

# MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Thomas Anderson, President*  
*Andy Busard, Treasurer*  
*Julie Austin*  
*Thomas Van Bruggen*

*Stan Murray, Vice President*  
*Fran Lensky, Secretary*  
*Don Pratt*

## **Minutes of the December 21, 2004 Board Meeting**

### **President Thomas Anderson, Presiding**

The Board Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Thomas Anderson at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Thomas Anderson, Julie Austin, Andy Busard, Fran Lensky, Stan Murray,  
Thomas Van Bruggen  
Absent: Don Pratt (Excused)  
Guests: Four (4) Guests present

#### **Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2004 Board Meeting**

Moved by Stan Murray and supported by Julie Austin to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of November 16, 2004 as presented

Motion Carried

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence reported

#### **Treasurers Report**

Moved by Tom Van Bruggen and supported by Stan Murray to accept the Treasurers Report for the month as presented by the Treasurer.

Motion Carried

Note: Treasurer Andy Busard reported that one long distance call was charged to our account in the amount of \$6.80 to 614-253-2506. It has not been determined who charged this call. Andy will check with Verizon to cancel the charge. Tom Van Bruggen will check the internet to attempt to verify the number.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Budget Committee**

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that the budget committee had met and a few more details were to be worked out. The budget is to be presented at the General Membership Meeting on January 4, 2005 and copies will be available at that time.

##### **Layout Committees**

###### **O Gauge**

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout is running fine. The committee is working on the inventory of club property and they are replacing track switches on the layout.

### **HO Gauge**

HO Gauge Chairman Stan Murray reported that they were having fun running at the open houses and the crowd was good the past weekend, December 18-19, 2004.

### **N Scale**

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer stated the N Scale is "woNderful." Club has purchased a Pere Marquette Berkshire steam locomotive, a C&O diesel switcher, and a farm house for the layout. The committee is working on developing and building a storage solution for the club rolling stock and locomotives.

### **Building**

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that there has been a suggestion to paint the wall in the meeting room a "pure white" to be used for the projector system. This would allow for larger images to be projected onto the wall that are larger than the projector screen we currently have. Jim noted the entry light switch has apparently changed how it is operating the light. Also noted was that the toilet is needing to be replaced, and he will look into replacement options.

### **Library**

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported progress being made on the categorizing and subdividing of the library collections. There is a need for additional video tape cases. Preliminary estimates indicate that 100 cases would cost less than \$60. There was also mention of taking a DVD survey of general membership as to how many actually have DVD players.

### **Equipment**

No Report

## **Old Business**

### **Nomination Procedures**

Suggestion was made to have new board investigate changing the bylaws regarding the dates of nominations to allow for ballot of elections to be included in the December MRHS Mainline newsletter.

### **Appreciation Gifts to Auditors**

The Board discussed obtaining gift certificates for Allen Anderson and Nancy Cronk-Wolf in appreciation for their work on the financial audit. Julie Austin and Andy Busard will obtain the certificates and arrange payment.

### **Committee Formation and Development**

President Thomas Anderson indicated that he would like to see more participation in committees throughout the organization by general membership. Committees need to encourage participation which lightens the individual burdens on those leading the committee.

### **Boy Scout and Class Education Presentations**

Discussion was made asking if the Boy Scouts that attend the workshops that are presented by Don Pratt actually sign up and/or sign in at the workshop. It would be nice to have record of those that attend. This record could also be used in the future for potential grants or additional educational opportunities for the club. Workshop that was held last Tuesday needs to have the names collected. Kent McFaden will attempt to obtaining the names of those that attended the educational class held last week.

### **Purchase of Chairs for Meeting Room**

Kent McFaden is obtaining the chairs being purchased for a total of \$75.00 that was approved by the General Membership at the December 7, 2004 General Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors will determine the disposition of the current chairs once the new chairs arrive.

### **Purchase of Michigan Railroad History Book**

Pledges in the amount to cover the purchase of this book have been collect and the book has been ordered.

## **New Business**

### **New Board of Directors**

The new Board of Directors takes office January 1, 2005. Officer positions have only one change, and that is for Secretary. The new secretary is Thomas Van Bruggen. New At Large Directors are Allen Anderson, Matt Kolbe, and Kent McFaden.

### **Keys**

Discussion was brought up about keys for the office cabinets and transfer of keys from Fran Lensky to Tom Van Bruggen. Tom Van Bruggen will meet with Fran to arrange the transfer of keys along with additional documents.

### **Signage on Front Door**

It was mentioned that the phone numbers on the door are Kent McFaden and Jim Funnell's phone numbers. It was requested that the numbers be removed and that the main club phone number is placed on the signage. Jim Funnell, Building Chairman will update or change the sign to reflect the club phone number.

### **Spring Train Show**

Stan Murray asked if the Board would like Stan and Fran to coordinate and facilitate the Spring Train Show. They have discussed it and will head up the show with the condition that they have full control of the show. Without full control, they want no part of the show. Discussions followed and it was decided that Tom Anderson, Andy Busard, Stan Murray and Fran Lensky would meet to discuss the issues in January.

Fliers for the show have already been printed and have the incorrect address and contact phone numbers. Labels will need to be printed to cover the incorrect area or the fliers will need to be reprinted to reflect the club phone number and address. Kent McFaden to print correction labels and have available at the General Membership Meeting.

Model Railroader magazine needs to be contacted with show information for publication. Stan Murray and Fran Lensky to submit this notice to the magazine.

### **Bingo**

Julie Austin submitted a blank application for completion if the club wants to apply for a license to hold Bingo Games. This application will be completed by Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary by the January 18, 2005 Board Meeting. Julie also commented about chairing the Bingo Committee and membership dues concerns. The Board will discuss this further at the January Board Meeting.

## **Adjournment of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 21, 2004**

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Stan Murray to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

## **Minutes Corrected and Approved at the January 18, 2005 Board Meeting**

**Minutes Submitted by:**

**Thomas Van Bruggen, Incoming MRHS Secretary**