

# 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 September 19, 2006, President Thomas Anderson, Presiding**

The Board Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Thomas Anderson at 7:02 P.M.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Thomas Anderson, Steve Bowyer, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Funnell, Jim Beal, Jamey Morrison  
Absent: None  
Guests: Guests (4)

#### **Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2006 Board Meeting**

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the August 15, 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 Chronicle sent a copy of the paper where our advertisement appeared in the local groups section

The Lakes Mall: Offer to join the "Night of Giving" coupon book sales. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen to fill out paperwork and transmit to V.P. Steve Bowyer to turn in to the mall.

Joint Archives of Holland: Quarterly Newsletter- transmitted to the librarian to place on file

Reported by President Thomas Anderson

Tom Anderson reported that he has had discussions with an interested person about donations and sales of railroad related items and their appraisal. Additional information will be presented as developments occur.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that he has the final numbers from the Party in the Park, which will be presented later in the minutes. Andy presented the overall financials. Andy also requested that he be authorized allowed to move the accounts from 5/3 Bank to Huntington Bank due to their customer service and internet availability. Discussion followed.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Jim Funnell to move and consolidate all of the MRHS accounts, including the checking, savings, and certificates of deposit to Huntington Bank.

Financial reports are submitted at the end of the minutes.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Layout Committees**

#### **O Gauge**

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

#### **HO Gauge**

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout has two (2) lines running and one (1) line down. Discussion followed regarding the DCC and conventional wiring and the need to really re-work the entire wiring.

#### **N Scale**

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

### **Building**

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that nothing had been done recently to the building. The MHA is having work done on the exterior brick work. Jamey Morrison inquired as to how the inspection went. Jim reported that the inspection went fine, but the MHA needs to add panic bars on a couple of the doors in the back. Thomas Van Bruggen noted that the neighboring building has added awnings to the front of their building. Discussion followed regarding the need to replace the front door.

### **Library**

Library Chairman Jim Funnell reported that continued work on book covers and filing is occurring. Jim reported that the book is becoming very crowded, and some materials have been moved to the back storage rooms. Jim also requested that we start selling/giving away old issues of Model Railroad News.

### **Equipment**

President Thomas Anderson reported that there was nothing new to report. Kent reported that he is working with the County to set up a time to install the wooden train display at the depot.

### **Special: Party in the Park**

President Thomas Anderson reported that we have finalized the Party in the Park. Treasurer Andy Busard reported the financials of the party, and we ended up making a final profit of \$1916.07. A copy of the financials are included at the end of these minutes. Additional discussion about future parties and about costs of pop etc. were held.

### **Calendar Development**

President Thomas Anderson reported that discussions have come up regarding creation of a 2007 calendar. Tom requested that a committee be formed to create the new calendar. Andy Busard and Jim Funnell both volunteered to be on said committee. Jamey Morrison suggested that a pre-publication reservation form be made up for people to sign up for a calendar at the fall train show.

### **Fall 2006 Train Show**

Co-chair Andy Busard reported that 81 tables were sold to date with an additional 8 tables being set aside for "free" usage for the MARP, Lego, Model Train Displays, or the MRHS. There have been some additional requests for tables in the last couple of days. It was discussed that using the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September conflicts with a large show in Toledo, so we may want to move the fall show date. Fliers also need to be developed for the spring show, which is scheduled for March of 2007.

## **Old Business**

### **Long Term Occupancy Agreement with the Muskegon Heritage Association.**

Discussion occurred regarding the MHA occupancy agreement. It was relayed that members of the MHA board would like to meet with MRHS members other than Kent McFaden, Jim Funnell and Andy Busard to discuss the agreement. It was determined that a meeting on October 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm will be set up to discuss the agreement. The board representation will be Thomas Anderson, Steve Bowyer and Thomas Van Bruggen from the MRHS and Terry, Bill and Bob from the MHA.

### **Adoption of New MRHS Policies**

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen presented for approval of the board the policies as developed by the Bylaws and Policies Committee. Discussion on several policies followed, including the Facility and Layout Change Policy, Donations Policy, Absentee & Proxy Ballot Policy and the Conduct Detrimental to the Society. It was determined by consensus that the Donations and Conduct Detrimental to the Society policies need further revision but that all other policies should be approved.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Thomas Van Bruggen to approve the following polices as presented:

MRHS Policies for Approval:

- Absentee and Proxy Ballots for Elections Policy
- Facility and Layout Changes and Alterations Policy
- Facility Key Distribution and Assignment Policy
- Financial Accounts Policy
- Library Usage, Acquisition and Material Check Out Policy
- Membership Definitions Policies
- Membership Dues and Special Assessments Policy
- Nominations for Election Policy
- Non Smoking Policy
- Visitors and Guests Policy

### **Motion Carried and Policies Adopted**

### **Grand Trunk Western Historical Society November Meeting**

It was noted that the GTWHS will be holding their Annual Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the MRHS facilities. The group will be riding the Coopersville & Marne and will meet at the MRHS facilities for the meeting and tours of our facilities.

### **December 2006 Elections Nomination Committee**

President Thomas Anderson called for the formation of a nominating committee. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen will chair the committee and Andy Busard also volunteered as a committee member. The committee will be announced at the October General Membership Meeting and requests for additional committee members will be requested.

### **O Gauge Locomotive Purchase**

It was reported that the O Gauge steam locomotive previously approved was not available and thus no purchase was made.

## **New Business:**

### **Picture Donation from Dave Stroebe**

Dave Stroebe donated four (4) large pictures of prior MRHS owned prototype equipment, including a picture of Dave's motorcar and the C&M crane, The Whitcomb and 5208, the 5208 initial start up after MRHS repairs, and another picture of the Whitcomb.

