

Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/8/2022

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 by President Todd Benson and all were welcomed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a prayer was given.

There was 1 death reported. Nick Lederle, A moment of silence was held for him.

No members were reported as ill, A young relative of a member family was injured in a fire.

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

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$7,900.74 for the month of June. \$5,000 of that amount was donated and designated for the Machine shop.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$20,321.57 with an ending checkbook balance of \$10,898.19 as of the end of June. The savings balance was \$172,963.36

A Question on how much is designated in the savings for the Machine shop was asked. Barb reported around \$9,000 +/- . Both reports were then approved as read

The following were welcomed as new members by the membership, Brian Booth, Daniel Dienes, Grayson Booth, Larry & Judy Masterson, Bill & Sue Schott, Tim & Tammy Shuck, and Nicole & Samuel Moffat-Snowden.

Todd announced that forms for personal golf cart and side by side use is available from Kim Yancich. You will need proof of insurance.

It was announced that the E board had finalized a committee list and it was available at the front table. Todd asked the membership for a motion to approve the list ****Motion Jim Luper, 2nd Tom Barber to accept and certify the committee list. Yay/Nay vote passed unanimously.**

Calendars an 50th Books are available at the front table from Jim Luper.

There are still more Promotional Books to get out. Please help distribute them. The Clare welcome center needs 500 or more books if anyone is going that way.

The Camping permit for show camping has been applied for and paid.

Security Sanitation is all set for the porta-potties.

The wheat crop will be harvested in the next week or so and be used for threshing for show. The Rye has been put down.

2022 Dues are still payable and are now \$15 until the August meeting when they will go up to \$35. Many have not paid their dues. Todd read a list of those not paid. If not paid by the end of the August meeting, you will not be able to work at show.

The following donations have been either accepted or will be looked at: A barn full of items was donated, a table saw, 30kw Generator, Lathe, Franklin Engine, books for the library, Cobbler shop materials, logs from Housler's sawmill were donated from last year and they need a \$1,500 donation slip. Logs for this year will be billed for and some R/R switches were donated by Larry Adams.

The following summer projects are either being worked on or will be worked on,

North gate, Molon Excavating has been hired to do the dirt work and the old Housler saw mill building is being re-purposed for the Registration booth.

A deposit has been made on the roof for the Town Hall. They will be starting in the near future.

Many items have been completed or started on the snow engine, piping, concrete,

Tie repairs are ongoing and they will be working tomorrow. A spike driver was purchased as a safety item.

The antique post office items have been placed in the Town hall until a post office can be constructed.

The building for the scale models is on hold due to permitting issues. Scale engineering drawings have been requested by the zoning and building department and all lumber has to be stamped lumber.

Work on the train cars is progressing; windows have been repaired on the enclosed coach and the open flat car is being worked on.

Bricks will be placed soon on the memorial wall. Nelda will need help on this project.

The lean too on the machine museum has been tabled until funding is looked at.

New soffit is being put on the sound booth

The Front street and depot roofs have been worked on and more is to be done tomorrow.

Items to address for show;

The memorial will be on Wednesday the 17th at 6:00pm before show.

There is an issue in the old produce show row. The flea market gave it up to the tractor shack for more tractors, but the threshing crew took it over. There is now an issue with chaff and debris blowing into the flea market. It was suggested that the threshing could be moved over or to another area and maybe the Prairie tractors moved back there as it worked really good when they were there before.

A PA system was installed in the Sam Zue and is now working

A movie night was suggested by Matt Murowski to be shown on the side of a building or somewhere. It would be about \$300 to hire it done or it could be done by the club if a projector was made available. Discussion on where the movie could be held. Many places were suggested. Inside the Sam Zue after the food shuts down was the area most favored. Ron Stark said he has a projector he would lend the club. Matt was

asked if he would take on the project. He agreed ****Motion Susan Moore, 2nd Marianne, to allow Matt Murowski to move forward with the movie night project.** Discussion, it was decided to hold it in the Sam Zue and that Matt would bring a list of movies to be shown to the board. **Yay/Nay vote passed unanimously.**

The morning show meetings will be at 8:00am in the music building on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during show. It will be announced more at the sound booth.

There will be a pre-show meeting Wednesday the 17th at 7:30pm in the Music building.

Education days: as of now Barb only has enough schools to fill one day. She is working on re-contacting those who haven't responded.

Special music events will be held, The Gordon Lightfoot Tribute will be on Thursday night and the Gitchel Brothers will perform Friday and Saturday. All will be held in Building 22.

Todd is working on the EMS and Fire contracts.

There will be a pot-luck lunch tomorrow at noon.

It was reported that the Blacksmith shop and the Handicap parking building were both broken into. Nothing seems to be missing but Security needs to be beefed up.

The propane has been switched to Fishers. Some tanks on the grounds have already been filled. A truck will be available to fill small tanks. It will be located across the road from the East gate.

The parking lot crew needs new leadership if anyone is interested in the position.

There are some old R/R ties that are unusable for the railroad. They are available for landscape use. Please see Paul Raffel before taking any.

Shingle branding needs more help. Talk to Larry Clous.

The Cobbler who was going to come this year may not be here.

A zero turn was brought to the grounds. It is being tried out so the purchase of a new one has been temporarily tabled.

The next membership meeting will be August 8th, at 7:30pm in the Sam Zue and an E board meeting will be held on July 22nd at 7:00pm in the club house.

Barb has advance show tickets available for purchase.

A can is available for donations to the bird sanctuary.

The General Store Committee will be meeting at the East end of the building.

Firewood is needed for the Steamers. Around 20 cord if anyone has any. Barb said there is some that could be cut up in the west woods.

Todd has looked at the Black locust lumber.

Theresa Woodard asked that any areas that still have their totes that were sent out last year by the Print shop to please return them to the print shop. Also, if you have any unused forms from last year please leave them in the totes so they can be re-used.

Ham reported that the cedar shingles that have been taken off the roofs need to be removed from the grounds.

Frank Holzschu has been in touch with the hauler. If you need equipment hauled for show, please see Frank.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Submitted by Secretary Mike Woodward