

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Allen Anderson
Kent McFaden

Stan Murray, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell

Minutes of the March 15, 2005 Board Meeting

President Thomas Anderson, Presiding

The Board Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Thomas Anderson at 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Allen Anderson, Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Jim Funnell, Kent McFaden,
Stan Murray, Thomas Van Bruggen

Absent: None

Guests: Five (5) Guests Present

Welcome to New Board Member: Jim Funnell

President Thomas Anderson formally welcomed Jim to the Board of Directors. It was noted that a Board Member Notebook will need to be compiled and delivered to Jim by the next board meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2005 Board Meeting

Moved by Kent McFaden and supported by Allen Anderson to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of February 15, 2005 as presented

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
None to Present

Reported by President Thomas Anderson

Thank You Card received from Verle Kersch

President Thomas Anderson shared the gratitude that was expressed by the family to the club as a whole

Treasurers Report

Moved by Thomas Van Bruggen and supported by Jim Funnell to accept the Treasurers Report for the month as presented by the Treasurer. Reports are presented at the end of the minutes.

Motion Carried

Note: President Thomas Anderson expressed that it seemed like the accounting system that was set up by Allen Anderson and Nancy Cronk-Wolff appeared to be working well. Treasurer Andy Busard added that the system was working well and allowed for reporting and tracking of the finances. .

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that nothing new was occurring on the layout. Jim Funnell corrected Kent by noting that he and Bill Cartwright began working on moving the circus on March 15, 2005.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Stan Murray reported that the HO Committee has been collecting surveys and hopefully all the surveys have been turned in. Robert Jackson is compiling the data from the surveys. The layout is running fine.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer stated the N Scale is fine.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was "still here." Jim and Terry Temple have completed patching the floor area where the duct work had been removed. The wall is not complete as materials have to be purchased or obtained, such as firing strips. Jim will also be purchasing a new lock for the display cabinet near the top of the stairs.

Addendum: not presented during the committee reports, but discussed following the adjournment of the meeting, it was recognized that the "Station" donation box had been stolen over the past weekend. A group of youth had come in to the club, and may be responsible.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that there has been some progress on the organizing and categorizing of library inventory. Several new pictures of the C&O railroad were recently acquired. The picture identification and labeling project is continuing.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported on the inventory of items that are currently displayed at the Convention and Visitors Bureau Depot and at the Muskegon Heritage Association. Tom and Kent are continuing work on the inventories and agreements with and between the CVB, Museum and MHA. Andy Busard has met with an archivist from the museum at the club and the archivist was very pleased to see the collection of railroad archives and memorabilia that the club has. The museum staff continues to be very open to assisting us in any way they can.

Suspension of Rules: Open Comment

The board recognized Ken Kadrovich and opened the meeting to open comment:

Ken stated that the museum should allow display space for the club at the museum. Tom Anderson stated that displays at the Depot are being inventoried and new identification signs are being created.

Ken Kadrovich stated that the club should have a display in memoriam for Robert Kersch. He stated that Jerry Tyler has a nice photography of Robert Kersch on a caboose in Muskegon and it would be nice to obtain a copy of the picture for display at the club. President Thomas Anderson instructed Ken to contact Jerry Tyler and inquire as to the possibility of obtaining a copy of the photograph. Kent McFaden added that he also has pictures of Bob Kersch at the club from when the TV station was interviewing him. Kent also indicated that there has been no further discussion with the family about Bob's collection, and he was not going to contact the family, he would wait for the family to contact him.

Old Business

MRHS Spring 2005 Train Show

Spring Train Show Chairman Kent McFaden reported that to date approximately 80 tables had been sold and/or reserved. It was requested that Tom Anderson bring along the tables that he owns. Kent has attempted contact with the Michigan Lego Train Club and has not received a response. There has also been no contact with the Michigan Railroad Passengers group. The open house has been covered with volunteers on all layouts and greeting. Tom Anderson mentioned using the railroad crossbuck signs to direct show patrons to the clubhouse. It was also mentioned that there should be signs out along the roads to direct people to the show.

