

# 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 November 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 7:06 P.M.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Kent McFaden, Chuck Tompkins, Thomas Van Bruggen  
Absent: None  
Guests: Five (5) Guests Present

#### **Presentation by Special Guest: Stan Brown from Points for Profit**

President Thomas Anderson introduced Stan Brown from Points for Profit for a special presentation about the program.

Stan Brown presented about the Points for Profit program. The program is a funding source for non profit organizations. He is currently recruiting approximately 20 non profit organizations for this program. The program is designed that groups shop at participating local businesses and save receipts. These receipts are turned in periodically and payments are paid in proportion to the amount of receipts turned in. There are approximately 6 events (mini trade fairs) throughout the year when the receipts are turned in. Businesses pay for the program, and there is no cost to us (MRHS) to participate except the effort and planning/organization on our end.

#### Questions from Board:

Are the receipts collected only from members? A- No, anyone who wants to give receipts to us for the club can do so.

Why would businesses pay into program? A- Exclusive publicity. For example, there would be only 1 flower shop as part of the program.

Is this a points based system? A- Yes- 200 points per \$ of each receipt. Total is then proportioned when turned in with all other organizations turning in receipts. At times there may be bonus point programs.

How much could the MRHS receive? A- If a group really goes after the program, potentially up to \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. If we were to do almost nothing, then \$200 to \$500 per year.

Time Frame? A- Initial kick off is 6 months, but normally a program is the calendar year.

For more info? [www.pointsforprofit.com](http://www.pointsforprofit.com)

#### **Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2005 Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Jim Funnell and supported by Chuck Tompkins to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2005 as presented.

Motion Carried

## **Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2005 Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Jim Beal to approve the minutes of the special Board Meeting of November 1, 2005 as presented.

Motion Carried

## **Correspondence**

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen  
None

Reported by Treasurer Andy Busard  
Joint Archives of Holland (Hope College)  
-Helps promote archives & history  
-Houses the Pere Marquette Archives  
-Upcoming program on the Car Ferries in February

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Kent McFaden to support the Joint Archives of Holland as a Research Level Supporter in the amount of \$25.00 in an effort to support the Pere Marquette Historical Archives.

Motion Carried

Articles from Paul Trapp

Andy Busard has obtained articles about the Grand Trunk and TS&M railroads from Paul Trapp. Copies to be placed on file in library.

## **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 layout budgets to date. The HO layout has spent \$138.60. The O gauge layout has spent 140.00. The N scale layout has spent 145.00.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Layout Committees**

#### **O Gauge**

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that the O gauge layout was running fine.

#### **HO Gauge**

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the was good and running good.

#### **N Scale**

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer reported 'eNgines last' as a statement that the layout was running fine.

## **Building**

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was still here. None of the plywood in the back room had been taken. Robert Jackson reportedly wanted one piece but did not come up to claim it.

## **Library**

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the library received a new book about the Grand Trunk. The book does include some color photographs. They are still working on recategorizing historical documents and articles. Art Million donated a book about the C&O Superpower Locomotives. The Canadian National book (new) is still missing.

## **Equipment**

President Thomas Anderson reported there was nothing new to report. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the forms will be printed by the MAISD next week.

## **Spring 2006 Train Show**

Co-chair Andy Busard reported that he and Jim Funnell are going to co-chair the show. Nothing new to report.

## **Old Business**

### **Holland Train Show**

Jamie Morrison coordinated a display table for the MRHS at the Holland Train Show on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The table allowed for large amounts of exposure to the public about the MRHS. Calvin College TV recorded a piece with the MRHS featured. Special thanks go to Jamie for volunteering many hours of work and dedication to putting this together. Following the show, Jamie donated the table display board to the club.

### **Lakes Mall Holiday Coupon Book Sales**

President Thomas Anderson reported that the coupon books have sold very well. The sale is upcoming on Saturday, November 19, 2005.

