

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Minutes of the April 7, 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, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Jamey Morrison (tardy)
Absent: Steve Bowyer
Guests: Stan Brown and his wife, from Points for Profit

Presentation and Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Dale Gregory to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2006 General Membership Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen

Maritime Grand Haven Book announcement
Postal Customer Council Event
Business Registration for the City of Muskegon (forwarded to treasurer for application and payment if needed)
Historic Preservation Conference Program

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that to date we have 111 paid memberships. The board has authorized the expenditure of \$1350 for a digital video projector which will occur in the near future. One concern in the budget is that year to date, the utilities have cost approximately \$823, and we are only three (3) months into the year. For the year to date, income totals \$5054 and expenses are \$3350.

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Rhett Sease 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.

Special Presentation

Points for Profit Program Update by Stan Brown

Stan Brown, coordinator for the Points for Profit Program presented a program update and answered questions regarding the program. Some of the discussion included ways to earn additional points. For example, by having Stan present to us for the night, we earned 500,000 points plus 10,000 points per member attending (26) for a total of 760,000. To date, the MRHS is doing a fair job thanks to only a few members. If everyone would just turn in a receipt or two, the points will add up quickly.

Stan noted two major areas for improvement:

1. More shopping and receipt turn in: everyone can find a place in the businesses to buy something and turn in the receipts.
2. Mini Trade Fair Participation: The next meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2006 with the theme of spring and the color of Yellow. These are very important events because they provide the opportunity for large amounts of bonus points.

A couple of new businesses have been added, and the business list is pretty full. There may be one or two additional businesses added. The program will end in July for this first program year, and it will be continuing. Payment for all points will occur in July, and we have earned at least \$145 which will be doubled at the program end. It was also noted that each month's "competition" is new, so if we have one down month, and then one good month, each is treated separately so we can do very well.

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was running good.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout "humming along."

N Scale

N Scale chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running ok but attention needs to be paid when running metal wheel sets as they can stall out and short in the frogs of the switches.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that no work had been performed recently. More work will occur as the weather warms up and as he has more time.

Library

Library chairman Jim Funnell reported that the four (4) new books had been received. The books are "Classic American Railroads (Vol I), "More Classic American Railroads (Vol II)," "Classic American Railroads Volume III," and the "New York, Ontario and Western in the Diesel Age."

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson stated that there was nothing new to report. The O gauge has been inventoried, but the HO and N scale layouts and collections still need to be inventoried. The collections at the Depot and MHA are completed, but the collections at the MRHS club facility still need to be completed.

Spring 2006 MRHS Train Show

Andy Busard, co-chair of the spring show reported that the close of the books for the Spring 2006 Train Show has been done. The Arena billed us for the two (2) tables in the front entry, which they had never done before, so he had disputed that billing and paid the remaining amount due. Discussion and comparison of the financials for the last three (3) spring shows occurred, and these reports and graphs are included at the end of the minutes. It was estimated that we had attendance of 450 at the show and 250 at the club.

Old Business

Division 4 North Central Region NMRA Meeting Visit

Thomas Anderson reported that on March 25, 2006 we hosted the NMRA North Central Region Division 4 meeting. There were approximately 20 members from that club and 8 to 10 members of the MRHS at the meeting. They held their program, toured our layouts and then the groups toured Doug and Pat Frishett's beautiful N scale layout. Special thanks to Doug and Pat for hosting the groups and providing a wonderful lunch.

Roll Purchases for Club Meetings

President Thomas Anderson requested volunteers to pick up the rolls for the General Membership Meetings as Jim Beal has done it for the last couple of months. Ken Kadrovich will pick up the rolls for the next meeting.

Web Site Development

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that the board had approved and he has purchased a web site hosting package and domain name for the club. The new domain is www.mrhs-online.org and the new site should be up and running by Saturday, April 08, 2006.

MRHS Mainline Newsletter

President Thomas Anderson thanked Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen for his work on the newsletter, which continues to provide great information each month.

Video Projection System

President Thomas Anderson reported that the board approved the expenditure for a video projection system that Andy Busard and Kent McFaden had researched. Andy reported that the purchase will occur soon and the projector should be ready for use by the summer.

