

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Jim Beal
Jamey Morrison

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

Minutes of the June 20, 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 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Steve Bowyer, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Jamey Morrison,
Absent: None
Guests: Guests (3)

Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2006 Board Meeting

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the May 16, 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
Muskegon Summer Celebration: Artisan Weekend Notification
Friends of the Cumbers & Toltec Scenic Railroad
Reported by President Thomas Anderson
New Membership Dues and Application

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported the account balances to date. Andy also reported that one of the Certificates of Deposit (CD's) comes up due next month. This CD needs to be allowed to lapse in order to allow for funding of the Party in the Park.

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 that he is working on cleaning up the last parts of the clutter under the layout and then will be just some touch ups. Other than the clean up, the layout is running fine. Jim Funnell requested that Kent clean off the city area so that ceiling tiles can be replaced.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that two (2) lines are not running. The gray line seems fine, but the other two lines are troublesome. Steve Bowyer and Thomas Van Bruggen volunteered to look at the layout after the meeting. Jamey Morrison inquired as to a default position setting that the layout should be left in when running is completed for the day, to which Steve Bowyer reported that there is no rules regulating this. It was also noted that the problems from a couple of weeks prior resulted from switches from a reversing loop being thrown and shorting the track.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Jason Bach reported Jim Bach was attempting to adjust the broken crossover switch, but other than that, the layout was OK.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that Jim Bach has wired up the video projection system. No further work has been done in the back room as there have not been members up to help clean out the room. Jim also reported that the Muskegon Heritage Association (MHA) is working on the exterior of the building, which needs significant work. Most of the work is tuck and point brick work. It was also noted that the emergency exit in the stairwell is not functioning. Jim Bach will be testing the light and replace the battery if necessary. Jim Funnell also reported that the smoke detectors and security system are not operating. The MHA has received a quote from Confesco to repair/replace the system for \$7,500. The MHS is looking into other bids.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the library is still there. There are no recent acquisitions, and Jim continues to work on wrapping/protecting the book covers with clear film covers.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that there was nothing new to report.

Special: Party in the Park

President Thomas Anderson reported that he was contacted by a group of 5 women who have offered to every Party group to serve at the import beer table. The board deemed this was okay but that there would need to be at least one of the MRHS members with the group as well. Tom also noted to Andy Busard, Treasurer that he needed a check for \$50.00 to the City of Muskegon for the Liquor Bonds and a \$25.00 certified or cashiers check to the State of Michigan for Liquor Licensing. Tom is also finalizing all other paperwork needed. There is a prep meeting on Monday, July 10th at 10:00 AM and the Muskegon City Hall. This meeting is mandatory and at least one person from the group needs to attend. Tom Anderson and Jason Bach stated they for sure would be at the meeting. It was also noted that we need volunteers desperately, and that a request should be made in the newsletter for members to volunteer. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen stated he would make sure it was in the newsletter.

Fall 2006 Train Show

Co-chair Andy Busard reported that a few more tables have been sold and several tables have been reserved. Andy and Jim Funnell also mailed out fliers to the dealers over the past week.

Old Business

Points for Profit

Kent McFaden reported that the last mini-trade fair for the first year of the program will be on July 6, 2006. There will be a dinner on July 20, 2006 at which point the money from the program will be distributed. At this point, it appears that the MRHS will end up with around \$800 from the program. After the dinner, it will be determined if the program will be continued for another year, at which point the MRHS will need to decide if we participate again.

O Gauge Locomotives

President Thomas Anderson requested an update on the proposed purchase of O gauge locomotives. Kent McFaden responded that he had no new information at this time.

Bylaws and Policies Committee

President Thomas Anderson inquired about the next meeting of the policies committee. Discussion followed and it was determined that the committee should wait until the end of summer to meet again. A meeting will be scheduled some time after September 1, 2006.

Long Term Lease Agreement

Andy Busard reported that he has brought up the concept of us establishing a long term agreement to the Muskegon Heritage Association Board. He also presented them with a rough initial draft of terms. The MHA Board is reviewing the proposal and will be discussing further. The proposal did initially raise the annual gift from the MRHS to the MHA to \$1,200.00 for 10 years provided the fire alarm system is repaired. Further information will be provided as it develops, and Andy will be sending copies of the proposed agreement out to MRHS Board Members.

Hackley Library Program

Kent McFaden reported that there will be a Hackley Library Kids Reading Program that tours the MRHS on Monday, July 10th, 2006 from 7:30 pm to approximately 8:15 pm. We will need members to run the layouts.

Passenger Car Renovation to be made Handicapped Accessible

President Thomas Anderson reported that he has been in some preliminary contact with the group wanting to renovate the passenger car. The group has stated that they have secured approximately \$3,200.00 to date but would need to have \$120,000 for the renovation. Tom will continue to keep us posted as the project develops.

C&M Track Work

President Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M has had a rough spring for track work. More work needs to be done, but no work sessions have been scheduled as yet. Tom will keep us posted.

