

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 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, Steve Bowyer, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Jamie Morrison
Absent: None
Guests: Three (3) guests of Bill Hyma: Don (brother) and wife Linda, and Bill's wife Jean.

Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2005 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Dale Gregory to approve the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of December 6, 2005 as presented by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

None to report

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

It was reported by Treasurer Andy Busard that for the prior year (2005), the MRHS had a total account balance of \$20856.06. Andy then discussed the budget allocations and expenditures for the year prior:

Account	2005 Budgeted	Actual
Donations	\$1200	\$2154
Dues	\$2800	\$2500
CD Interest	\$0	\$306
Train Shows	\$6100	\$6075
Fund Raisers	\$100	\$247
Library Cash Donations	\$0	\$25
Club Sales	\$0	\$378
Open House Donations	\$	\$204
Income Totals	\$10200.00	\$11889.00

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

Motion Carried

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

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was still running pretty good and there were no complaints.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout was running "so far, so good." Jim still needs to work on learning the DCC. Jim also commented that he would still like to be able to have 3 separate lines running independently.

N Scale

N Scale chairman Steve Bowyer reported the layout had "no problems- none." The N scale members are working on an attempt to run 4 100 car trains at the same time.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that he had painted the wall in the meeting/N scale room. He also has done some touch up and clean up in the bathroom.

Library

Library chairman Jim Funnell reported that he and Andy Busard are still working on organizing newspaper articles. Jim stated that Andy keeps bringing in new articles. President Thomas Anderson reported that he has obtained a copy of the CSX Operating Rules and will donate it once he has finished reading them. Jim reported that other donations are being cataloged.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that the forms for donations and loans were now available. Tom also mentioned that the entire inventory of the MRHS will eventually be placed on these forms. Tom then stated that the layout inventories need to be completed. Kent McFaden reported that the O Gauge inventory has been completed.

Spring 2006 MRHS Train Show

President Thomas Anderson requested a report on the spring train show, but first requested that the term "flea market" no longer be used to refer to the show. Andy Busard, co-chair of the spring show reported that one (1) dealer has purchased four (4) tables to date. There will be a mailing out to dealers in January. Jason Bach volunteered to take show fliers to hobby shops.

Mike Wood commented regarding a possible radio commercial. Contacts that Mike has could get us 28 radio spots on WMUS and 101.7 and placement on a web site for a community calendar for less than \$500. President Thomas Anderson requested that Mike bring the information to the board on January 17th and the general membership indicated that it was a potentially good opportunity.

Old Business

MRHS/MHA Holiday Train Display

President Thomas Anderson reported that three (3) of the four (4) display pieces are on display at the Depot. They are set up but are not plugged in and thus do not have operating lights. Thomas Van Bruggen commented that the display needs to be reinforced and staked down to hold the display up. Tom Anderson reported that this would occur for next year. The display still needs to be totally rebuilt during 2006. Mike Wood volunteered to assist in the rebuilding.

December Open Houses

President Thomas Anderson reported that approximately \$65 in donations occurred at the open houses. General member comments included that there were a fair number of visitors, but the 3rd weekend was very slow. Kent McFaden reported that the Hackley/Hume Home tours had very low attendance this year as well. Jim Beal reported that he met with a couple from Gibraltar over the previous weekend that were very interested in the MRHS.

2006 MRHS Calendar

Andy Busard reported that the MRHS is selling calendars for 2006. The cost for each calendar is \$10.00. The calendars have already been sent for a second printing. About 20 calendars are still available.

Placemat Advertising

President Thomas Anderson reported that he and Jim Beal had been working on this, and that the advertisement had not yet been printed but a proof was being printed.

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Dale Gregory to have 14,000 placemats printed each month for 3 months for distribution at 21 local restaurants at a cost of \$300.00.

Motion Carried

Bylaws and Policies Committee

The committee continues to make progress and will be meeting next Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM. If you have comments or concerns, please address them with a committee member or bring them to the meeting.

Points for Profit Program

President Thomas Anderson reviewed the program and noted some of the details. Thomas Van Bruggen referenced the list of businesses as shown in the January 2006 MRHS Mainline Newsletter

NMRA Division 4 Meeting Visit

Thomas Anderson reported that no additional information has been secured as to a future meeting of the NMRA here in Muskegon. He will report as details are solidified.

Video Projection System

The board is still collecting information regarding video projection systems. Additional information will be passed along as it becomes available.

Coffee/Pop/Rolls for Meetings

Thomas Anderson requested that volunteers assist in providing this service to the club. If anyone is willing to assist, please contact the board. Tom commented that members getting involved will help lighten the load for everyone.

New Business

Coopersville and Marne restoration of 5208 and Witcomb Engines

Thomas Anderson reported that these projects may be occurring through the Coopersville & Marne Railroad. People have expressed interest in seeing these engines returned to their working state. For now, this is just in the investigation stages, but they are looking for potential interested parties to work on the engines. If the projects occur, they could start as early as spring 2006. The Witcomb engine is owned by Brad Anderson but the C&M has offered to buy it for \$500. 5208 is a NW-2 switcher engine that has been cannibalized to some degree. It will need new seals as well as other work. If interested, please contact Tom Anderson.

The Little Engine That Could

Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville and Marne Railroad will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2009. They are investigating the possibility of bringing in the Little Engine that Could for special runs. This is very preliminary, and would require a financial commitment of \$35,000 from the C&M to bring in the engine. This is mentioned only for the purpose of the potential of the MRHS to work with the C&M if this even occurs.

2006 Membership Dues

Treasurer Andy Busard and Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that dues are due in January. To date, 60 memberships had been paid. Thomas Van Bruggen stated that membership cards will be included in the February 2006 MRHS Mainline newsletter. Name badges will be printed up at the same time. Thank you to all that have already paid their membership, and to those that have not, please get your membership dues in soon.

MRHS Open House and Presentation to the Y's Club

Thomas Anderson and Chuck Tompkins reported that on Thursday, January 26, 2006, the Wise Club will be visiting the MRHS from approximately 12:30pm to 1:30pm. We will need volunteers to run the layouts if possible.

Adjournment of the January 2, 2006 General Membership Meeting

The January 6, 2006 meeting of the MRHS General Membership adjourned at 8:07 PM.

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held

Program

The Last Steam Train from Durand to Detroit
Presented by Nick Korstrange

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

Minutes approved at the February 7, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Account Balances	
As of 1/2/2006	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	68.99
Cash Account	1075.26
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	44.99
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	534.89
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	4720.79
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	6816.08
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	61.67
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	7871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	8189.62
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	381.14
Total Investment Accounts	16504
Total Assets	23320.08
Net Worth	23320.08