

Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club ,Inc.

October 2025 Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2025 Time: 7:30PM 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, (PastPresident)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Blain Tarrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership and a prayer was given by former club chaplain, Pastor Hewlitt.

There was one death reported. Roy Royston who worked in the Harness Shop.

Todd Benson asked for volunteers to help count the election votes.

Officers Reports:

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Barb Hobson reported an adjusted amount of income for the month of August of \$287,995.01. The income for the month of September was \$26,667.45 with money market savings of \$81.38, checking interest of \$3.37 and \$1.37 of savings account interest.

Jan Clous reported a checking account balance for the month of September of \$85,295.01, a savings account balance of \$10,988.18 and a money market balance of \$57,435.10. The finance reports were approved as read.

Correspondence:

The club received a thank you card from a family who donated items for the Toybox. They visited during the show and were very pleased with the display.

CommitteeReports:

Lesia Rice introduced 5 new members; Kristen Taylor-Hendges, Richard Dean, Donna Toepfer ,Thea and Zackery Zmrzlik.

Donations- The man who was going to donate the rock crusher to the club has changed his mind at this time. He has decided to keep it.

Grounds Maintenance- There are still a few things that need to be done on the showgrounds. The buildings will be winterized this weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Blain shared that the idea of raising the entry fee for next year is in the works. Greg reminded our members of what our club has to offer in comparison to other shows, that we are a non-profit and we are all here because we choose to be. He re-iterated that we need to increase our revenue as costs to put on the show continue to rise. Blain opened the floor for comments from members. There was passionate discussion about how we could go about this. Some ideas presented were charging everyone to come in, including members and exhibitors, raising the maintenance fees and pursuing grant writing further. The eBoard will be meeting on October 4th to come up with a proposal to be presented to the members to vote on in the November meeting. Please attend the eBoard meeting if you can.

New Business:

The contract with the Dutchman Tree Farm has expired. They pay \$.05 per pound for the pine they take to make wreaths and grave blankets. They will be doing the field work and planting rye as part of the new contract. They will be taking approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of pine this year. When the trees are no longer of use to them, they will remove the trees and restore the land back to usable ground for the club. Scott Labbe made a motion to renew the contract for the next four years. Jim Luper second. Motion carried.

Blue Ribbon Committee-A temporary committee is being formed to begin planning an internal shuttle system on the showgrounds. This will help with traffic flow and create many accessible shuttle stops for our members and guests. Bill Fenton will be heading up this committee. Please see him if you are interested in helping out.

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

A collection was taken for Boots for Kids.

The members thanked Greg Thon for the time he served on the eBoard and his continuing dedication to the club's 5-10 year financial plan.

Blain turned the meeting over to Todd Benson for the reading of the election results.

President-Blain Tarrant 129

Todd Benson 04

Nathan Boyington 01

Steve Scott 01

Brandon Jenkins 02

Vice President-HamHobson 138

Kim Yancich 01

Todd Benson 02

Secretary- KelleyVanAlstine 132

Financial Secretary-Barb Hobson 130 Hannah Elliot 02

Treasurer-Jan Clous 132

Trustee(1 Year Term)-Bill Fenton 130 Scott Labbe 01
Kim Yancich 02

Trustee(3 Year Term/Vote for 2) -Brandon Jenkins107
Scott Oeverman 89
Ron Stark 50
Scott Labbe 02 Larry Clous 02 Steve Scott 02

There were 4 spoiled ballots: 2 were blank and 2 with too many trustee votes.
There were 4 spoiled absentee ballots: 2 without return addresses and 2 had the same
return address and name.

With no further business , the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.