

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Allen Anderson
Kent McFaden*

*Vacant, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell*

Minutes of the July 12, 2005 General Membership Meeting

President Thomas Anderson, Presiding

The General Membership Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Thomas Anderson at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Jim Funnell, Kent McFaden, Thomas Van Bruggen
Absent: Andy Busard (excused-personal vacation),
Open Positions: Vice President, At Large Board of Director
Guests: No Guests: 16 Total Members

Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2005 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Robert J. Jackson to approve the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 7, 2005 as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Correspondence reported by the Secretary
United States Postal Customer Council Meeting Notice
The Lakes Mall "Time of Giving" Program: Saturday, November 19, 2005

Correspondence reported by the President
Cutler's Trains: Letter of thanks and membership application

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Robert J. Jackson to accept the Monthly Treasurers Report as presented by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer. Financial reports are attached to the end of these minutes.

Motion Carried

It was noted by President Tom Anderson that the club needs to have members step up and take over the purchasing of the rolls and snacks for meeting nights. This had always been taken care of by Robert Kersch. With Bob's passing a couple of months ago, this function has been neglected.

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was running great. Robert Jackson added that the layout was very popular with the Lion's Club that toured our facilities. Tom Anderson added that Kent is still looking for help with some wiring issues.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge acting chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout had no problems and was running good. Tom Anderson noted that the committee will need to elect a new chairman for the layout.

N Scale

N Scale chairman Steve Bowyer reported that the N Scale Layout was "N"aughty "N" "N"ice!

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that there had been some progress on repair of the wall in the N Scale/Meeting Room around the duct work. It will be a couple of weeks until this is completed due to delays that were caused by the traffic during Summer Celebration. Tom Anderson added that Jim was working on cleaning out the unfinished back room. The remaining old chairs that were in the back room have been donated to the Coopersville and Marne Railroad and Tom Anderson will deliver the chairs. Jim noted that plywood in the back room is available to members at no charge just to get it out of the room. There has been no progress on replacing the toilet in the bathroom.

Library

Library chairman Jim Funnell noted that a new shelf had been installed. Jim and Andy have been working on organizing and categorizing large amounts of local railroad history articles.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that he had been communicating with the Museum about the form regarding items on loan. The form is in the works and should be completed soon. It was noted by Jim Funnell that there are numerous prototype railroad tools in the back room that could be put on display at the Depot.

Fall 2005 MRHS Train Show

Train Show Co-chairman Jim Funnell reported that he and Andy sent out a 2nd notice to dealers about the show on July 11, 2005. There have been a few more tables sold.

Old Business

MRHS Information Postcards

Kent McFaden reported that 2000 color postcards have been printed by the MAISD. There have been cards distributed to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Chamber of Commerce denied us placing cards at their office because we are not members of the Chamber. Tom Anderson will speak with the Chamber.

Tour of the Club Facilities by the Lion's Club

President Thomas Anderson reported that we had 14 visitors from the Lion's tour our facilities. Tom, Jim Beal, and Robert Jackson hosted the group. Robert Jackson reported that one of the visitors was very excited about the club, and was impressed by the sounds of the layouts... the visitor was blind! Tom Anderson reported that many of the visitors left with membership forms in hand.

Bylaws Committee

President Thomas Anderson reported that the bylaws committee had meet and there has been considerable input regarding the bylaws and governing documents of the club. The committee will meet again in August.

Board Position Openings and Elections

President Thomas Anderson reported on the status of the open Vice President and Director positions on the MRHS Board. Elections are going to be held at the September 6, 2005 board meeting. If you or another member you know would be willing to serve on the board, please let a current board member know ASAP.

Visit from the Children's Reading Club at Hackley Library

President Thomas Anderson reported that a children's reading club will be visiting the club facilities on July 13, 2005 at 7:30 pm. The library is presenting a program about trains, and then the group will visit the club. The library is expecting about 42 children, and then numerous parents may attend as well. Robert Jackson volunteered to bring his Thomas the Tank Engine and Polar Express Train for the HO Layout.

New Business

Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge Meeting

President Thomas Anderson reported that Don Pratt will be presenting a Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program at the club on August 6, 2005. The program is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

Muskegon Railroad News

It was noted that it has been reported that CSX is selling the West Olive to Fremont Line to the Michigan Shore. Jim Funnell noted that the transition may occur as soon as September 9, 2005.

It was asked what the 2 flat cars at north yard were. It was stated that these are the remote control units that are used in the yard.

Coopersville and Marne Railroad

President Tom Anderson reported that the CMRR is exploring the option of handling some freight traffic on their line. Tom also reported that the Grand Traverse Dinner Train has been experiencing financial difficulties and there have been some very preliminary talks about the possibility of bringing the dinner train to Coopersville.

Adjournment of General Membership Meeting

Moved and supported to adjourn the General Membership Meeting of July 12, 2005 at 7:34 PM

Program

Jim Funnell presented the program on the Ohio Central Railroad

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Attachments Following:

- 1. Account Balances Report**

Minutes Submitted by:

Thomas Van Bruggen, MRHS Secretary

Minutes to be approved at the September 6, 2005 General Membership Meeting

Revised Account Balances	
As of 7/10/2005	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	58.62
Cash Account	256.18
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	88.41
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	1038.03
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4715.45
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	6527.85
Investment Accounts	
Muskegon School Em Invest (Cash)	314.98
Muskegon School Em Investment #2	7532.44
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	381.14
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8102.49
Total Investment Accounts	16331.05
Total Assets	22858.9
Net Worth	22858.9