

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 April 19, 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 7:00 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

Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2005 Board Meeting

Moved by Kent McFaden and supported by Andy Busard to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 15, 2005 as presented with three typographic corrections

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

The Inside Track Newsletter from Revelation Video (Rail Video Quarterly)
Tours, trips and new videos
Will be posted

Greater Michigan Postal Council Vendor Show Flier: May 5, 2005 at Mt. Pleasant
Muskegon Museums Association 2005 Workshops and Events Flier
Will be posted

Historic Pullman Foundation Update Newsletter
Will be archived in the library

Muskegon Area First Correspondence: 2 Letters

1. Muskegon Main Street Program: asking for participation at \$75.00 for the year
2. Downtown Insider Newsletter Submission
Secretary Van Bruggen to pursue if needed

Treasurers Report

Moved by Stan Murray and supported by Allen Anderson 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: Treasurer Andy Busard noted that for the month we are running a deficit, where expenses are larger than income, but for the year to date we are in the positive.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was still running fine. Kent and Jim Funnell have laminated old Lionel catalogs and have hung them in the layout room. They have also mounted the framed jigsaw puzzle that was donated previously by Frank Lutz. There has been no new work performed on the moving of the circus.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Stan Murray reported that the HO Committee is scheduled to meet this Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 12:00 or 12:30 PM at the club building. The layout is running fine, and Jim Beal has been working on cleaning up under the layout.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer stated the N Scale is "Terrific." It was noted that there was no N in Terrific, and Steve responded that it was in response to Andy's previous months challenge. It was then noted that the layout is "eNticing!"

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported the building was "still here." There have been several pictures, a map and puzzle hung throughout the club facilities.

Treasurer Andy Busard stated that Kent McFaden over the previous weekend had collected and cleaned out the pop cans. There were 22 cans collected, but only \$3.00 collected from the sales. Pop is being stolen from the club by those who do not pay.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the Rail Video Quarterly subscription had been renewed. They will be renewing the Trains Magazine subscription in the near future. Jim Funnell and Andy Busard have donated numerous pictures to the club library. The family of Robert Kersch has donated a large collection of C&O Society Magazines. Robert Jackson has donated a collection of CTC Board Magazines.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that he has been assured by the Muskegon County Museum that they are working on the agreements that are in place regarding the loans of MRHS property between the MRHS and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. There is still work needing to be done to compile the inventory of items at the depot, museum, and Muskegon Heritage Association. Jim Funnell noted that numerous tools and other pieces that should be inventoried are in the back storage room. Tom Anderson is scheduled to meet with the CVB and Chamber of Commerce tomorrow and will discuss the redecorating of the depot displays.

Old Business

Club Member Layout Tours

President Thomas Anderson reported that he was contacted by Pat Frishett about opening their layout for additional club tours. They are very interested in doing so, but the timing would need to be later in the summer or fall, as Doug has had a relapse of cancer and Pat is struggling with a broken shoulder.

Members at the club on Saturdays

President Thomas Anderson reported that over the past several Saturdays there have been numerous visitors to the club. There need to be members at the club to run each layout and greet the visitors.

Coopersville and Marne Railroad Track Work Day

President Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M held the track work on Saturday, April 16, 2005. Nine (9) MRHS members turned out to assist the C&M work on track. Fun was had by all involved, and approximately 26 ties had been completely replaced during the day, which ran from 8:00 am until between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. Members involved include: Tom Anderson, Stan Murray, Mike Wood, Christopher Kolbe, Jack Kolbe, Jamie Morrison, Ryan Anderson, Allen Anderson, and Terry Temple.

Whitcomb Switch Engine Sale to Coopersville & Marne

President Thomas Anderson reported there were no discussions at the last C&M Board Meeting. The C&M board is meeting on April 20, 2005 at which time the engine is to be discussed. It was noted that some members of the C&M Board question the value of the engine compared to the asking price of \$1000 from Brad Anderson

Railroad Laws regulating the Coopersville and Marne Railroad

President Thomas Anderson reported the C&M Railroad was still using a flag man at the crossings, and thus has not implemented use of the whistle/horn/bell. Thomas Van Bruggen commented that there have been discussions regarding appeals to this new law from large cities and railroad companies.

Formation of Bylaws Committee

Andy Busard, chairman of the Bylaws committee stated that the committee is still in the formation stages.

Membership and Inventory Database

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the database was up and running and any major changes will be reported in the future. Treasurer Andy Busard added that the database was used to query the dealers to mail a flier for the fall train show and it worked well.

