

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Bowyer, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jamey Morrison
Jason Bach

Thomas Anderson, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell

Minutes of the March 20, 2007, MRHS Board of Director Meeting **President Steve Bowyer, Presiding**

The Board Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Steve Bowyer at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Bowyer, Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jamey Morrison, Jim Funnell, Jason Bach
Absent: None
Guests: Guests: Seven (7)

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2007 Board Meeting

Moved by Thomas Anderson and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the February 20, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes as presented and any corrections needing to be made to be brought to the secretary in due course.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2007 Special Board Meeting

Moved by Thomas Anderson and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the March 13, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes as presented and any corrections needing to be made to be brought to the secretary in due course.

Discussion: President Steve Bowyer recapped the issue of the building appraisal that was dealt with at the special meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Trains Magazine Renewal: Forwarded to Librarian and Treasurer
Michigan Historic Preservation Network Annual Conference Brochure: Forwarded to Librarian

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that the train show went very well. There are two (2) bills outstanding for the show, including the final payment for the arena. Andy noted that he is going to request that part of the arena bill is reduced due to the lack of lighting in one corner. Overall, there were 71 tables used, so the bill to the arena is approximately \$600 and Andy reported that he felt we would end up clearing approximately \$1500 from the show. Entrance fees collected were approximately \$1350 and 380 tickets were sold. Jamey Morrison reported that the Depot recorded 78 visitors, with which they were very pleased. Andy reported \$166.00 in club sales and \$69.50 in donations. All of the dealer's tables have been paid for, including two (2) last minute table additions at the show. Andy also wanted to make a special thank you to Dave Kindem and Alice Prins for manning the ticket sales table for the entire show.

Andy Busard reported as of 3/20/2007, we have collected \$950 in dues, approximately \$250 from calendar sales, and have spent \$622 in utilities. For the year, we are currently +\$2300.

Moved by Jamey Morrison and supported by Thomas Anderson to approve the treasurer's report as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Special Update:

It was inquired as to the status of Kevin Feasle, the N scale layout operator who had gotten sick at the show. Charlie Case reported that he is now back home as of Today (Tuesday) but more tests were to be done as they did not have a final answer as to what had happened.

Committee Reports

Layout Committees

O Gauge

O Gauge Chairman Kent McFaden reported that he assumed the layout ran fine over the weekend, as he had heard no complaints.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge Chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout is running good.

N Scale

N Scale Chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running great. Jason noted that we may need to buy new track switches to replace the double cross-over, as the 14 or so switches that were removed from the old layout have not been found.

Building

Building Chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was "still here." Jim reported that Jim Bach had finished installing the door alarm. For now, the siren feature is disconnected as the dual alarms conflict with each other. Jim Bach and Tom Anderson are looking into the situation. It was discussed that we need to add a switch to turn the system off for open houses. Jim Bach will add a keyed switch with pilot light to control the alarm system.

Historical Committee

Historical Committee Chairman Jim Funnell reported that he donated five (5) new books. The books donated are: UP Challengers (b/w & color), Anthracite Classics (color), EMD's GP18 (b/w & color), The Delaware & Hudson (color), and The Water Level Route (b/w). Jim also reported that the club purchased three (3) books: New York, Ontario & Western in Color, The Rutland in Color, and The Toledo, Peoria & Western in Color. Jim also noted that all prototype hard bound books have cover protective wraps completed.

Train Shows

The train show report was covered during the Treasurers Minutes

Program Committee

Kent McFaden arrived and reported he is finalizing the program for the April meeting.

Publicity Committee

Thomas Anderson reported and showed several Muskegon Chronicle Newspaper advertisements pertaining to the Spring Train Show. Tom also reported that he had a cameraman taping part of the show for an upcoming Cable Channel 97 report.

Donations Committee

Steve Bowyer requested an update on the Standard Gauge train donation. Kent McFaden reported that he did not know of anything new, but that Doc Radel had the train and was working on it.

Steve reported that during the open house, James Haggerty of 1233 Marcoux, Muskegon, MI 49442, donated an 1866 Farmers Section Map with Train Routs of the State of Michigan.

It was reported that Mrs. Verle Kersch donated Bob Kersch's uniform and hat on Saturday, March 17, 2007.

Steve Bower also reported that he was contacted during the open house about a DCC system, possibly an early Atlas system, that may be either donated or offered for sale. More details will be presented as they become available.

Editorial Committee

Thomas Van Bruggen reported he would be going to print with the April Newsletter on Monday, March 26, 2007. Tom also reported that he has been able to set up secure web hosting access so that members could post to selected areas of the website without compromising the MRHS web site. Utilizing two free-ware programs, Tom can assist any interested member in setting up web space.

Long Term Planning Committee

Jim Funnell, chair of the Long Term Planning Committee stated that there has not been any real progress or action on the resolutions of agreement. It was noted that the MHA will again meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, as usual, at 7:00 pm. It was also noted that there are now 3 open positions on the board of directors for the MHA, and that Fred Wilder was already planning on running for one of the spots.

News & Views

New Members

It was asked if there were any new members that joined at the open house. Thomas Van Bruggen, secretary reported that one new family membership was turned it at the open house.

Special Recognition of Volunteers at Train Show

Jamey Morrison extended a special thanks to all of the volunteers at the show.

Berry Junction Trail Project

Thomas Anderson reported that he had brought an MRHS calendar to the Berry Junction Trail committee. The committee was very surprised that we had the collection of photos of the area, and they would like to obtain copies for the Dalton Township Hall. Tom Anderson will follow up.

