

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jim Beal
Jamey Morrison*

*Steve Bowyer, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell*

Minutes of the May 16, 2006 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, Steve Bowyer, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Jamey Morrison,
Absent: None
Guests: Guests (2)

Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2006 Board Meeting

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the April 18, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes as presented with any corrections needing to be made to be brought to the secretary in due course.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Historical Society of Michigan: Upper Peninsula History Conference Brochure

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported the account balances to date. Andy also reported that there were expenditures over the past month with total amounts exceeding \$1000.00. The primary expenditure was for the video projection system. There were also three (3) membership dues payments received in the past month.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jamey Morrison to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Andy Busard, Secretary.

Motion Carried

Treasurers Reports are presented at the end of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported the layout is running fine. No extra problems.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout is great, no problems.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Jason Bach reported that the old N scale layout is long gone. Dave Vryhof's brother had inquired about the layout. The track had already been stripped off last week by the N Scale Group. The layout was given to them in as is condition. The track that was removed is worth about \$200. The normal layout is still here and running fine.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building is still here. A lot of work has been done in cleaning out the back room. Over the past weekend Jim and others installed the video projector in meeting room. A new table saw has been acquired. The old saw is available to members if someone is interested. If interested, members should contact Jim Funnell.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the library is still there. Nothing has been done recently. No new books had been received recently. The normal magazines have come in. Five new books are being acquired (donated) by Jim. Tom Anderson inquired about the "turnover" of the library materials. It was reported that the library continues to have solid usage even as we go into the summer.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that there was nothing new to report and that the inventories still need to be worked on. Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the N scale inventory will be completed after the committee replaces truck sets and decides what to keep.

Special: Party in the Park

President Thomas Anderson reported that he and Jason attended a mandatory meeting. We need to pass a resolution regarding the liquor control license. There are fees of \$25 for the license and \$50 for bond.

Steve Bower moved and Andy Busard supported the resolution regarding the liquor license as presented on the official Parties in the Park forms as read by Thomas Anderson.

Motion Carried

There will be a liquor awareness training on May 25th, 2006 from 5 to 7 pm at the Muskegon City Hall council chambers. We need to have at least 5 to 10 members attend.

The Party in the Park Insurance policy costs have increased significantly. The 2005 cost was \$1210.14, which was up from about \$300 previously.

Tom Anderson also noted that any profit over \$5000 will result in 10% going to Parties in the Park. We need to have a starting cash amount of \$6750.00.

Tom Anderson also has forms for job descriptions and sign up sheets. These forms will be posted on bulletin board. If you want to work both shifts sign on both sheets (not just once). The shift times are 4:45 pm to 7 pm and 6:45 to close (9:00 pm plus cleanup). It was also reported that a big crunch time at the party is from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Our party is July 28, 2006.

Tom Anderson has inquired with his contact about the inflatable play equipment, and there is a good possibility that we will get something worked out. If acquired, proceeds would go directly to the MRHS. Our band is Weasel Malone (Blues) from Grand Rapids and cost is \$650.

July 10, 2006 preparation meeting for us with synopsis

Beer tickets \$2.75 \$1.00 for pop. Need one of each for premium beer.

All cans (no taps) We will have choices in regards to the premiums. We are not responsible for unreturned cans.

We need to establish sub-committee to work on the Parties in the Park. Volunteers making up the committee are:

Thomas Anderson (Co-chair) Andy Busard (co-chair) Jason Bach, Steve Bowyer, and Kent McFaden.

Volunteers from MHA and Clipper group are being secured with no formal agreements made. T Committee will meet Tuesday May 23, 2006.

Fall 2006 Train Show

Co-chair Andy Busard reported there were no changes as of recent. Mailing to dealers will need to go out soon. Andy and Jim Funnell will look at the schedule and mail out the fliers accordingly. The fliers will need to be updated to include the web site address.

