

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Thomas Anderson, President
Andy Busard, Treasurer
Jim Beal
Jamey Morrison*

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

Minutes of the July 11, 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 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Steve Bowyer, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Beal, Jim Funnell, Jamey Morrison
Absent: None
Guests: 1 Guest- Jim Brondyke from Holland, MI

Presentation and Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Steve Bowyer and supported by Andy Busard to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2006 General Membership Meeting as presented with revisions as noted during the presentation of the minutes.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Reported by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Note from Norman Knauf in response to the Grand Trunk Car Ferries articles running in the newsletter (read aloud)
25th Anniversary Sticker Seals Offer

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard presented the financial reports as of July 11, 2006. Andy noted that for the year, we have had an income of \$5370.84 with expenditures of \$6630.74, ending in a difference of \$1259.90. Of special note is the cost of utilities, which has totaled \$1251.11 for the year. Andy also noted that one CD has matured and was not rolled over at this time due to the need for seed money for the Party in the Park. It was also noted that interest earned per month on the CD's totals approximately \$20 to \$21.

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 is still here and that it ran fine over the past weekend and during the library group tour.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge chairman Jim Beal reported that the gray and yellow lines are running fine, but the white line is still not running. Several track switches still need to be replaced due to the throw bars being broken.

N Scale

N Scale chairman Jason Bach was absent. Steve Bowyer reported that the layout was still here and running.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that no work had been done recently on the building. There have been very few people around to assist in working on projects. Jim reported that Jim Bach has completed the wiring for the video projection system. It was also noted that the Air Conditioning system was not operating, and Jim Bach was looking at the system during the meeting.

Library

Library chairman Jim Funnell reported that several little projects are ongoing in the library, including wrapping book covers in protective film and working on local articles of interest. No recent book or videos have been obtained.

Equipment

President Thomas Anderson stated that there was nothing new to report, but asked if anyone knew if a window was broken out in the caboose. When he drove by, he did not see a reflection or glare in the area of one of the windows. No one seemed to be able to confirm the inquiry.

Special Committee Reports

Party in the Park

President Thomas Anderson reported that he and a couple of other members attended a mandatory meeting regarding the party. So far this year, the Parties have been averaging between \$9000 and \$9500 net profit for the groups involved, which is much higher than past years. It was noted that we need lots of people at the beginning to check ID's. Tom also reported that several groups have offered volunteers to assist us, but we are still waiting on names. Tom was not sure if we have secured the inflatable climbing wall for this year. We need many more volunteers, so please sign up to help us out.

Fall 2006 MRHS Train Show

Andy Busard, co-chair of the fall 2006 train show, reported that five (5) additional tables were sold today, and there have been additional dealers signing up.

Special Business Presentation: Shoreline Insurance for the Points for Profit Program

Wade Rumley and Amanda Shephard from Shoreline Insurance presented their company as part of the Points for Profit Program. They highlighted changes in the insurance industry, and answered questions from members regarding insurance. MRHS members can have their policy reviewed and a quote created for 200,000 points. Then, if a policy is written, the cost of the policy can be claimed for points for up to 200 points per dollar.

Old Business

Wooden Train Display Donation by Noel Black

President Thomas Anderson reported that the train display donated by Noel Black has been acquired and arrangements for display at the depot are in progress.

Grand Trunk Western Historical Society Archives Storage

President Thomas Anderson and Andy Busard reported that we are working with the Grand Trunk Western Historical Society to work out an arrangement where the MRHS houses the GTWHS archives. This request was made by the GTWHS as they are losing their space for storage at the Durand Depot. Further information will be made available as the agreement develops.

Grand Trunk Western Historical Society Meeting

Andy Busard reported that the GTWHS annual meeting will be held at the MRHS facilities on November 4, 2006, and then a ride on the Coopersville & Marne Railroad will occur.

Long Term Lease Agreement with the Muskegon Heritage Association

Andy Busard and Thomas Anderson reported that we are working with the MHA to develop a long term lease agreement for utilization of the current facilities. A draft agreement has been distributed and is being reviewed. The MRHS board of directors has decided that before any further work is performed on the facility, that a long term agreement is in place.

Hackley Library Children's Reading Program Visit

President Thomas Anderson reported the Hackley Library group visited the MRHS on Monday, July 10, 2006. Approximately 60 children and parents visited, and the tour went very well. Many of the kids had to be "bribed" with ice cream by their parents to get them home.

Witcomb Engine of the Coopersville & Marne Railroad

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville & Marne Railroad supervisors are reviewing their options regarding the restoration/repair of the Witcomb Engine. Additional details will be presented as they develop.