### **Hackley Park Train Display**

President Thomas Anderson reported that Kent McFaden and Jim Beal have been working on the repairs to the display. Numerous light bulbs have been replaced. Kent is to talk with the County about displaying at the Depot for this holiday season. Additional help for the repairs would be appreciated. They will be working on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Muskegon Heritage Association building (ie: downstairs). It was requested that Jason Bach talk with Jim Bach about electrical questions that Kent had. Supplies have been purchased for the repairs, and it is expected that the total cost of materials will be less than \$100.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Chuck Tompkins to allocate up to \$100 from the contingency fund for repairs of the display.

Motion Carried.

### **Division 4 NMRA Meeting**

President Thomas Anderson attempted to contact the NMRA club. They have not returned his call to date. The next meeting is December 3 at Comstock Park according to Bob King.

### **Video Projector Potential Purchase**

Additional research and information is needed. To be discussed further at a later date.

### **Potential Wooden Train Donation**

Kent McFaden showed pictures of the wooden train model. Noel is still waiting for an appraisal of the models. Permission was obtained to display at least part of the model at the Depot. If all of the model will not fit at the depot, the MRHS will display some of the model at the club.

### **Don O'Brien HO Layout for Sale**

President Thomas Anderson noted that Mr. O'Brien had an HO Layout for sale. If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Anderson for details.

### **Placemat Advertising**

President Thomas Anderson and Director Jim Beal reported on the placemat advertising. Jim Beal stated that he attempted to reach Denise but was unable to make contact. He will continue to attempt contact, but will be out of town for 10 days (until November 29). The cost is \$300 for a 2x2 double add for 3 months. The ad will feature and promote the train show in march and the monthly meetings.

### **Nomination Committee for 2006 Board of Directors Election**

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen read the list of names currently nominated. Nominations are due 1 week before the elections according to the bylaws (November 29). Nominations received by November 28, 2005 will be presented in the MRHS Mainline. The committee of Thomas Van Bruggen, Steve Bowyer, Jason Bach and Andy Busard will be meeting after the board meeting tonight.

### **Bylaws Committee**

The bylaws committee is scheduled to meet following the board meeting tonight (November 15, 2005). The Last meeting on October 18 was a very productive meeting even though it went until 10:15 PM.

### **Response to correspondence from Nancy Pratt**

President Thomas Anderson is to follow up with a letter of response to Nancy and Don.

### **N Scale Layout Purchase**

N scale layout chairman Steve Bowyer reported that the approved purchase of a Steam Locomotive and 3 freight cars had been made and the equipment is either on the layout or in the storage cabinets at the club.

### **New Business**

#### **Polar Express Imax 3D**

President Thomas Anderson reported that the movie Polar Express is going to be shown in IMAX 3D in Grand Rapids beginning November 23, 2005.

### **MRHS Holiday Open Houses**

President Thomas Anderson discussed the holiday open houses. Last year the MRHS held open houses on December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19. If we used that same weekend schedule this year, it would be December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18.

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Jim Beal to host open houses on the stated weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 12 pm to 4 pm each day.

Discussion topics

- coordination with Hackley/Hume House Tours
- need for actual person at the Hackley/Hume House location for publicity
- need for volunteers to run layouts and greet visitors
- open house picture is missing from club... may still be at LC Walker from the last train show.
- need a volunteer sign up sheet.

Motion Carried

### **White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk**

President Thomas Anderson reported that the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk is upcoming. Mr. Tom Mallory at State Farm Insurance normally puts up a running train layout in his office. Tom Anderson is going to contact Mr. Mallory about setting out fliers or literature about the MRHS near the display.

### **Polar Express Garden Layout at Meijer Gardens**

It was noted that the Frederik Meijer Gardens are again having the Polar Express Garden Layout through the holidays.

### **New Yorker Magazine Train Article**

President Thomas Anderson brought in a copy of a New Yorker Magazine with a lengthy article reporting on Union Pacific Coal Trains. If permission is obtained, portions of the article may appear in future MRHS Mainline Newsletters.

