

Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, Inc.

Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/2/2025

Time: 7:40 pm

Place: Sam Zue Building

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Blain Tarrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership and a prayer was given by Jim Westbrook.

There was one death reported; Clyde Carter who worked in the sawmill.

Randy Selander was reported as being ill.

Secretary Kelley VanAlstine read the minutes from the April membership meeting. They were approved as read.

Financial Secretary Barb Hobson reported income of \$3,730.21 for the month of April.

Treasurer Jan Clous reported expenses of \$2,649.01 with an ending checkbook balance of \$15,561.51, \$10,985.44 in savings, and \$101,747.08 in the money market as of the end of April.

Both reports were approved as read.

Blain shared for those who missed the April meeting that the club's 501C3 status has been reinstated after much time spent by Ham, Barb, Jan and Larry working with the team from H&R Block over the winter.

The following were welcomed as new members: Robert Uptegraft, Jennifer Lund and Jason Lund.

Steve Scott reported a 1948 Silver King tractor has been donated to the club that is in excellent condition.

Pete Labelle reported that they are trying to diagnose the throttle issue on the train. Once determined, they can proceed with the necessary repairs. Paul Raffel will be organizing a team to work on track maintenance.

Most of the spring maintenance on the equipment has been completed except the tractors. Blain reminded the members to be conscientious when fueling the wranglers. One is diesel and one is gas. They will be clearly marked.

Spring maintenance needs to be done on the grounds. Please help where you can.

The Buckley Advertising books are in. Please take some bundles and share them in your community.

It has been proposed to repurpose Building #22 to a gas engine building. The building would be named after Bob Voice, This would not happen until next year. It will still be used as a music venue for the

scheduled events this year. Jim Luper made a motion that the building be repurposed to a gas engine building. Seconded by Ron Bancroft. Motion carried.

There is a list of projects on the whiteboard in the Sam Zue building that need to be completed. Please look through them and sign up in an area you are willing to help. No new projects will be started until this list is completed. There will be many work opportunities on the grounds on the Saturdays following the membership meeting and before the Eboard meeting. Please donate some volunteer hours where you can. Don't forget to document your hours and turn them in monthly to Bill Fenton or place them in the drop box.

Blain shared that the eBoard has discussed raising gate and camping fees for the 2026 show to alleviate the rising costs of maintaining the club and putting on the show. An increase from \$10 to \$15 for the gate and \$25 to \$40 for camping has been proposed. This will go before the members for a vote in October.

Please see Paula if you have any printing that needs done for the show. If you have already had any printing projects done, please let Paula know so it can be documented.

Blain reminded members of the new forms that have been put into place. They are project request forms, budget request forms, and non-show volunteer forms. These forms will be used as documentation for the IRS and H&R Block. This will help the club stay on track as a non-profit and when requesting grants.

May 16th and 17th will be the Swap Meet and Car Show. . Bob Szasz and Mike Robbins have volunteered to sell club surplus and any donated items at the Swap Meet. There will be a wagon set up by the Soda Fountain for donations. All proceeds will go to the club.

There will be a committee chair meeting on Saturday, May 17th at 5pm after the swap meet. There will be another meeting post show on Friday, August 22nd at 7 pm.

Please pay your dues to Barb if you haven't done so.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.