies for the different areas. Blaine will use the list from the East gate as a base for who needs them. Let him know if you think you need one. Kim will let the Sherriff know that we do not need to rent radios this year.

Calendars are available from Jim at the front table for \$10. License plates are available for \$10 to members until show and other club merchandise is also available.

Please get one of the blue papers filled out and to Ham if you have personal equipment on loan or display on the grounds.

The promotional books are getting low. Please get the rest out if you can.

Blain and Paula will be at the Clair rest area the first week in August. Let them know if you would like to display with them.

Kim updated the membership on the Cherry festival parade and felt everything went well. He also updated the membership on an event in the works to bring Lee Greenwood to the grounds during show. He will be in Traverse City that week. His concert will be live streamed. It is being worked on to bring a satellite link to the grounds so that anyone who wants to see the show can log in and pay \$30 to see it, \$5 of that will go to the club for everyone logging in with a promotional code of BOES.

Please see Frank if you need equipment hauled in for the show.

Spectrum finally responded to Kim with a price to bring internet to the show grounds. The total price would be around \$70,000 if they do the trenching, \$20,000 if we do our own. Starlink may also be available for around \$100 a month with the purchase of \$600 worth of equipment. Other avenues are also being explored.

Help is needed mowing the grounds. Let Jan or Larry know if you can help.

The campground permit will be available in July. There was a camper in the woods in the show camping area. It must be moved as no campers can be out of the member camping area until the August meeting. Please put your names on your camper if it is on the grounds in the two member areas. The required campground signage for the show is being made.

Brandon has a new garbage contract with a new supplier who is local. GFL did not do a good job last year and their price went up. Two of the dumpsters are still full from last year. The new company will have trucks on site to take the trash as it comes in.

Todd read a list of members who have not paid their 2023 membership dues yet. After this June meeting it will go up to \$35 and after the August meeting you will not be able to work if not paid. Many have not paid for 2022 yet.

Todd said that the club needs some 15" tires for the gravity wagon. If you have some let him know. A couple of members spoke up and said they may have contacts.

An update was given on the Dairy Booth. A budget was approved at the last E board meeting. Todd said that after reading the minutes, the attorney has said that a price may be set for the merchandise instead of just asking for donations. Todd March reported they will be selling ice cream bars and soda. The intent is to over time turn the building into an old-fashioned soda shop in an attempt to get the youth of the club more involved. There will be a hot dog and game night on the Tuesday before the show for all youth 8-16 years old.

There are sign up sheets for the youth at the sound booth every year for youth members to fill out. Please fill them out when you pick up your arm bands.

Carl V reported that a block saw, bench top, drill press, and some RR spikes were donated.

Please see Ron Decker if you need Change for your area for show.

An update was given on several projects on the grounds: The new RR car is 98% complete, Progress has been made on the Locomotive and the Snow Engine. The post office and toy box building is under construction. The

old Hog Kettle popcorn building is being repurposed. The tractor driving school will be using some of it and Lisa G's husband will be taking over the popcorn.

The memorial was switched to Saturday evening to see if it will bring better attendance. The bricks have been done for this year.

Plans are being finalized for the movie nights and Todd is working on some music acts.

Todd will be meeting with the fire department and EMS to get the contract finalized.

The morning show meetings will be at 8:00am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is also a meeting on Wednesday night before the show.

The Osceola Sherriff posse will be handling parking the cars and the Kingsley wrestling will be helping.

The Shingle branding crew will be here this year, but help is needed for the future. The train conductors need help. The Town hall has sit down jobs available for those who can not be on their feet a lot, and the toy box and post office will need someone to help.

If you are a general store worker, please see Ron Decker tonight after the meeting.

A reminder there will be no potlucks on the weekends this year.

The following will have work bee's tomorrow: Train, Snow Engine, Toy Building, Flower planting, and Grounds maintenance.

The results of the sealed bids were a \$168 bid on the woods mower and no bids on the tractor. Carl will check with the person who put in a \$500 bid before tonight.

A man lift and forklift may need to be rented.

The wrangler is not in good shape and may need a new engine.

There will be an E board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July at 7:00pm and the next membership meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Show camping starts at the August meeting so please move campers out of the main show area and into the show campground.

The sound booth deck has been worked on.

Barb has show passes available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm, Submitted by Secretary Mike Woodward