

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jim Beal
Kent McFaden

Chuck Tompkins, Vice President
Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary
Jim Funnell

Minutes of the December 6, 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 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Jim Beal, Andy Busard, Jim Funnell, Kent McFaden, Chuck Tompkins, Thomas Van Bruggen
Absent: None
Guests: Zero (0) Guests

Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2005 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Kent McFaden and supported by Jim Funnell to approve the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of November 1, 2005 as presented by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Michigan Historic Preservation Network:
2006 Conference: April 20-22, 2006
Joint Archives of Holland
Thank You for Support at Researcher Level: we will start receiving newsletter and tax receipt coming
ShopForOurMuseum.org
Solicitation for membership.
Historic Pullman Foundation
Candlelight House Walk: December 10, 2005
Carstens Publications: Railfan & Railroad Magazine Renewal
Set to expire May of 2006: Renewal form to Librarian
West Michigan Postal Customer Council
Holiday Gala at Gerald R. Ford Museum. Speaker Robert Hart
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Michigan Nonprofit SuperConference 2006: May 2-3, 2006 Sheraton Detroit Novi

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Robert Jackson to accept the Monthly Treasurers Report as presented by Treasurer Andy Busard.

Motion Carried

It was noted by Treasurer Andy Busard that we are nearing the end of the year and thus the end of the budget cycle. The only area we appear to have over expended was in the area of the Picnic, which was because of the train ride on the Coopersville & Marne.

The reports of the treasury are attached at the end of these minutes.

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge chairman Kent McFaden reported that everything was running good. They are working on "putting stuff back the way it was" in reference to the wiring and putting all the switches and wiring back to the correct control panel(s). There was a train wreck that occurred at the open house.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout was running as usual. Jim indicated that he still needed to contact Allen Anderson about operating the DCC. Jim also mentioned that he would like to see the layout fixed so that all three (3) lines do not run together. President Thomas Anderson added that anyone that is knowledgeable and willing to help would be appreciated.

N Scale

N Scale chairman Steve Bowyer reported the layout is either "Naughty or Nice, to correspond with the season, but we're not telling."

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was "still here" and that no work has been done in the back room, as it is too cold back there. Jim also reported that he has not had time to paint the meeting room wall, but the supplies are on hand.

Library

Library chairman Jim Funnell reported that he and Andy Busard are still sorting books and subdividing categories. The missing Canadian National book has shown up. It was misfiled into a different section over by the modeling books. Hugh Hornstein has autographed his book, "The Haywire."

Equipment

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the forms were at the print shop. Kent McFaden reported that he picked up the forms and they are now at the club.

Spring 2006 MRHS Train Show

Train Show Co-chairman Andy Busard reported that the first four (4) tables had been sold. More activity will occur after the first of the year.

Presidents Annual Report

President Thomas Anderson took time to report on the "State of MRHS" for 2005. The report primarily outlined activities and events by month for the previous year. The report was read, and President Anderson's notes for the report are as follows:

December 2004:

- Great open houses, including an HO Polar Express train from combined effort of Robert Jackson and Bob Kersch.

- Elections and a new Board of Directors

- Income from the sale of Lakes Mall wrist bands for a shopping day

January 2005:

- Removed the duct covering in the meeting/n scale room.

- 2005 budget approved

- NMRA meeting hosted by MRHS on January 29, with three member layout tours and open house at MRHS

- Padded chairs purchased

February 2005:

- Hackley Park Christmas Train Display discussed and concept of fixing up for 2005 display

- Jim Funnell and Kent McFaden volunteered to follow through on the 2005 spring train show.

- Inventory began on all MRHS collections not housed at the MRHS facilities

March 2005:

- Spring 2005 train show netted approximately \$1400

- Donation Depot at top of stairs was stolen

April 2005:

- Nine (9) members of MRHS assisted with track work on the Coopersville & Marne Railroad

- Long time members Robert Kersch and Bill Cartwright passed away

May 2005:

- Postcards were designed for the MRHS. These cards are available for sale.

