

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jim Beal
Kent McFaden*

*Chuck Tompkins, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell*

Minutes of the September 20, 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: All Board Members Present
Absent: None
Guests: Three (3) Guests Present

Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2005 Board Meeting

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Chuck Tompkins to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 16, 2005 as presented with typographic corrections.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Travel Inn Enterprises: Offer for listing on their web site for free during first year

Michigan Shore: Verbal communication with Ken Kadrovich indicating the Michigan Shore's potential interest in presenting at our November 2005 show

Treasurers Report

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Jim Funnell to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Andy Busard, Treasurer.

Motion Carried: reports of the treasurer are included at the end of the meeting minutes.

Treasurer Andy Busard reported on the Burr HO Layout donation and sales. The donation was for buildings, some rolling stock, scenery and some other miscellaneous items. To date, approximately \$384.60 in sales had occurred and about 2/3 of the collection being offered for sale was sold. The rest of the collection for sale will be offered at the fall 2005 train show. Several items were kept and placed on the club layout prior to any sales.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that there was nothing new to report. The layout is running fine and the new RS-11 is on the layout. No additional contacts were made with Ron Prins regarding work on the electrical systems of the layout.

HO Gauge

In the vacancy of a HO Layout chairman, Jim Beal reported that the layout was running good. They have been able to run 3 trains at the same time (all under DC power but having to run in the same direction without individual control). Allen Anderson is to come down on Saturday and assist Jim in readying the layout for the open house.

President Thomas Anderson commented regarding Jim Beal as the temporary chair of the HO Layout until an appropriate appointment could be made.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer reported that the layout was running "just like the Energizer bunny: it keeps on going and going and going. It was also commented that we are not afraid to put the engines on the layout last, as we are sure they will run.

Z Scale

Chuck Tompkins has again brought up his small Z scale layout for use in the glass cabinet during the open houses. It is set and ready to go.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that there has been no work done in the last two (2) weeks, and that no one has contacted him with interest in the plywood in the back room.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported numerous book donations and purchases have occurred. Jim Funnell donated 5 books and the club has purchased 4 new books, all of which are on the shelves ready for reading. Andy Busard commented that the Hackley Public Library has the Muskegon Heritage Newsletters on file, and inquired if we wanted to make copies of our past newsletter available to the library. Jim and Andy continue to work on re-organizing the library. There were also some books donated by Tom Burr as part of the overall layout donation.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that there was nothing new to report on the equipment. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen is to contact the MAISD about the cost for 2 part form copies. Andy stated that Office Max will produce the forms at \$0.29 each.

Train Show

Co-chair Andy Busard reported that all but 2 tables were sold for the fall 2005 train show. The Lego group is assigned an area of about 3 tables. 2 tables are being offered at no charge: 1 each to the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers and the Grand Trunk Historical Society. For future shows, it was noted that some things will need to change. The mailing of the fliers to dealers occurred too early. President Thomas Anderson added that the cross buck signs will be put on posts to direct people from the show to the clubhouse. Tom Anderson and Jim Funnell will complete the project. The spring 2006 train show date has been set for March 26, 2006. It was verified that the Chronicle did run the advertisements.

Old Business

Tom Burr Train Layout Donation

Four (4) club members (not all at same time) have viewed and worked on the donation of the layout by Tom Burr. The members are Kent McFaden, Andy Busard, Jim Funnell and Jim Beal. There were no locomotives offered in the donation, and the small box of Tyco engines were returned to Mr. Burr at his request. The donation consisted of some rolling stock, tortoise switches, buildings, trees, toggle switches and some track that was able to be salvaged. The airbrush and compressor were also returned to Mr. Burr at his request.

Items of question: Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen inquired about the tub with engines and the compressor with airbrush. It was confirmed these were returned. Also, a Fleishman tank car in question was never taken; the Burr family had placed it in a drawer and did not remember it there. There is a track cleaning car that is going to be returned as well.

The layout was originally built by Gilbert Hart in the garage and Mr. Burr wants the garage to store his boat, and thus decided to dismantle the layout.

Items from the donation that are on the club layout include: water tower, depot, outhouse, section house and a mine. The rest of the items were put on sale to club members on September 10 and 17. What is left will be sold at the fall 2005 train show. It was stated by Thomas Anderson that no pre sales occurred. A complete listing of the donation and its disposition will be included with the donation inventory form.

Video Projection System

There was no additional information regarding a projection system.

Moved by Kent McFaden without support to allocate the income from the Tom Burr HO Layout sales to the purchase of a projection system.

The motion was not voted on due to lack of support.

Further discussions will occur at the general membership meeting.

Lakes Mall Holiday Coupon Book Sales

President Thomas Anderson will follow up with the mall to obtain coupon books for sale.

Correspondance Response to Nancy Pratt

President Thomas Anderson will be drafting a response to Nancy Pratt's letter.