Sale of Old Plastic Meeting Room Chairs

President Thomas Anderson reported that there are still 16 chairs available for sale at the cost of \$2.00 each.

Coopersville and Marne Railroad Trackwork

President Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M will be performing trackwork in April. Several volunteers from the MRHS have volunteered, and any others still interested can still participate. The MRHS group is going to work on the weekend of April 16, 2005. Work will begin at approximately 8:00 am, and all participants will need waivers. It was suggested that where and when possible, carpooling would be appreciated. The C&M intends to set about 640 ties and several other tasks over the course of the season. It was also noted that not all of the work needed by the C&M is labor intensive or "back breaking." President Anderson also mentioned that the C&M Bunny Train ran one (1) full car for two (2) runs the past weekend, and was expecting good turnouts over the next (two) 2 weekends.

Whitcomb Switch Engine Sale to Coopersville & Marne

President Thomas Anderson reported that Brad Anderson, owner of the Whitcomb engine, has offered the engine to the Coopersville & Marne Railroad. The offer is for \$1000.00, and the C&M is very interested. The C&M Board meeting is on 3/16/05 and the offer will be discussed further. At this point, the engine would not be used as a powered locomotive.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Stan Murray to allow Thomas Anderson to act on behalf of the MRHS and to authorize the waiving of the MRHS Right of First Refusal on the Whitcomb Engine if the transaction between Brad Anderson and the Coopersville and Marne Railroad appear to be in the best interest of the MRHS.

Motion Carried

Railroad Laws regulating the Coopersville and Marne Railroad

President Thomas Anderson reported that laws in Coopersville prohibit the horn/whistle on trains to be blown within the city. Upcoming federal legislation may require a horn/whistle to be blown at every intersection. This new law would overrule local laws and regulations. This change may occur as soon as April of 2005.

Formation of Bylaws Committee

Andy Busard volunteered to chair a committee to look into bylaw changes and clarifications. Any member interested in reviewing and updating the bylaws should contact Andy or Tom Anderson.

Membership and Inventory Database

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that there had not been any format changes or major modifications to the database. It is up and running and being used for numerous purposes, including membership mailings and dealer tracking. The database has been split so that the library inventory is in a separate database.

Web Site Development

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen updated the Board as to developments to the web site. Tom has created a basic site design which is currently available for viewing on the web. Data and details have not been created or uploaded to any pages, so the site is still very much under construction. Detail are still to be worked out, and Thomas Van Bruggen, Andy Busard, and Allen Anderson will plan to work together to develop and work out the details of the web site.

MRHS Model Train Layout Postcards

Andy Busard has created sample postcards from two (2) pictures from Robert Jackson of the HO and O gauge layouts. The cost to product the cards is approximately \$0.33 per card. It was discussed that these cards could be sold at the show and at the clubhouse for \$0.50 each. Andy will produce twelve (12) cards for sale at the upcoming spring train show.

Fall 2005 MRHS Train Show

The Fall 2005 Train Show has been set for Sunday, September 25, 2005 at the L.C. Walker Arena. Anyone who is interested in helping chair the show needs to meet with Kent McFaden in the near future, and a committee would be even better.

New Business

No New Business Presented

Adjournment of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 15, 2005

Moved by Allen Anderson and supported by Stan Murray to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by:

Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary

Minutes Approved at the April 19, 2005 MRHS Board Meeting with three typographic corrections.

Treasurer's Report Statements

All Treasurers' reports have been reformatted from Microsoft Money, so appearance is different but the data contained in the report matches the report given by the treasurer.

Account Balances

As of 3/17/2005

Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	60.96
Cash Account	62.59
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	71.3
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	1921.58
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4705.03
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	7192.62
Investment Accounts	
Muskegon School Em Investment #2	7460.83
Muskegon School Em Invest (Cash)	327.13
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8000
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	398.51
Total Investment Accounts	16186.47
Total Assets	23379.09
Net Worth	23379.09