

Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 6, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Sam Zue Building

Executive Board Members Present: Blain Tarrant, Kim Yancich, Kelley VanAlstine, Barb Hobson, Janice Clous, Larry Clous, Lisa Gulliver, Brandon Jenkins, Ham Hobson, Jim Luper, Greg Thon, Todd Benson, (Past President)

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by President Blain Tarrant.

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

There were two deaths reported. Dorothy Holschu and Neal Yarick. A moment of silence was held for them.

The following members were reported as having been ill. Duane Gulliver, Denny Ream, Leslie DeJonge, and Charlie Volkening. Cards were available to sign at the front entrance.

Secretary Kelley VanAlstine read the minutes from the August meeting. Paul Raffel made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Dan Ockert. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$255,546.81 for the month of August with \$226.33 interest in the money market and \$3.35 interest in checking.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$278,745.35 with an ending checkbook balance of \$48,603.28, savings account balance \$11,981.10 and \$101,494.10 in the money market savings. A motion was made by Andy Heintzelman to accept the financial reports as read. Seconded by Melissa Enbody. Motion carried.

Blain encouraged the members to be sure and recognize and support the dealerships that donated their time and tractors for the show. He also pointed out that the new Soda Fountain run by the youth had a very successful first year. They brought in \$4810. This

is almost half of the money that was loaned to them to get the Soda Fountain operational.

Blain read a thankyou note from Logan Fuller thanking the club for the scholarship money he received this year.

The following were welcomed as new members: Brent Parker, Amy Fritz and Rich Fritz. They were introduced by Lesa Rice who has taken over as the membership committee chairperson.

Carl VanWynen informed the members that a three bottom horse drawn plow was donated to the club as well as a grease pump, a Case silo filler and an Ottawa saw.

Blain reported that the train broke down on the Sunday of the show due to a problem with the throttle. Steve Scott shared that he and Jeff Gunnett have repaired some parts on the train and are now in the process of re-assembling. He noted that the train needs some "serious money" put into it for proper repairs and maintenance. The tires need to be replaced. They hope to have the train running for education days.

The 24th annual Education Days will be held September 18th and 19th. Jim Luper reported that we still need volunteers in all areas. There will be a potluck each day. Please bring a dish to pass.

The eBoard has hired a new lawyer and a new accountant to represent the club. The new accountant is with HR Block out of Kingsley. The cost of our bookkeeping and getting our taxes back on track was going to be \$16,912. The accountant took \$8456.00 off of that price for the club. The cost of filing the paperwork to get our 501C3 reinstated was \$1000. They also reduced that to \$500, resulting in the total cost of \$8,956.00. Blain stated that this was a very generous donation of their time and a substantial savings for us.

Blain reminded the members that we need to be cautious on our spending. If you have a project that needs done, please fill out a budget request to be presented to the eBoard for consideration.

Blain explained how the absentee election ballot process works. Past president Todd Benson announced the candidates for the October election. They are:

*President: Blain Tarrant

Motion to close nominees for president was made by Tom Barber. Seconded by Dave McCall. Motion carried.

*Vice President: Brandon Jenkins Norm Schutte

Norm Schutte withdrew his nomination and nominated Ham Hobsen. Ham accepted the nomination. Motion to close nominees for vice president was made by Paul Raffel. Seconded by Steve Scott. Motion carried.

*Secretary: Kelley VanAlstine

Motion to close nominees for club secretary was made by Andy Heintzleman. Seconded by Tom Barber. Motion carried.

*Treasurer: Jan Clous

Motion to close the nominees for treasurer was made by Norm Schutte. Seconded by Tom Barber. Motion carried.

*Financial Secretary: Barb Hobson

Motion to close the nominees for financial secretary was made by Paul Raffel. Seconded by Brenda Hicks. Motion carried.

*Three Year Term Trustees: Lisa Gulliver Scott Labbe Jim Luper Steve Scott

Motion to close the nominees for the three year term trustees was made by Andy Heintzleman. Seconded by Tom Barber. Motion carried.

*One Year Term Trustee: Greg Thon

Steve Scott nominated Norm Schutte. Norm accepted the nomination. Motion to close the nominees for the one year trustee was made by Andy Heintzleman. Seconded by Tom Barber. Motion carried.

Todd gave each of the nominees a chance to speak on their own behalf of why they are running for the eBoard.

The eBoard met with Ron Decker. He has met with a chainsaw carver who is requesting permission to donate a full sized carving of an angel in memory of Alex

Yonkman. It will be determined at a later date where this will be displayed on the grounds in her honor.

Blain reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and the get well cards.

Jan, Larry and Blain would like to thank everyone who helped with the upkeep of the grounds this year. We were able to mow more and received many compliments.

Barb has the member's cards which were mistakenly taken during the show. Please see her if you were one of those members.

There were suggestions of selling the old railroad spikes as souvenirs and updating the new member books. Both of these are in the process of being done.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Kelley VanAlstine
Secretary