June 2005:

- Bylaws and Policies committee formed

- Donation station was repaired and rebuilt by Doc Radel

July 2005:

- Muskegon Lions and Hackley Library groups had tours of the MRHS facilities

- Information card designed as a free informative card to pass out or distribute to other tourist places (i.e.: CVB)

August 2005:

- Don Pratt hosted a Boy Scout Merit Badge program

- MRHS held the annual outing at the Coopersville and Marne Railroad with a chartered hobo bindle train ride with 61 attendees

September 2005:

- A major HO Layout donation was made by Tom Burr. Some of the items were utilized as club property, then items offered to members, then to public at shows. The donation netted over \$1000 to the MRHS

- Fall train show chaired by Jim Funnell and Andy Busard. The Lego club returned and the show netted over \$2300 for the MRHS

- Donation and Loan forms updated by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

October 2005:

- Lakes mall coupon book sales began

- Hackley Park Christmas Train display obtained for repairs

November 2005:

- MRHS member Jamie Morrison organized created and displayed information about the MRHS at the Holland Train Show. The display resulted in a video interview with Calvin College.

December 2005:

- Hackley Park Train Display mostly repaired for display over at the Depot.

- Holiday Open Houses for three (3) weekends

- Elections held for a new board of directors

- 2006 MRHS calendars developed for fund raising effort

Overall, many visitors came to the MRHS throughout the year. Numerous donations of all kinds were received. The MRHS went through a difficult time that only time will tell if correct actions were taken.

President Thomas Anderson closed his remarks with thanks to the Board and all members who contributed this past year.

Old Business

Hackley Park Train Display

Kent McFaden reported that three (3) of the four (4) pieces of the display have been completed. Approximately 80 light bulbs have been replaced. The last piece of the display need larger amounts of work, and will not be ready this year, as it needs to be totally rebuilt. Kent is working on contacting County personnel to have the display placed on the Depot property.

NMRA Division 4 Meet

President Thomas Anderson is communicating with the NMRA club and will report back as developments occur.

Lakes Mall Coupon Book Sales

President Thomas Anderson reported that the sale of Lakes Mall coupon books has finished. The sale brought in approximately \$65.00 to the MRHS

MRHS Holiday Open House

President Thomas Anderson reported that the MRHS will be hosting holiday open houses for two more weekends. The open houses will be on December 10 and 11, and again on December 17 and 18. We need volunteers to help run the layouts and welcome visitors.

Bylaws and Policies Committee

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Bylaws and Policies committee is working hard and will be meeting again on December 13, 2005. If you have anything you would like addressed about the MRHS, talk with a committee member.

Donation of Wooden Train Model

Kent McFaden reported that Noel Black is still waiting for an appraisal of the models. The model is approximately G gauge.

Placemat Advertising

Jim Beal reported that he had spoken with Denise Baker, who is in charge of the placemat advertising program. Samples of the advertisement were to be available last week, but Jim and Denise did not make contact. Jim will now have the placemat sample by December 7, 2005 at 12 noon. President Thomas Anderson added that the advertisement is for the MRHS and will include information about the Spring 2006 show.

New Business

Points for Profit Program

President Thomas Anderson introduced and Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen explained the Points for Profit program. Treasurer Andy Busard expounded with additional details.

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Chuck Tompkins to participate in the Points for Profit Program.

Discussion:

Start date of program is January, 2005.

Motion Carried

President Thomas Anderson to contact Stan Brown about the program.

MRHS Calendar

President Thomas Anderson reported on and showed a sample of a MRHS 2006 calendar. The calendar is going to be produced and printed by the MAISD. Cost of the calendars will be \$10.00 each, and the proceeds will go entirely to the MRHS. The calendar features color photographs of The Grand Trunk Railroad in Muskegon, MRHS layout photos, and a MRHS library photo. Also included at the back of the calendar is a membership form.

