

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 December 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: Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Kent McFaden, Chuck Tompkins,
Thomas Van Bruggen
Absent: None
Guests: Three (3) Guests Present

Presidents Comments

President Thomas Anderson expressed his thanks to the board for the past year of hard work, especially those board members who are not returning for the 2006 year.

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2005 Board Meeting

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Jim Beal to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of November 15, 2005 as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Puffer Chuffer: Newsletter of the Detroit Model Railroad Club, Inc.
Receipt for donation to the Hope College Joint Archives Advancement Fund: will be given to treasurer for filing
Nevada Northern Railroad Museum: Solicitation for funding. Notice will be posted

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:, The treasurers reports are included at the end of the meeting minutes.

Dues are coming in steadily for 2006. To date, approximately 35 memberships have been paid. A committee needs to form regarding the budget for 2006.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that the O gauge layout was running good at the open houses. Rob Wawrzyniak ran the layout several days during the holiday open houses. He also volunteered to assist Kent with the layout repairs and wiring. Matt Wells also assisted with running the layout during the open houses.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout was running good. Andy Busard added that the layout was running "HO HO HO" for the holidays. Jim reported that Burt Apple has assisted him in running the layout during the open houses and has worked with Jim in teaching the DCC system to him.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Steve Bowyer reported that the layout was "Npecable" at the open houses.

Z Gauge

Chuck Tompkins reported that the engine for the Z gauge layout was "sick" and needs repairs.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was still here. None of the plywood in the back room had been claimed. Jim is planning to paint the meeting room wall on 12/21/2005. Jim also reported on a potential donation to the club of a prototype railroad signal used on lines without normal block signals. Originally from the MGR&I/PRR line, possibly from near Ravenna area.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that he and Andy are still working on reorganizing the materials and putting some into 3 ring binders with sheet protectors. There has been a donation of a 1931 New York Central/Michigan Central log book. The Canadian National book that was missing is back and available on the shelves. It had been filed with the model books in the other portion of the office. Jim noted the need to revise the book check out policy. Jim has also been adding clear covers to book dust jackets for additional protection.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported there was nothing new to report. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the forms for donations and loans are on file.

Spring 2006 Train Show

Co-chair Andy Busard reported that to date, four (4) tables have been sold. He and Jim Funnell have re-sequenced the order of tasks to be done. After first of the year they will be mailing out fliers to the dealers. There is going to be a \$1.00 coupon included in the flier that is mailed out to previous attendees to evaluate if the mailing is actually bringing in people. Discussion was made about needing to have fewer chairs set up at the tables by the Annex staff. Some discussion was also noted about concerns over dealers leaving early.

Old Business

MRHS/MHA Holiday Train Display

President Thomas Anderson reported that the MRHS/MHA holiday train display has been put on display at the Depot. The cost of repairs to date is approximately \$20. It was noted that for next year, all of the pieces of the display need to be totally rebuilt. The one display piece that has received additional work is on display at Kent McFaden's house. It has new lights and has been painted, but will still need new garland for next year.

December MRHS Holiday Open Houses

President Thomas Anderson reported that the open houses seemed to have a decent turnout, even though the numbers seemed down from years past. It was noted that exact numbers of visitors is not known, and donations are still being tallied, but numerous people expressed interest in the club and had taken membership forms. Tom Anderson asked if the board felt it was successful with positive responses from Jim Funnell and Andy Busard.

2006 MRHS Calendar Sales

Kent McFaden reported that there were 30 calendars printed in the first run. These first calendars were at a cost of \$3.62 each. 20 more calendars are being printed at the cost of \$6.32. The cost difference is that the MAISD incorrectly quoted the cost for the first run, but they held to their original quote. All but two (2) of the initial 30 calendars have been sold, including numerous copies to guests.

For clarification, Thomas Van Bruggen inquired as to the total costs and what had been approved for expenditure by the board.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Chuck Tompkins to have printed an additional 20 calendars at the cost of \$6.32 each for sale to members or the general public.

Motion Carried

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Jim Beal to adjust the original expenditure limit from \$60.00 to \$117.60 for the printing of the original 30 calendars.

Motion Carried

Points for Profit Program

President Thomas Anderson reported that a list of participating businesses has been distributed as of 12/16/2005. Tom read the list aloud from an email he had received. This listing will be incorporated into the January 2006 MRHS Mainline newsletter.

