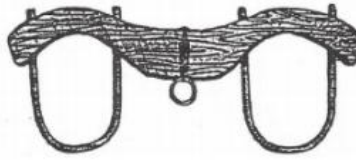


Association of New England Ox Teamsters, Inc.



Fall General Membership Meeting was held at the Westmoreland Town Hall, Westmoreland, VT

November 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm

Secretary's Report: read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: read and accepted

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence- for members who passed

Old Business:

2025 Annual Pull-

Report read- 82 pairs of cattle participated, Thank You expressed to all who helped

Jess Whitney reported that everyone did well, she stated everything went well, the only complaint was that it was not close enough to the action, the vendors would like to come back, the English BBQ willing to come within reasonable distance (NH, VT), The English BBQ gave a percentage of their earnings to the association. The band stated they needed more advertising.

Mark Whitney stated the only complaints he was made aware of was that the event was not advertised enough for the town's people to know about it.

Complaint was expressed to some of the officer team that the loading of the boat, some thought there was a loading discrepancy

It was asked if Bryan thought Victoria (the lady who raised the calves) would be interested in doing it again. Bryan will reach out to her.

Promotional Items- Myra Gaylor report read- sold over 80 T-shirts and Hoodies for a total profit of \$548.01. She did a great job getting good quality and kept the cost down. Myra said if anyone is interested, she would run another sale.

Website- Mark Poulton questioned if Alex Allen was still the only one who could update the website and if so, why was it not changed already. Bryan responded that yes Alex is the only one right now who can update the website, because we can only have 1 email on the account and right now it is Alex's personal email. There was discussion about the website not being accurate and updated. It was suggested that a generic ANEOT email be created and used, so all officers can make updates as needed.

Election Chelsea has stepped down as treasurer for personal reasons, we are in need of a new treasurer to carry out the remaining year of Chelsea's term

Ken Moulton suggested the Secretary and Treasurer positions merge into one position; much discussion was had. Dawn Armbruster volunteered to take over all aspects of the membership and then nominated Beverly Moulton for Treasurer, 2nd by Mark Poulton no further nomination heard, secretary cast one vote for Beverly Moulton for Treasurer of ANEOT. Beverly accepted the position of Treasurer.

There was a lot of discussion about the finances and accounts that the association has and the difficulty that Chelsea had and was not resolved upon her resignation of not being able to access the savings account and the fact that no one knows what bank the CD is in or who is receiving statements for it. Bev and Bryan will go to bank together and try and get answers.

New Business:

Annual Pull location Quotes 3 quotes were received

Cummington Fairgrounds- would have to move our weekend to the 4th weekend of the month (July 24-26), rental- \$3,750 + \$250 for electrical inspection, so \$4,000 + \$1,000 deposit which would be returned to the association after final inspection of the fairgrounds. If anyone came in on Thursday prior to 2pm, there would be an additional \$600 charge. Campers- \$35.00/night

Tunbridge Fairgrounds- July 17-19, Rental -\$2,750 + \$700.00 (trash/manure disposal) \$300 ground crew/maintenance, bathroom attendant , Total \$3,750 use of everything except grandstand and stage. Camper- \$35/night, tent/livestock trailer \$20/night. General clean up (if we don't clean out stalls cost \$20/stall)

Caladonia Fairgrounds- They reached out to the assoc. July 17-19, Rental- \$3,250, includes barns near pulling ring, barns near show ring, pulling ring, show ring. Camper- \$35/night. They offer add ons- Tractor trailer of bedding \$1,500, Tractor \$500, Sound system \$500

Calves- Bryan reached out to farm about a pair of calves for this year, awaiting call back, when he spoke to him a little while ago, he did not think there would be a problem getting calves from there. Ken Moulton mentioned doing a \$500 raffle if we could not find calves. Ken Moulton made motion to purchase \$150 Whately Inn GC for Shawn Gould

Bev Moulton suggested that a 2nd place winner be added to the calf raffle tickets, motion was made to add 2nd prize to raffle calf tickets of free membership for 1 year or \$50 2nd no discussion, vote motion passed

Tickets- Discussion was had about getting tickets out to members, motion was made that tickets be sent out to each household amount at the discretion of secretary as not to add too much postage.

Membership- Much discussion on the e-cards for membership, some people liked it and more did not, Maine fairs require paper cards, some people don't have access to computers, or printers, and others just want paper cards mailed. When website updated membership application will have area to circle if member wants paper card mailed and extra tickets mailed

REMINDER-

November 1- 30 No memberships will be accepted

December 1- April 30 Members cost- \$50.00 with spouse/child \$10 each,

May 1-October 31 members \$80 and spouse/child \$15 each

Complaint- ANEOT officer team received an email from a concerned spectator about face striking at 2 NH fairs and would like association to look into policing the fairs because ANEOT rules do not allow face striking. A return email was sent that explained that ANEOT rules are only a guide for the fairs and that each state has its own rules and judges, the only event that ANEOT can enforce our rules is at our association event. And it suggested that he reach out to the individual fairs and voice his concerns also. The officer team has not heard anything further. Education of the sport and training was discussed and will be encouraged. ALL TEAMSTERS NEED TO POLICE THEMSELVES WHEN PULLING

Big E there was an incident that someone posted on Facebook and it went viral.

Insurance claim-There was an incident at Fryeburg Fair where a bull got loose and damaged a couple cars and ran into a crowd of people, no one was hurt but it could have been a lot worse. As far as the officer team is aware the claim was taken care of.

Lifetime Member- Gerry Courser was nominated, mmsc Congratulations Gerry!

Scholarships-No applications submitted

Scholarship Raffle- Tickets are available today, drawing held- 18 tickets sold Total \$90.00

Association= \$45.00, 1st place- Verna Roberts = \$22.50, 2nd place- Deb Skoda= \$11.25, 3rd place- Dawn Armbruster= \$11.25 2nd and 3rd place returned to scholarship fund.

Spring Meeting- Sunday, April 12, 2026, Executive meeting 12pm with General membership meeting to follow at 1pm No meal will be offered. (As we only sold 16 meals and have to guarantee 30.)

Other Business/announcements-

Mass Association- Party- Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ Greenfield Elks

Pull- June 27, 2026 same classes and premiums as last year, must be a Mass assoc member, food provided by Food Smith

Donald Silkey- will be retiring from making bows, wooden sticks, and whips- if anyone is interested in learning from him, please contact him @ 207-380-6120

Adjourned 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted

Dawn Armbruster,

ANEOT secretary