

# Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

## Final Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 4, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Place: Sam Zue Building**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Blain Tarrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance and a prayer was given by Sean Emery.

- **Deaths**

None reported

- **Illnesses**

Tony Suykerbuyk is recovering from surgery.

Jerrett Gunnett is recovering from a serious eye injury due to an accident.

Joe Redman recovering from shoulder surgery.

- **Reading of the Minutes**

Secretary Kelley VanAlstine read the minutes from the September meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Dan Ockert. Seconded by Paul Raffel. Motion carried.

- **Officer's Reports**

Financial secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$20,620.64 for the month of September with \$192.47 in the money market savings and \$1.51 interest in the savings account.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$47,603.24 for the month of September with remaining balances of \$21,428.89 in checking, \$11,981.10 in the savings account and \$101, 494.10 in the money market account. A motion to accept the financial reports as read was made by Paul Raffel. Seconded by Andy Heintzelman. Motion carried.

- **Committee Reports**

The following were welcomed as new members by the membership: Bruce Dafoe, Austin Blanchard, Hayley Ferus and Mary Perry.

Carl VanWylen reported that he is following up on a few donations. Steve Scott shared that the engine from St. Ignace has been picked up. Another trip is still needed to get some of the remaining parts.

The train had enough repairs made to make it operational for Education Days. Work will continue on the throttle and other necessary repairs.

- **Unfinished Business**

Jim Luper reported that Education Days went well. There were more volunteers this year than in previous years. The weather was perfect and, although the numbers were down, we had a great group of kids. Blain thanked all of the members that work behind the scenes to make this a successful event.

In order to update the club's insurance policy, the board has been working on getting a good list of the club's assets and its values. This is one of the things the club must do to proceed with regaining our 401C3 status. Barb and Jan have been working with HR Block to transition into using Quickbooks for the club's financial bookkeeping. HR Block is also continuing to work on getting our taxes back in order with the hope of having them submitted by the end of October.

Committee heads who haven't turned in your procedure form yet are still being asked to do this. This is a simple form to be filled out detailing what your committee does. This will help others who want to join your committee, fill in for a member in their absence, or considering taking over a committee to know exactly what that committee does. If you don't have this form, please see Blain or Paula. You can also email Paula before January.

- **New Business**

Generators are still being run past designated hours during the show. No generators can be run between 10 pm and 7 am unless you are camped in the designated generator area. This rule is for members as well as non-members.

Golf carts and UTVs cannot be driven anywhere on the grounds, including the camping areas, during the week of the show by anyone under 16. The carts are for working and not just cruising around on. Also a reminder that there are no carts allowed in the flea market.

The flea market will be consolidated for next year. Any vendors that were set up on the northwest end of the showgrounds with rows that run east and west will be moved over with the rest of the vendors. Their vacated spots will become the new area for the threshing demonstration and additional tractor show and club tractor parking. There is a small amount of excavating that needs done in preparation. Chris Burton has volunteered to bring in a dozer and do the work.

- **Announcements**

Please remember to sign in and sign the get well cards.

Kim Yancich is not seeking re-election for vice president. The club thanked him for his years serving on the board.

Barb shared that we are accepting donations for the local "Boots for Kids" charity that the club supports every year. A collection will be taken at both the October and November membership meetings.

Jan and Larry Clous thanked everyone for making an extra effort to clean up the grounds after the show this year. It was noticed and appreciated by those who take care of the grounds.

Scholarship applications need to be submitted to Ron Decker by the end of October.

The meeting was adjourned until the election results were tallied.

The meeting re-adjourned at 8:40 for the announcement of the election results.

Past president Todd Benson read the election results. They were as follows:

- 83 Absentee votes, 5 which were spoiled for a total of 88
- 138 votes cast in person at the meeting.
- **President**  
**Blain Tarrant** 195    Todd Benson write-ins 5
- **Vice President**  
**Ham Hobson** 111    Brandon Jenkins 109
- **Secretary**  
**Kelley VanAlstine** 193    Mike Woodward write-ins 2

- **Financial Secretary**  
**Barb Hobson 194**                      Unopposed
  
- **Financial Treasurer**  
**Jan Clous 203**                      Unopposed
  
- **Trustees**  
**Jim Luper 126**  
**Lisa Gulliver 114**  
 Steve Scott 94  
 Scott Labbe 55
  
- **One Year Trustee**  
**Greg Thon 139**  
 Norm Schutte 74

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Kelley VanAlstine,  
 Secretary