C&M Restoration of Whitcom

President Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M is working with Dave Stroebe to outline what work needs to be done to the Whitcom engine to return it to a running state. As that inspection and report is made, Tom will keep us informed. It was also reported that Tom has been discussing with the C&M the possibility of the MRHS assisting formally with the restoration through volunteer labor and possible financial contributions. No formalization has occurred to date.

Wooden Model Train Display Donation

Kent McFaden reported that Noel Black has donated the model train display and all of the pieces are currently in the possession of the MRHS. Kent reported that to display the full train, additional track would need to be constructed. Steve Bowyer volunteered to construct additional pieces of track as needed. Kent is working with the County to arrange times to set up the display at the Depot. The display consists of an engine with tender, caboose, mail car, two (2) box cars, two (2) gondolas (one with crane) a turn table, and several trestles that all represent the local area. Noel is still waiting for the final appraisal.

HO Layout Changes and Revisions

It was reported that any HO layout revisions are on hold at the current time due to lack of input and members attending to perform the work.

New Business:

Grand Trunk Western Historical Society Archives Storage

Andy Busard reported that the GTWHS is having difficulty with continued storage of their archives at the Durand Station (where they are currently housed). Discussions between Andy, Jim Funnell and the GTWHS board have lead to the exploration of if the MRHS would be willing to house the GTWHS archives at our location. It is estimated that the archives would total about 2 legal sized file cabinets consisting of mostly the Semaphore newsletter, photos and blueprints. It was confirmed that no insurance is currently held for the archives.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Funnell to work with the GTWHS to develop a reciprocal agreement for the storage of the GTWHS archives, and, based upon the agreement by both boards to that agreement, to accept the GTWHS archives for storage at the MRHS facilities.

Motion Carried

Membership in the Grand Trunk Western Historical Society

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Steve Bowyer to join the GTWHS as a business type supported at the cost of \$40.00.

Motion Carried

Fencing at Durand Station

Jamey Morrison inquired as to the cost of sponsoring a section of fencing at the Durand Station. Discussion followed but the final price was not confirmed.

Usage of Projection System and Television

Discussion regarding the usage and availability of the video projection system was discussed. President Thomas Anderson requested that proposals be developed and presented to the board for consideration at the next board meeting.

It was also discussed that the current VCR portion of the DVD+VCR player is not configured to work with the video projector. Steve Bowyer, Jamey Morrison and Thomas Van Bruggen are looking into how to best address connecting the VCR to the projection system.

Adjournment of Board Meeting of June 20, 2006

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Beal to adjourn the Board Meeting of June 20, 2006 at 8:32 PM.

Motion Carried

Minutes submitted by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen to be Approved at the July 18, 2006 MRHS Board Meeting.

Treasurers Reports:

Account Balances	
As of 6/20/2006	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$ 31.66
Cash Account	\$ 196.30
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$ 104.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$ 796.64
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$ 4,367.33
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$ 373.79
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$ 5,869.72
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$ 184.40
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$ 7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$ 8,293.84
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	\$ 381.14
Total Investment Accounts	\$16,730.95
Total Assets	\$22,600.67
Net Worth	\$22,600.67

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	\$ 150.00								\$ 1,450.00
Flea Mkt-Spring06	\$ 144.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 2,839.25										\$ 3,435.25
Food Sales			\$ 48.06	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.50								\$ 54.06
Investment Income	\$ 17.80	\$ 17.84	\$ 16.14	\$ 17.90	\$ 17.36								\$ 87.04
Miscellaneous Club Sales	\$ 82.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00										\$ 107.00
Other Income	\$ 30.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 19.00		\$ 6.00							\$ 147.50
Total Income	\$ 993.80	\$ 887.34	\$ 3,143.45	\$ 91.40	\$ 168.86	\$ 6.00							\$ 5,290.85
Expenses													
Advertisements	\$ 300.00												\$ 300.00
Building				\$ 1,249.99	\$ 318.13								\$ 1,568.12
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					\$ 70.10								\$ 70.10
Library		\$ 85.45		\$ 79.80									\$ 165.25
Miscellaneous						\$ 12.50							\$ 12.50
Newsletter	\$ 53.04	\$ 15.94	\$ 90.51	\$ 67.70	\$ 36.14								\$ 263.33
Office Expense		\$ 52.76	\$ 27.06	\$ 111.46	\$ 226.87								\$ 418.15
Utilities	\$ 163.96	\$ 252.99	\$ 406.81	\$ 168.08	\$ 37.37	\$ 73.57							\$ 1,102.78
Total Expenses	\$ 517.00	\$ 946.14	\$ 1,998.31	\$ 1,677.03	\$ 988.61	\$ 86.07							\$ 6,213.16
Income less Expenses	\$ 476.80	\$ (58.80)	\$ 1,145.14	\$ (1,585.63)	\$ (819.75)	\$ (80.07)							\$ (922.31)