It was also noted that Dave donated records in relation to the Whitcomb to the Coopersville and Marne Railroad. Tom Anderson reported that the C&M does not have adequate storage space for records, and thus may request that the MRHS house them.

### **Coopersville & Marne Brakeman Training**

Thomas Anderson reported that Dave Stroebe is currently going through brakeman training for the Coopersville and Marne.

### **Door Signage**

Andy Busard suggested changing the signage on the MRHS front door to block out Saturday open dates as very few members have been present on Saturdays. Discussion followed and it was determined that the issues needs to be discussed at a General Membership Meeting.

### **Approved Absences of Board Members**

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen and Director at Large Jamey Morrison will be absent for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting

### **O Gauge Engine Purchase**

Kent McFaden reported that Jerry Tyler was offering an O gauge steam locomotive for \$600 and a BL2 Diesel Locomotive for \$250 to the MRHS prior to the offerings at the train show. Discussion followed regarding numerous topics regarding the purchase of the locomotives.

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Thomas Van Bruggen to offer to purchase the New York Central 2-8-2 Steam Locomotive for a price of \$300 for the use and running during open running sessions at the MRHS.

### **Motion Failed with a vote of 3 Yes 3 No and 1 Abstention**

Further Discussion regarding the locomotive purchase occurred.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Funnell to offer \$500 to Jerry Tyler for the same NYC 2-8-2 Locomotive as noted above.

A roll call vote was requested

Andy Busard: Yes

Jamey Morrison: Abstain

Jim Funnell: Yes

Jim Beal: Yes

Steve Bowyer: No

Thomas Van Bruggen: No

Tom Anderson: Not Voting

### **Motion Carried**

## **Adjournment of Board Meeting of September 19, 2006**

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Thomas Van Bruggen to adjourn the Board Meeting of September 19, 2006 at approximately 9:20 PM Motion Carried

## **Minutes submitted by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen**

## **Approved at the September 19, 2006 MRHS Board Meeting.**

## Treasurers Reports:

Account Balances  
As of 9/19/2006

Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$131.05
Cash Account	\$592.41
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$104.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$14,738.69
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$906.50
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$373.79
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$16,846.44
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$205.61
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$8,316.83
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	-\$8,316.83
Total Investment Accounts	\$8,077.18
Total Assets	\$24,923.62
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$24,923.62</b>

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category  
1/1/2006 through 9/19/2006

Category	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN E	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Income										
Donations	10.00									10.00
Dues	710.00	370.00	170.00	50.00	150.00		20.00		60.00	1,530.00
Flea Mkt-Fall06						36.00	54.00	162.00	900.00	1,152.00
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	(8,673.36)	8,699.14			112.82
Miscellaneous Club Sales	82.00	20.00	5.00			4.00				111.00
Other Income	30.00	27.50	65.00	19.00		5.00			8.00	154.50
Total Income	993.80	887.34	3,143.45	91.40	168.86	(8,628.36)	8,773.14	162.00	968.00	6,559.63
Expenses										
Advertisements	300.00									300.00
Annual Picnic							100.00	(530.00)		(430.00)
Building				1,249.99	318.13		135.42	(200.00)		1,503.54
City Fees					300.00					300.00
Copy_Machine								240.00		240.00
Flea Mkt-Fall 06			280.00					114.16		394.16
Flea Mkt-Spring 06		539.00	1,193.93							1,732.93
Layouts					70.10					70.10
Library		85.45		79.80					123.70	288.95
Miscellaneous						12.50	7.27	530.00		549.77
Newsletter	53.04	15.94	90.51	67.70	36.14	14.67	69.61		17.50	365.11
Office Expense		52.76	27.06	111.46	226.87	72.00	4.34		11.32	505.81
Party-in-Park-2006						50.00	194.90	(3,156.75)	696.74	(2,215.11)
Taxes									20.00	20.00
Utilities	163.96	252.99	406.81	168.08	37.37	221.90	29.97	165.00	108.86	1,554.94
Total Expenses	517.00	946.14	1,998.31	1,677.03	988.61	371.07	541.51	(2,837.59)	978.12	5,180.20
Income less Expenses	476.80	(58.80)	1,145.14	(1,585.63)	(819.75)	(8,999.43)	8,231.63	2,999.59	(10.12)	1,379.43

<b>Revenue</b>		
Starting Cash	7100	
Food Vendor Donations	200	
<b>Gross Beer &amp; Pop Sales</b>	<b>11612.25</b>	
Sub-total	11812.25	
Ending Cash	18222.25	
Amount deposited (less band + grannies)	17532.25	
<b>Income (less cash paymnts &amp; seed)</b>		<b>11122.25</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Beer - Tyler Sales	10577.2	
less - reimbursement for unused	8152.45	
Pop -	253	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2677.75</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Michigan Liquor Lic.	25	
Insurance Bond	50	
Liquor Liability Ins.	1276.63	
Rain Insurance	200	
* Live Music - Weezil Malone (cash)	650	
Police	615	
Private Security	533.07	
Porta-Jons	1210	
Ice	308	
City Park Rent	800	
Sales Tax	696.74	
* Granny Nannies (cash)	40	
Postage - reminder cards	24	
Tickets & Wrist Bands	100	
<b>Expense Total</b>		<b>6528.435</b>
<b>Operating Exp + Goods Sold</b>		\$ 9,206.19
<b>Income less Expenses</b>		\$ 1,916.07
<b>10 % over \$5000</b>		\$ -
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b>\$ 1,916.07</b>