Pere Marquette Caboose at Depot

Thomas Anderson reported that while touring the caboose over the weekend, he noticed it needed to be thoroughly cleaned this spring.

Cheyenne Wyoming

Thomas Van Bruggen requested information from anyone who knows about railroading in Cheyenne Wyoming, as he will be traveling through the area this summer.

Train Fest in Altoona Pennsylvania

Steve Bowyer reported that Train Fest will be held in Altoona, PA this summer, including a ride across the Horseshoe Curve behind PRR E-8's. Steve will bring more information as it becomes available.

Old Business

Whitcomb Engine

Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville & Marne is working on their big locomotive, so the Whitcomb is on hold for a couple of weeks.

Switch Stand Installation

Thomas Anderson reported he still needs to obtain a picture of the proposed location of the switch stand to present to the City of Muskegon for review.

N Scale/Meeting Room Lighting

Jim Bach reported that he can move all 8 fluorescent light fixtures to circuit 10, and break up the system so that the front 4 lights turn on with 1 switch, 2 turn on with switch 2, and the last 2 are controlled by a third switch.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jamey Morrison to allow Jim Bach to rewire the N Scale/Meeting room lighting as discussed and noted in the minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

NMRA Meeting

Steve Bowyer reported that the NMRA meeting had 18 NMRA members. After touring the MRHS facilities, their meeting, and touring the Depot, the group visited Burt Apple's layout and all went well. Thomas Anderson reported that the NMRA group was very pleased. Tom also added that the NMRA group is looking for support as they try to secure the 2012 NMRA national convention.

25th Anniversary Railcars

Thomas Anderson reported that he and George Korienek are working on obtaining data and prices for the project.

New Business:

Request of Absence for April General Membership Meeting

Steve Bowyer reported that he would be absent at the April General Membership Meeting.

Fall MRHS Train Show

Steve Bowyer suggested to the Train Show Committee to consider holding the show on the Clipper. Andy Busard reported that he has a tentative date reserved with the Walker Arena Annex.

Work Room Tools

Jim Beal requested that if someone uses tools from the work room, they return them.

Pere Marquette Caboose Repairs

Kent McFaden requested that we formally work on the caboose to clean, repaint, and fix up the Pere Marquette Caboose. Kent feels it will need several sessions.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Funnell to appoint a special Caboose Restoration committee with Kent McFaden as chair.

Discussion:

It was asked about what responsibility the County has. Responses indicated that we actually agreed to maintain the caboose.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Jim Funnell and Steve Bowyer volunteered to serve on the committee.

Durand Union Station Election and Bylaws Ballot

Durand Union Station distributed a ballot for elections and approval of the proposed bylaw changes.

Steve Bowyer held the discussions and consensus was found for the election. Steve filled out the ballot and gave to Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen for mailing. The bylaws will be placed on file.

Spring Train Show Grand Door Prize

Thomas Anderson reported that the Grand Prize for the door prizes at the show was for \$40 in vouchers at the Coopersville & Marne. Michael Peoples of Grand Haven was selected for the Prize. Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen was to mail out the vouchers.

Old Meijer Gift Cards

Thomas Van Bruggen reported that over the weekend he found 4 old Meijer gift cards that we may want to use before the value is diminished. It was determined that Kent can use the cards to pick up pop for the club.

Rolls for April Meeting

Steve Bowyer asked for a volunteer to provide rolls for the April meeting. Jim Beal volunteered.

Adjournment of Board Meeting of March 20, 2007

Moved by Thomas Anderson and supported by Andy Busard to adjourn the Board Meeting of March 20, 2007. at 8:22pm

Motion Carried

Minutes submitted by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen**Treasurers Reports**

Account Balances	
As of 3/20/2007	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$ 45.92
Cash Account	\$ 241.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$ 124.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$ 8,022.05
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$ 908.03
Huntington Checking	\$ 5,945.79
Huntington Savings	\$ 5,000.00
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$ 375.01
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$ 20,662.66
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$ 304.75
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$ 7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$ 8,316.83
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Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	(8,316.83)
Total Investment Accounts	\$ 8,176.32
Total Assets	\$ 28,838.98
Net Worth	\$ 28,838.98

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category				
1/1/2007 through 3/24/2007				
	1/1/2007 -	2/1/2007 -	3/1/2007 -	
Category	1/31/2007	2/28/2007	3/24/2007	Total
Income				
Donations		\$ 3.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 25.50
Dues	\$ 580.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 950.00
Flea Mkt-Spring07	\$ 108.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 2,473.50	\$ 2,907.50
Food Sales			\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
Fund Raiser	\$ 124.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 267.00
Miscellaneous Club Sales		\$ 171.85		\$ 171.85
Other Income	\$ 35.00		\$ 53.00	\$ 88.00
Total Income	\$ 847.00	\$ 776.85	\$ 2,828.00	\$ 4,451.85
Expenses				
Building	\$ 17.55	\$ 18.68	\$ 3.17	\$ 39.40
Flea Mkt-Spring 07	\$ 39.00	\$ 245.15	\$ 376.70	\$ 660.85
Layouts		\$ 243.31		\$ 243.31
Library	\$ 30.00	\$ 137.79	\$ 128.00	\$ 295.79
Newsletter	\$ 36.11	\$ 53.14	\$ 17.50	\$ 106.75
Office Expense	\$ 43.44	\$ 79.39		\$ 122.83
Utilities		\$ 467.04	\$ 155.73	\$ 622.77
Total Expenses	\$ 166.10	\$ 1,244.50	\$ 681.10	\$ 2,091.70
Income less Expenses	\$ 680.90	\$ (467.65)	\$ 2,146.90	\$ 2,360.15