Correction of April 18, 2006 Board Minutes

Moved by Jamey support by Steve to correct the Minutes of the April meeting to state Fall show (replace SPRING)

Motion Carried

Old Business

Points for Profit

Kent McFaden reported that as of the May mini trade fair, we have \$298.00 guaranteed to us from the program. This is the fixed single amount, which is supposed to be doubled at the end of the program year. Four (4) people test drove cars and thus 2,000,000 points will be collected this month. The MRHS is in the top 5 or 6 clubs, but we need to get more members more involved.

Possible ways we can earn additional points include:

Participating Businesses can present a 5 to 10 minute talk at one of our meetings (similar to how Stan Brown presented to us). This would bring us 250,000 points plus 10,000 points for each member

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to have Kent McFaden arrange with participating businesses to speak at our general membership meetings.

Motion carried

Chuck Tompkins commented that the final 1st through 3rd club placements for the program will be based on number of businesses visited and not the total number of points/receipts.

Kent added that the first Thursday of each month is when the mini-trade fairs are held. These allow for large amounts of bonus points but we need members or volunteers to attend

Video Projection System

Jim Funnel and Andy Busard reported that they hung the video projector over the past weekend. The projector is very bright, which is good. Cables must be acquired and additional set up will be occurring.

Jim Funnel recommended painting the wall with special white reflective paint which would allow for a large viewing size.

Thomas Van Bruggen offered to donate a stereo tuner and cabinet for the system.

Jamey Morrison offered to donate speakers for the system.

Bylaws and Policies Committee

President Thomas Anderson inquired about the next meeting of the policies committee.

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen responded that the committee would be called together in the next month or so, and that there should not be too much more to do to finalize the policies.

O Gauge Locomotives

Kent McFaden reported on the status of the \$1,000 request for the club to purchase O gauge locomotives. Kent is still looking for engines but would be willing to sell Southern Locomotive to Club for \$500. If the club does not wish to purchase the locomotive, Kent would probably sell it at a show for \$750.

President Thomas Anderson requested the opinion of the board. Andy Busard responded that he feels the club needs to have some decent equipment. Thomas Van Bruggen responded that the sale of a locomotive owned by Kent, who is also the layout chair and the one who brought the item to the board, may give the appearance of a conflict. It was determined that the club currently owns about 6 older engines (most without sound or "bells and whistles").

Jamey Morrison inquired about the sale of older equipment to purchase newer equipment.

Steve Bowyer inquired as to if we buy the locomotive from Kent, are we buying without warranty? The answer to this was determined to be yes, it would be without warranty.

President Thomas Anderson recommends that Kent, being chair of O gauge may give the impression of a conflict, which is what we do not want. Tom suggested that Kent offers the engine at a show to avoid potential conflict of interest.

Scout Badge

President Thomas Anderson reported that he is now authorized fully to host Scout Railroading Merit Badge presentations and that the Gerald R. Ford council is aware of his authorization.

Budget

Thomas Van Bruggen inquired about the tiered pricing for layout expenditures. Discussion followed as to past practices and expenditures.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported Jamey Morrison to change the expenditure budget of all three layouts to \$300.00 each

Motion Carried

Thomas Van Bruggen commented about utilities and increasing costs.

Steve Bowyer raised questions about income:

On track for dues? Answer was yes.

What are we budgeting, if any for Party in the Park? Answer: it is not in the budget and it all depends on attendance and weather

Expectation of profit for fall show? Answer: again it varies.

Jamey Morrison commented that there was no income category for the Points for Profit program.

Long Term Lease Agreement

Andy Busard commented that the MHA board met last week. The MHA established a committee to construct a lease proposal.

Andy did raise a question to board about what we want lengthwise for the lease. Several board members referenced 10 to 15 years, with some comments ranging up to 99 years.

It was added that most of MHA was supportive but one member, who has in the past expressed concern was not at the meeting.

Discussions were heard regarding costs and potential increasing of donation.

Steve Bowyer indicated that he would like to see at least a 10 to 15 year agreement before we put anything further into the building.