### **Points for Profit Program**

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Funnell to participate in the Points for Profit Program.

Discussion:

Risk to the MRHS (believed to be none)

Motion Carried

### **C&O Calendar Sale**

Kent McFaden reported that Mrs. Verle Kersch had forwarded information on the sale of C&O calendars to him. Bob Kersch had always sold these. It was asked if we wanted to offer any of the calendars for sale. Discussion was minimal and the topic was dropped without a motion.

### **Sargent at Arms**

Kent McFaden noted the need for the MRHS to have an official Sargent at Arms. This person would be responsible for having members and guests check in at meetings, and reporting any guests to the president at the meeting. The board was supportive and this position will be addressed in the new year with the new board and position appointments.

**Boy Scouts**

Kent McFaden discussed the possibility of contacting the Boy Scouts to let them know we are here and available. Thomas Van Bruggen commented that we already had this contact through Don Pratt and that this bridge may need to be rebuilt. Discussion continued and focused on the communication failure between the Pratt's, Tom Anderson and volunteers at the club. President Thomas Anderson is to contact Don and Nancy Pratt regarding the situation. Tom is also going to try and get a list of names of the Boy Scouts that were at the last merit badge seminar.

**Proposal Regarding MRHS Calendar as Fund Raising Effort**

Kent and Andy spoke with a person through the Holland Train Show that can print up calendars. The Holland club has created a calendar with 12 full color pictures of their layout. If we were to persue the option of a club calendar, printing would cost approximately \$4.00 per calendar. We could offer them for sale at the cost of \$10, netting a \$6.00 profit. There is no minimum needed for printing.

Moved by Kent McFaden and supported by Chuck Tompkins to expend up to \$60.00 for printing of a pilot calendar for 2006.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment of the MRHS Board of Directors Meeting of November 15**

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Beal to adjourn the board meeting at 8:52 PM

Motion Carried

**Minutes Submitted by:**

**Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary**

**Minutes Approved at the December 20th, 2005 MRHS Board Meeting with 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 11/15/2005	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	42.05
Cash Account	309.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	44.99
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	946.58
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4720.79
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	6435.43
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	40.83
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	7871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8171.89
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	381.14
Total Investment Accounts	16465.43
Total Assets	22900.86
Net Worth	22900.86

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	6			1539.1
Dues	440	370	170	160	60	20	120	80	40	120	140		1720
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	35.83	19.54	19.39	17.12			271.13
Layout		10											10
Library Sales				5.75			20						25.75
Miscellaneous Club Sales	6	60						1		5	2		74
Other Income	8	7	8	7.5	6	7		366	93.5	6			509
Income - Unassigned									0				0
Total Income	1774.72	997.47	2341.7	350.93	94.78	179.62	214.37	1307.54	3378.24	154.12	142		10935.49
Expenses													
Advertisements										140			140
Annual Picnic								590					590
Building		16.59	3	75.13	354				23.94		22.49		495.15
Flea Mkt-Fall 05		70		37				25.53	1310.07				1442.6
Flea Mkt-Spring 05	35	108.27	1104.35										1247.62
Flea Mkt-Spring 06									309.64				309.64
Gifts	75												75
Layouts		138.6						140			145		423.6
Library		38.89	161.45		79.95			22.78	190	135.6	34.95		663.62
Membership/Society Fees											25		25
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	165			613.53
Office Expense	19.77	78.95	41.58	84.99	98		498	42.37	1.85	74.83	49.81		990.15
Petty Cash			-240.65										-240.65
Rent - MHA										960			960
Utilities	212.57	108.2	229.39	245.17	89.33	112.6		282.61		210.03	71.56		1561.46
Total Expenses	402.72	605.88	1333.31	584.8	683.04	112.6	613	1119.23	1922.74	1690.15	348.81		9416.28
Income less Expenses	1372	391.59	1008.39	233.87	588.26	67.02	398.63	188.31	1455.5	1536.03	206.81		1519.21