Potential Donation of Wooden Train Model

Kent McFaden reported that he had lunch with Noel Black, the grandson and current owner of the wooden train model built by Ray Ashley (former Vice President of the Muskegon Boilerworks). Regarding the display, it was indicated that the display could potentially go at the depot building. John McGary was contacted, and he has no influence for the display of items at the depot. Sam Wendling at Muskegon County was contacted and it was indicated that they were looking at space issues. One possibility would be that the train could share space with the large display train.

Noel is awaiting an appraisal on the model. He has also created a written history regarding the model. After the appraisal of the model has occurred, the donation will be pursued.

New Business

Nomination Committee for 2006 Board of Directors Election

The formation of a nomination committee needs to occur in accordance with the bylaws of the MRHS. This committee will be for the December 2005 election of the board for 2006. Volunteers for the committee are: Thomas Van Bruggen (chair), Andy Busard, Jamie Morrison, Jason Bach and Steve Bowyer

Moved by Thomas Van Bruggen and supported by Chuck Tompkins to approve the nomination committee as listed above.

Motion carried.

The initial meeting of the nomination committee will be immediately following the board meeting of September 20, 2005.

Verbal Outbursts at the Club

President Thomas Anderson addressed new concerns regarding verbal outbursts that occur at the club. It was noted that these occurrences are not accepted and will not be tolerated.

Resignation of Chuck Tompkins as Vice President

A letter (short note) had been submitted by Chuck Tompkins to resign as Vice President. Prior to this board meeting, no official meeting of the board had occurred to accept this resignation. Since that time, Chuck has reconsidered his position. Chuck Tompkins stated to the board that he would like to stay as the Vice President to fill this short term position. Chuck Tompkins then withdrew his letter of resignation.

Welcome to board members Chuck Tompkins and Jim Beal

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen officially welcomed Chuck and Jim to their new positions on the board with support of the rest of the board.

Placemat Advertising

Jim Beal had contacted Denise Baker regarding place mat advertising at local restaurants. A single ad would be \$170 for 3 months or a double ad for \$300 for 3 months. Distribution would be at 21 restaurants and a total of 14,000 placemats each month for 3 months would be printed. Thomas Anderson and Jim Beal are going to continue working on this issue and report back to the board.

Open Comments

The board rules were suspended and Jamie Morrison was recognized: Jamie inquired about offering a coupon for the train shows on our web site. Discussion followed regarding the new coupon that is going to be added to the mailing in the spring. The issue will be considered as we move closer to the spring 2006 train show.

Moved by Thomas Van Bruggen and supported by Kent McFaden to adjourn the meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society Board of Directors at 8:20 PM

Motion Carried

**Minutes Submitted by:
Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary**

Minutes Approved at the October 18, 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 9/20/2005	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	77.41
Cash Account	198.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	49.68
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	1660.47
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4715.45
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	7073.03
Investment Accounts	
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	381.14
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8137.12
Total Investment Accounts	8518.26
Total Assets	15591.29
Net Worth	15591.29

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				14.84							32.89
Donations	1000			112				1	420.1				1533.1
Dues	440	370	170	160	60	20	120	80	40				1460
Flea Mkt-Fall05						108		840	2805.25				3753.25
Flea Mkt-Spring05	288	502	2134.25	36									2960.25
Food Sales	1.58						38.54						40.12
Investment Income	31.14	30.42	29.45	29.68	28.78	29.78	34.15	17.62	17.65				248.67
Layout		10											10
Library Sales				5.75			20						25.75
Miscellaneous Club Sales	6	60						1					67
Other Income	8	7	8	7.5	6	7		366	93.5				503
Income - Unassigned									0				0
Total Income	1774.72	997.47	2341.7	350.93	94.78	179.62	212.69	1305.62	3376.5				10634.03
Expenses													
Annual Picnic								590					590
Building		16.59	3	75.13	354				23.94				472.66
Flea Mkt-Fall 05		70		37				25.53	1310.44				1442.97
Flea Mkt-Spring 05	35	108.27	1104.35										1247.62
Flea Mkt-Spring 06									346.27				346.27
Gifts	75												75
Layouts		138.6						140					278.6
Library		38.89	161.45		79.95			22.78	190				493.07
Miscellaneous			20.44	74.43					20	4.69			119.56
Newsletter	60.38	46.38	13.75	68.08	61.76		115	15.94	67.24				448.53
Office Expense	19.77	78.95	41.58	84.99	98		498	42.37	1.85				865.51
Petty Cash			-240.65										-240.65
Utilities	212.57	108.2	229.39	245.17	89.33	112.6		282.61					1279.87
Total Expenses	402.72	605.88	1333.31	584.8	683.04	112.6	613	1119.23	1959.74	4.69			7419.01
Income less Expenses	1372	391.59	1008.39	-233.87	-588.26	67.02	-400.31	186.39	1416.76	-4.69			3215.02