

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jim Beal
Jamey Morrison

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

Minutes of the August 15, 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 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Steve Bowyer, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Funnell, Jim Beal, Jamey Morrison
Absent: Andy Busard
Guests: Guests (3)

Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2006 Board Meeting

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Funnell to suspend the reading of the July 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

Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2006 Board Meeting

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jamey Morrison to suspend the reading of the July 24, 2006 Special 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

Several bills related to the Party in the Park

To be handled by President Thomas Anderson and Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen following the meeting.

Hewlett Packard Rebate of \$200 for Video Projector

Forwarded to Kent McFaden for deposit

Model Railroad News- Free Subscription Continuation Offer

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen to complete form and return

Muskegon Area First/Muskegon Main Street Survey

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen to fill out online survey

Muskegon Chronicle Advertisement Offer

Forwarded to Jim Funnell as Fall Train Show co-chair

Request for classified ad for Member Tom Buettner

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Funnell to allow classified advertisement for members.

Motion Carried

Notice of CD Maturing at Credit Union

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Funnell to allow for the roll over of the CD or for Treasurer Andy Busard to move the CD to a better rate at his discretion.

Motion Carried

Historical Society of Michigan- State History Conference Program (posted)

Treasurers Report

In the absence of Treasurer Andy Busard, there is no Treasurers Report.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was "still running good."

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout is running good. Two (2) lines are running fine on either DCC or conventional power. One (1) line is not running at all.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running fine.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building is "still here." There will be an inspection by the City of Muskegon on Friday, August 18, 2006. Jim Bach replaced the emergency exit sign over the stairs and it is working fine. Jim also reported that the Muskegon Heritage Association (MHA) has send out requests for bids for both roofing and masonry work for the building.

Library

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the library is still there. Jim has been adding many book jacket covers to books in the club library. Kent McFaden reported that the new Rail Video Quarterly video has come in.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that there was noting new to report.

Special: Party in the Park

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Party in the Park went well and Tom expressed a big thanks to all and especially to Kent McFaden for working on the Party. Jason Bach and Tom Anderson went to the closing meeting and made many comments and suggestions. Final financial figures are not in quite yet, but will be finalized soon after Treasurer Andy Busard returns from vacation.

General discussion regarding the party followed the report.

Fall 2006 Train Show

Co-chair Jim Funnell reported that he is working on getting the fliers out. A few more tables have been paid for and more have been spoken for.

Old Business

August General Membership Meeting

President Thomas Anderson reported that the MRHS charter train ride on the Coopersville and Marne Railroad had 54 riders. The weather was very warm for the riders, but all seemed to enjoy. Tom reported that they had a great crew.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Funnell to have Thomas Anderson express our thanks to the C&M RR during their board meeting.

Motion Carried.

Long Term Occupancy Agreement with the Muskegon Heritage Association.

Kent McFaden reported that the occupancy agreement was presented to the MHA board at their last meeting. One (1) board member opposed numerous issues with the agreement, but there was no other opposition, but no action on the agreement was made, and no vote was taken. There was also no board action regarding modifications to the agreement. Kent and Jim Funnell stated they will call for a vote at the next meeting.

Grand Trunk Western Historical Society Archives Storage

President Thomas Anderson reported that he had been in contact with the president of the GTWHS. Their basic sentiment is that they do not really want to move the archives. Jim Funnell reported that the Durand Depot has a new director which has caused some of the issues with all of the groups housed there, not just the GTWHS. The offer from the MRHS will stay open if the GTWHS should need storage space.

C&M/MRHS Restoration of Whitcomb

President Thomas Anderson reported that there were no new developments regarding the engine. More information and actions will occur later this fall.

Passenger Car Renovation to be made Handicapped Accessible

President Thomas Anderson noted that the handicapped accessible car renovation is still working on fundraising. Vice President Steve Bowyer suggested that Tom Anderson request that the group working on the car present to the MRHS board before we commit to any participation in the program.

Points for Profit

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he turned in all of the paperwork for the Wal-Mart Community Grant program that was supplied by the Points for Profit Program. The program is basically concluded and we have received the \$425 we earned in the program.

Grand Trunk Western Historical Society November Meeting

It was noted that the GTWHS will be holding their Annual Meeting on November 4th at the MRHS facilities. The group will be riding the Coopersville & Marne prior to the meeting (11:00 am) and will then meet at the MRHS facilities for the meeting and tours of our facilities.

New Business:

Request for Absence at General Membership Meetings

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen requested excused absences at the September 5 and October 3, 2006 General Membership Meetings. Both absences are due to conferences/conventions that are out of town.

Committee Chair Appointments

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jamey Morrison to appoint Kent McFaden as the O Gauge Layout chair, Jim Beal as the HO Gauge layout chair, Jim Funnell as Building chair, and Jim Funnell as Librarian.

It was noted that Jason Bach was already appointed to be the N Scale layout chair.

Motion Carried

Bylaws and Policies Committee Meeting

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen scheduled a meeting of the Bylaws and Policies Committee for Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the MRHS facilities.

Creation of Nomination Committee

Jamey Morrison asked when the Nomination Committee needed to be formed. Discussion followed and it was determined that it is required by either the September or October General Membership Meeting, and will be created at the September meeting.

Adjournment of Board Meeting of July 18, 2006

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jamey Morrison to adjourn the Board Meeting of August 15, 2006 at approximately 8:15 PM.

Motion Carried

**Minutes submitted by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Approved at the September 19, 2006 MRHS Board Meeting.**