HO Layout Committee Meeting

President Thomas Anderson reported that there will be a HO Committee Meeting at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Discussion will occur in regards to changing or altering the layout. If you are interested in the layout, please be at the committee meeting.

Parties in the Park

The MRHS does have an upcoming Party in the Park for July 28, 2006. President Thomas Anderson volunteered to be the co-chair for the party, but we need volunteers and an additional co-chair. This is a great money maker for the club, and more details will be provided at a later date.

Bylaws and Policies Committee

Committee chair Thomas Van Bruggen presented the final revisions of the bylaws to the membership and updated them as to the additional wording added to the section of the bylaws regarding future amendments to the bylaws.

Moved by Len Allman and supported by Jason Bach to approve the new MRHS Bylaws as presented.

Motion Carried

Bylaws will be posted on the web site.

The committee will continue to meet in the next couple of months regarding the policies.

Vandalism of Andy Busard's Vehicle

Andy Busard stated that his car was vandalized following the March General Membership Meeting. He requested that if anyone knew anything or saw it occur, that they talk with him.

New Business

Coopersville and Marne Press Release

President Thomas Anderson read a press release regarding activities on the Coopersville and Marne Railroad for the Spring of 2006.

Sparta Depot and the West Michigan Railroad Historical Society

Jim Funnell reported that the Sparta Depot, which was up for sale, has been purchased by the City of Sparta and will be preserved. They will continue to allow the building to be used by the West Michigan Railroad Historical Society, which will help maintain the building. The building and land are now part of a Historical District designation by the city.

Michigan Shore Railroad

Ken Kadrovich reported that the Michigan Shore has #180 running again. The hood has been reinstalled, but it still needs more work. Ken also reported that the engines will someday be repainted into the blue and white Mid Michigan Railroad scheme.

Gerber Rail Services

The status of service to Gerber in Fremont was questioned, as local trains do not seem to be as regular to their. Full specifics were not know, but apparently the do not run a regular train to Fremont, but only make the run as needed and requested by Gerber.

Amtrak Spring Break Special Pere Marquette Train

It was noted that Amtrak ran a special longer train for the spring break week on the Pere Marquette Line from Grand Rapids to Chicago for this week.

Railroad Art Print Donation and Silent Auction

A historic railroad art print has been donated, and it was determined that a silent auction will be held to act as a fund raiser for the MRHS. Details will be forthcoming.

Adjournment of the April 4, 2006 General Membership Meeting

The April 4, 2006 meeting of the MRHS General Membership adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held with special drawings for C&M RR passes and a Fury hockey game ticket.

Program

Under Sea Detectives: The Car Ferry Milwaukee Sinking
Presented by Kent McFaden and Andy Busard

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

Minutes to be approved at the May 2, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Treasurers Reports

Account Balances	
As of 4/1/2006	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$ 150.51
Cash Account	\$ 260.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$ 98.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$ 815.89
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$ 6,867.33
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$ 371.16
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$ 8,563.75
Investment Accounts	
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468)	\$ 142.83
14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash)	\$ 7,871.57
Muskegon School Emp C Investment	\$ 8,258.58
Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash)	\$ 381.14
Total Investment Accounts	\$ 16,654.12
Total Assets	\$ 25,217.87
Net Worth	\$ 25,217.87

Spring Train Show	2004	2005	2006
Subcategory			
Income Categories			
Club table	168.75	215.25	193
Donations	70	43	76.25
Entrance fees	1649.84	1160	1780
Table fees	1622	1542	1458
Total Flea Mkt	\$3,510.59	\$2,960.25	\$3,507.25
Expense Categories			
Administration	288.12	301.35	325.45
Advertising	25	25	525
Hall Rental	880	800	795
Printing	137.68	108.27	143.37
Postage	n/r	87.5	93.75
Table refund	144	178	180
Total Flea Mkt	\$1,474.80	\$1,500.12	\$2,062.57
Grand Total	\$2,035.79	\$1,460.13	\$1,444.68

