

# Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

## Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6/3/2022

**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 7:40pm by President Todd Benson and all were welcomed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and an opening prayer was given.

President Todd Benson began by reading a letter of resignation from Vice President Brandon Jenkins. Todd then informed the membership that he had appointed Kim Yancich to the Vice President position. Kim will serve the remainder of Brandon's term and be up for re-election in October if he chooses to run for the position.

There was 1 death reported. Jim Will, A moment of silence was held for him.

Parker Tilford, Ed Andrews, and Gloria Oekert were reported as ill last month. Cards were passed around.

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

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$3,295.96 for the month of May.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$19,879.26 with an ending checkbook balance of \$23,318.06 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. and a Savings balance of \$172,915.94. Both reports were approved as read

Chris Burden and Tracy Russo were welcomed as new members by the membership.

President Benson reported that at the May 20<sup>th</sup> closed e board meeting, the board resolved many issues. May 21<sup>st</sup> a committee chairperson meeting was held. Unfortunately, there were many committee chairs absent so a lot of committees were not represented. A decision was made to permanently move the South border of the handi-cap parking area 107' south into the Pines camping area. There was unused area in the Pines camping during the past shows and this will provide needed parking for many years to come. The posts have already been moved.

Barb has a draft of committee heads. It will be finalized at the next e board meeting in anticipation of approval by the membership at the July meeting.

The new calendars are done. Jim was absent so they will be available at the next meeting for \$10.

The promotional books are in the corner of the Sam Zue and need to be distributed. Please take them and distribute them to anywhere you can think of that will get them out.

Mike Woodward and Larry Clous will be numbering the member campgrounds in the near future.

The wheat crops were fertilized. The rye was not as it will probably be turned down. The decision was made to turn control of the crop lands over to the threshing committee. They will be making planting decisions for crops in the future.

Dues are payable at the table in the east end of the building. They will go up to \$15 after tonight's meeting.

Carl VanWylen reported the following donations: a power hacksaw for the Webber barn, a Pedal scroll saw, and a white ironer. A 75hp Fairbanks engine will be checked out and an electrical panel is now on site.

Several summer projects are ongoing,

1. Bids for the new north entry gate dirt work are being collected, the town hall roof bids are in. They came in a little lower than expected.
2. Concrete was poured for the Snow Engine cooling area and at the Chapel.
3. Rail repairs will be conducted at a work bee tomorrow at 9am.
4. Tom Graham is looking for a 14' trailer to mount the A.D. Graham engines on. Steve reported there may be one on the grounds.
5. The post office equipment is on the grounds and will be installed in the town hall until a permanent building is built.
6. Todd is working on the permitting, lumber and other issues for the building for the model toys.
7. The roof repairs on front street are progressing.
8. Nate has been working on window replacement on the coach train car and the flat car is being worked on tomorrow.
9. The memorial wall is being worked on and the garden will be re-installed in July.
10. The lean-to on the machinery museum has been tabled for now.

Other items:

1. The propane has been switched to Fisher's propane. They will be installing new tanks soon.
2. Barrels for the pop cans are on site.
3. New chairpersons for the parking area are needed
4. There are many old worn-out RR ties in the back of the grounds. A member asked for some for landscaping and permission has been given to use some. Please talk to Paul Raffel before you take any.
5. New stamps for the shingle branding have been purchased. New chairpersons and more help are needed. Talk to Larry Clous
6. A man lift and crane will be needed for projects on the grounds. The cabooses and other heavy machinery parts will need to be moved.
7. Todd has a cobbler who wants to demonstrate this year.

The purchase of a zero-turn mower has been discussed. It was felt a new one is needed. Prices from \$5,750 to a maximum of \$12,000 have been discussed.

The next membership meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

An e board meeting will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Barb reported that donations are being taken for North Sky Raptors.\

It has been determined that there are enough trash bags for this year. More will have to be ordered for next year.

Kim Yancich has forms for those who will be using their personal golf carts and side by sides for show. Proof of insurance will have to be presented.

Kim announced that he will be collecting maintenance fees for member show camping at the July meeting.

Ginger Farnsworth announced that the Kingsley Kids will not be in the big kitchen in the Sam Zue this year. They do not have enough volunteers this year. She is looking for a new non-profit for that kitchen if anyone knows of one.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Secretary

Mike Woodward