It was also noted that the MHA needs to have security system fixed. MHA is looking into the issue.

Additional discussions included the topics of future expansion and the potential of somehow having the MRHS investment into the building protected.

New Business:

Hackley Library Program

Kent McFaden reported that he had been contacted by the Library about having a program at the MRHS again this year. The date proposed is in conflict with our July General Membership Meeting, so Kent with contact the library about a different date.

C&M Purchase of Witcom from Brad Anderson for \$750

Tom Anderson reported that the C&M purchased the Witcom engine from Brad Anderson for \$750.00. Tom then discussed with the board the opportunity for the MRHS to partially fund and work on the restoration project. This could help offset the costs of a charter train ride. The board determined that this needs to be brought to general membership and a full scope determined.

Passenger Car Renovation to be made Handicapped Accessible

President Thomas Anderson reported that an effort has been started that would renovate a passenger car at the C&M to make it handicapped Accessible. Tom inquired as to the potential for MRHS to help support through a donation but could be another way to participate in and secure our involvement with the C&M

C&M Track Work

Special thanks go to Ryan Anderson from the MRHS for his hard work on the C&M Track Work day. Ryan received high praise for his help with the track work. Thanks Ryan!

C&M Steam engine

A question was raised about if the C&M steam engine will ever be restored. Tom Anderson replied that it probably would not due to cost.

C&M Little Engine that Could Program

Tom Anderson reported that this program is tentatively scheduled for 2009.

Bob's Hobby Shop in Watervliet

Jamey Morrison commented that Bob's Hobby Shop will have a hobby and collectables auction on June 14th at 6:00 PM. Jamey will bring flier to the club.

Adjournment of Board Meeting of May 16, 2006

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to adjourn the Board Meeting of May 16, 2006 at 8:46 PM.

Motion Carried

Minutes to be Approved at the June 20, 2006 MRHS Board Meeting

Treasurers Reports:

Account Balances	
As of 5/16/2006	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$67.80
Cash Account	\$183.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$102.50
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$658.23
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$4,367.33
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$373.79
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$5,753.51
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$163.93
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$8,276.48
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	\$381.14
Total Investment Accounts	\$16,693.12
Total Assets	\$22,446.63
Net Worth	\$22,446.63

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category
1/1/2006 through 12/31/2006

Category	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Total
Income													
Donations	\$10.00												\$10.00
Dues	\$710.00	\$370.00	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$60.00								\$1,360.00
Flea Mkt-Spring06	\$144.00	\$452.00	\$2,839.25										\$3,435.25
Food Sales			\$48.06	\$4.50									\$52.56
Investment Income	\$17.80	\$17.84	\$16.14	\$17.90									\$69.68
Miscellaneous Club Sales	\$82.00	\$20.00	\$5.00										\$107.00
Other Income	\$30.00	\$27.50	\$65.00	\$19.00									\$141.50
Total Income	\$993.80	\$887.34	\$3,143.45	\$91.40	\$60.00								\$5,175.99
Expenses													
Advertisements	\$300.00												\$300.00
Building				\$1,249.99	\$518.13								\$1,768.12
City Fees					\$300.00								\$300.00
Flea Mkt-Fall 06			\$280.00										\$280.00
Flea Mkt-Spring 06		\$539.00	\$1,193.93										\$1,732.93
Layouts					\$34.60								\$34.60
Library		\$85.45		\$79.80									\$165.25
Newsletter	\$53.04	\$15.92	\$90.51	\$67.70									\$227.17
Office Expense		\$52.76	\$27.06	\$111.46	\$203.31								\$394.59
Utilities	\$163.96	\$252.99	\$406.81	\$168.08	\$37.37								\$1,029.21
Total Expenses	\$517.00	\$946.12	\$1,998.31	\$1,677.03	\$1,093.41								\$6,231.87
Income less Expenses	\$476.80	-\$58.78	\$1,145.14	\$1,585.63	\$1,033.41								\$1,055.88