Web Site Development

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen updated the Board as to developments to the web site. While no changes have been made to the site, Tom updated the board as to potential costs of registering a domain and hosting the site. The price to register a domain is approximately \$15.00 per year. The basic packages for hosting the web site vary from about \$7.00 to up to \$30 per month and above. The lower end packages would be sufficient for now. Tom will continue to update the board on changes and will work with Andy Busard and Allen Anderson to develop and register the site. Andy Busard stated that he had already talked with the Grand Trunk Western Historical Society and the Canadian National Society and they would like to have links from our page as well as add links to their page for ours once we are up and running.

MRHS Model Train Layout Postcards

President Thomas Anderson stated that the postcards that have been created are available at a price of \$0.75 each. They currently feature the O Gauge and N Scale layouts. We are in need of additional pictures for all layouts. The postcards are currently stored in the office. There needs to be an established location to keep the cards, and some spare change available for change when people purchase the cards. Also, a sample display needs to be set up in one of the display cases with the prices for each card.

Fall 2005 MRHS Train Show

Treasurer Andy Busard stated that he and Jim Funnell are offering to co-chair the fall show. They have already begun by meeting with Kent McFaden and have created a binder with checklists and calendar to help organize what needs to be done. They have also mailed out the notices to the magazines and have sent fliers to dealers that were not at the spring show.

Old Meeting Room Chairs

Moved by Kent McFaden and supported by Jim Funnell to offer the remaining 16 chairs in as-is condition to Don Pratt's company at no charge.

Motion Carried: Stan Murray is to contact Don Pratt to make arrangements

Sale of Model Railroad Collection of Robert Kersch

Director Kent McFaden stated that he had spoken with Verle Kersch and the family has asked for assistance from the club in the sale and disposal of the model train collection of Bob Kersch. Kent and Andy Busard have inventoried and priced the collection and are ready to present the collection, in stages, for sale.

Moved by Jim Funnell and supported by Kent McFaden to authorize the club to inventory, price, and sell, to members first, then to the public, by the means necessary the collection of model railroad items owned by Robert Kersch. The proceeds from the sale shall be returned to the Kersch Family with a percentage not yet determined to be donated back to the club by the family.

Motion Carried

President Thomas Anderson stated that there may be items that would be appropriate for the club to purchase in memoriam of Robert Kersch and possibly the purchases would be paid for as a portion of the percentage to be returned to the club.

New Business

Increase in public visitation at the Club

Treasurer Andy Busard asked if anyone knew a specific reason that there has been an increase in the amount of guests visiting the club on Saturdays. President Thomas Anderson and Director Allen Anderson both stated that they have been talking with people lately and mentioning the club. The word of mouth about the club seems to be getting around.

Adjournment of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 19, 2005

Moved by Jim Funnell and supported by Andy Busard to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by:

Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary

Minutes Approved at the May 17, 2005 MRHS Board Meeting

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 4/1/2005 Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	60.96
Cash Account	82.59
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	71.3
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	2460.2
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4705.03
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	7751.24
Investment Accounts	
Muskegon School Em Investment #2	7460.83
Muskegon School Em Invest (Cash)	350.31
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8033.16
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	398.51
Total Investment Accounts	16242.81
Total Assets	23994.05
Net Worth	23994.05

Monthly Income and Expenses by
 Category
 1/1/2005 Through 12/31/2005

Category	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Total
Income													
Copy Machine		18.05											18.05
Donations	1000			42									1042
Dues	440	370	170	100									1080
Flea Mkt-Spring05	288	502	2134.25										2924.25
Food Sales	1.58												1.58
Investment Income	29.52	28.8	27.54										85.86
Layout		10											10
Library Sales				3.5									3.5
Miscellaneous Club Sales	6	60											66
Other Income	8	7	8	7.5									30.5
Total Income	1773.1	995.85	2339.79	153									5261.74
Expenses													
Building		16.59	3	75.13									94.72
Flea Market-Fall 2005				37									37
Flea Mkt-Fall 05		70											70
Flea Mkt-Spring 05	35	108.27	1104.35										1247.62
Gifts	75												75
Layouts		138.6											138.6
Library		38.89	161.45										200.34
Miscellaneous			20.44	74.43									94.87
Newsletter	60.38	46.38	13.75	33.34									153.85
Office Expense	19.77	78.95	41.58	84.99									225.29
Petty Cash			-240.65										-240.65
Utilities	212.57	108.2	229.39	190.58									740.74
Total Expenses	402.72	605.88	1333.31	495.47									2837.38
Income less Expenses	1370.38	389.97	1006.48	-342.47									2424.36