Division 4 North Central Region NMRA Meeting

President Thomas Anderson reported that there has been some additional correspondence between himself and the NMRA club. Details are in the works, and Tom will report back as additional information is determined.

Wooden Train Model Display Donation

Kent McFaden reported that Noel Black is still awaiting an appraisal on the display.

Bylaws/Policies Committee Report

President Thomas Anderson reported that the committee is still working on the bylaws and policies. The committee is going to meet again the 2nd Tuesday of January.

Placemat Advertising

Jim Beal reported that a proof has been made for the advertisement. Discussion focused on a couple of revisions including that the advertisement should have a statement about the layouts and library. Jim Beal will make contact with Denise regarding the changes and will work with Tom Anderson. It was also requested that Jim Beal obtain an invoice for the charges to be incurred.

Video Projection System

Continued investigation into the specifications and costs of a video project system are occurring. Andy Busard stated that the cost of a ceiling mounting bracket is very expensive, and inquired as to if Jim Funnell could just build something. Reports will be made as information is gathered.

Lakes Mall Coupon Book Sales

President Thomas Anderson reported that the coupon book sales brought in approximately \$85 total. The sales of the coupon books were made almost entirely by Tom Anderson or Andy Busard.

Response to correspondence from Nancy Pratt

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

New Business

Coopersville and Marne Witcomb and 5208 Engines

President Thomas Anderson reported people at the C&M have shown interest in repairing the engines and returning them to a running state. The C&M has made an offer to Brad Anderson for \$500 to purchase the Witcomb engine. Placards are missing from the engine, but these may be in the possession of Brad Anderson. The Witcomb would need engine work as the engine is seized up currently, and the 5208 needs numerous areas of work, including wiring. Additional details will be presented as they occur. Discussion was heard regarding the involvement of the MRHS with these developments.

Grand Trunk Historical Society

Andy Busard reported that the Grand Trunk Historical Society holds its quarterly meetings and annual picnic at Durand. Jim Funnell and Andy have had some talks with the society, and the possibility of the MRHS hosting a meeting and then scheduling a ride on the Coopersville and Marne has come up. Andy will present more information if details and a meeting date arise.

Adjournment of the MRHS Board of Directors Meeting of November 15

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Chuck Tompkins to adjourn the board meeting at 8:21 PM

Motion Carried

Minutes Submitted by:

Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary

Minutes to Be Approved at the January 17, 2006 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 12/19/2005	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	68.99
Cash Account	683.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	44.99
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	890.06
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4720.79
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	6779.85
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	61.67
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8189.62
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	381.14
Total Investment Accounts	8632.43
Total Assets	15412.28
Net Worth	15412.28

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category													
1/1/2005 Through 12/19/2005													
Category	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Income													
Copy Machine		18.05				14.84							32.89
Donations	1000			112				1	384.6	6			1503.6
Dues	440	370	170	160	60	20	120	80	40	120	140	390	2110
Flea Mkt-Fall05						108		840	2740.25				3688.25
Flea Mkt-Spring05	288	502	2091.25	36									2917.25
Flea Mkt-Spring06												72	72
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	17.73		288.86
Layout		10											10
Library Sales				5.75			20						25.75
Miscellaneous Club Sales	6	60						1		5	2	349	423
Open House Contributions			43						100.5			5.5	149
Other Income	8	7	8	7.5	6	7		366	93.5	6		42	551
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	159.73	858.5	11811.72
Expenses													
Advertisements										140			140
Annual Picnic								590					590
Building		16.59	3	75.13	354				23.94		22.49		495.15
Copy Machine							225						225
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			20	329.64
Gifts	75												75
Layouts		138.6						140			145	10.59	434.19
Library		38.89	161.45		79.95			22.78	190	135.6	34.95	79	742.62
Membership/Society Fees											25		25
Miscellaneous			20.44	74.43					20	4.69		10.59	130.15
Newsletter	60.38	46.38	13.75	68.08	61.76	34.12	49.59	50.68	67.24	199.88		83.98	735.84
Office Expense	19.77	78.95	41.58	84.99	98		273	42.37	1.85	74.83	49.81	117.6	882.75
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	52.67	1614.13
Total Expenses	402.72	605.88	1333.31	584.8	683.04	146.72	547.59	1153.97	1922.74	1725.03	348.81	374.43	9829.04
Income less Expenses	1372	391.59	1008.39	-233.87	-588.26	32.9	-333.22	153.57	1455.5	-1570.91	-189.08	484.07	1982.68