Election of 2006 Board of Directors

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen officiated the election for the 2006 Board of Directors. 26 total ballots were distributed and collected. Results of the election for the 2006 MRHS Board of Directors is as follows: Note: underlined candidate received the highest vote totals and was awarded the position, and the number following the name is the number of votes received)

President:	<u>Thomas Anderson: 25</u>	Write In: Leo Duester 1
Vice President:	<u>Steve Bowyer: 14</u>	Kent McFaden: 8 Chuck Tompkins: 4
Treasurer:	<u>Andy Busard: 16</u> Write In: Jack Kolbe: 1	Write In: Allen Anderson: 7 Abstentions: 2
Secretary:	Jason Bach: 3	<u>Thomas Van Bruggen: 23</u>
Board of Directors:	<u>Jim Beal: 22</u> Robert Jackson: 12 Write In: Kent McFaden: 1	<u>Jim Funnell: 15</u> <u>Jamie Morrison: 22</u> Abstentions: 6

The election count and verification was performed by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen, and members Burt Apple and Hugh Hornstein.

50/50 Raffle

Bob King was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and took home \$7.00.

Adjournment of the December 6, 2005 General Membership Meeting

The December 6, 2006 meeting of the MRHS General Membership adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Program

Pere Marquette/C&O Car Ferries: A Video Presentation
Video Footage by Doug Goodhue

Minutes submitted by Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society

Minutes to be approved at the January 3, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Account Balances	
As of 12/1/2005	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$103.72
Cash Account	\$272.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$44.99
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$782.26
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$4,720.79
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$6,295.78
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$61.67
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$8,189.62
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	\$381.14
Total Investment Accounts	\$16,504.00
Total Assets	\$22,799.78
Net Worth	\$22,799.78

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category													
1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005													
Category	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Total
Income													
Copy Machine		18.05				14.84							32.89
Donations	1000			112				1	420.1	6		5.5	1544.6
Dues	440	370	170	160	60	20	120	80	40	120	140	230	1950
Flea Mkt-Fall05						108		840	2805.25				3753.25
Flea Mkt-Spring05	288	502	2134.25	36									2960.25
Flea Mkt-Spring06												72	72
Food Sales	1.58						38.54						40.12
Investment Income	31.14	30.42	29.45	29.68	28.78	29.78	35.83	19.54	19.39	17.12	17.73		288.86
Layout		10											10
Library Sales				5.75			20						25.75
Miscellaneous Club Sales	6	60						1		5	2	4	78
Other Income	8	7	8	7.5	6	7		366	93.5	6		12	521
Income - Unassigned									0				0
Total Income	1774.72	997.47	2341.7	350.93	94.78	179.62	214.37	1307.54	3378.24	154.12	159.73	323.5	11276.72
Expenses													
Advertisements										140			140
Annual Picnic								590					590
Building		16.59	3	75.13	354				23.94		22.49		495.15
Flea Mkt-Fall 05		70		37				25.53	1310.07				1442.6
Flea Mkt-Spring 05	35	108.27	1104.35										1247.62
Flea Mkt-Spring 06									309.64				309.64
Gifts	75												75
Layouts		138.6						140			145	10.59	434.19
Library		38.89	161.45		79.95			22.78	190	135.6	34.95	79	742.62
Membership/Society Fees											25		25
Miscellaneous			20.44	74.43					20	4.69		10.59	130.15
Newsletter	60.38	46.38	13.75	68.08	61.76	34.12	49.59	50.68	67.24	199.88		83.98	735.84
Office Expense	19.77	78.95	41.58	84.99	98		498	42.37	1.85	74.83	49.81		990.15
Petty Cash			-240.65										-240.65
Rent - MHA										960			960
Utilities	212.57	108.2	229.39	245.17	89.33	112.6		282.61		210.03	71.56	52.67	1614.13
Total Expenses	402.72	605.88	1333.31	584.8	683.04	146.72	547.59	1153.97	1922.74	1725.03	348.81	236.83	9691.44
Income less Expenses	1372	391.59	1008.39	233.87	588.26	32.9	333.22	153.57	1455.5	1570.91	189.08	86.67	1585.28