Coopersville & Marne Railroad Track Work

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville & Marne Railroad will be holding a track work day on July 22, 2006. Any help is very much appreciated and work will start at 9:00 AM at the Spring Lake Building, which is near the engine house of the C&M RR

Coopersville & Marne Bid for Grand Traverse Dinner Train Equipment

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville & Marne Railroad bid was supposedly overbid by an unknown party by approximately \$50,000. There has been no bid deposit returned however, so the status is not known.

New Business

August 1, 2006 General Membership Meeting: Annual Outing

President Thomas Anderson reported that the August General Membership Meeting will again be a ride on the Coopersville and Marne Railroad. Details are still coming, so check your newsletter for details and how to reserve a spot.

Michigan Shore Operations Update

Ken Kadrovich reported that the Michigan Shore recently replaced approximately 1600 ties south of Grand Haven. Also, a concrete beam has been placed under the trestle over the Grand River in Grand Haven. The #180 locomotive is at North Yard with a burned out generator. #179 is scheduled for inspection on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 and should then be available for use, and #180 will go back in the shop for repairs. In the future, all the engines will be painted in the blue and white Mid Michigan scheme, but the switcher should be staying in the red/white Michigan Shore scheme until the point where the paint has faded and needs to be repainted.

Purchase and Relocation of Ann Arbor Caboose

Jamey Morrison reported that Depot Antiques in Spring Lake has purchased an Ann Arbor caboose and will relocate it to their store. The caboose will be repainted into a Grand Trunk scheme, as the caboose is similar to the Grand Trunk cabooses and the Depot Antiques building was an old Grand Trunk depot that was previously relocated.

MichiganRailroads.com Posting

It was noted that a MichiganRailroads.com posting had a report that pushers were again going to be used on the coal trains that are en route to Consumers in West Olive.

Adjournment of the May 2, 2006 General Membership Meeting

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

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held.

Program

The Pikes Peak Railroad video presentation was shown.

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

Minutes approved at the September 5, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Treasurers Reports

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| Account Balances | |
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| As of 7/11/2006 | |
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| Account | Total |
| Assets | |
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| Bank and Cash Accounts | |
| Bulk Mail | \$ 95.21 |
| Cash Account | \$ 127.40 |
| CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls | \$ 104.00 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Checking | \$ 9,139.38 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Savings | \$ 4,367.33 |
| Muskegon School Emp CU Savings | \$ 373.79 |
| Total Bank and Cash Accounts | \$14,207.11 |
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| Investment Accounts | |
| 14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) | \$ 205.61 |
| 14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) (Cash) | \$ 7,871.57 |
| Muskegon School Emp C Investment | \$ 8,316.83 |
| Muskegon School Emp C Inv (Cash) | \$ (8,316.83) |
| Total Investment Accounts | \$ 8,077.18 |
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| Total Assets | \$22,284.29 |
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| Net Worth | \$22,284.29 |

| Monthly Income and Expenses by Category | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| 1/1/2006 through 12/31/2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Category | Jan-06 | Feb-06 | Mar-06 | Apr-06 | May-06 | Jun-06 | Jul-06 | Aug-06 | Sep-06 | Oct-06 | Nov-06 | Dec-06 | Total |
| Income | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.00 |
| Dues | 710.00 | 370.00 | 170.00 | 50.00 | 150.00 | | | | | | | | 1,450.00 |
| Flea Mkt-Fall06 | | | | | | 36.00 | 18.00 | | | | | | 54.00 |
| Flea Mkt-Spring06 | 144.00 | 452.00 | 2,839.25 | | | | | | | | | | 3,435.25 |
| Food Sales | | | 48.06 | 4.50 | 1.50 | | | | | | | | 54.06 |
| Investment Income | 17.80 | 17.84 | 16.14 | 17.90 | 17.36 | (8,674.98) | 8,697.97 | | | | | | 110.03 |
| Miscellaneous Club Sales | 82.00 | 20.00 | 5.00 | | | 4.00 | | | | | | | 111.00 |
| Other Income | 30.00 | 27.50 | 65.00 | 19.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | | | 146.50 |
| Total Income | 993.80 | 887.34 | 3,143.45 | 91.40 | 168.86 | (8,629.98) | 8,715.97 | | | | | | 5,370.84 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Advertisements | 300.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | 300.00 |
| Building | | | | 1,249.99 | 318.13 | | 46.97 | | | | | | 1,615.09 |
| City Fees | | | | | 300.00 | | | | | | | | 300.00 |
| Flea Mkt-Fall 06 | | | 280.00 | | | | | | | | | | 280.00 |
| Flea Mkt-Spring 06 | | 539.00 | 1,193.93 | | | | | | | | | | 1,732.93 |
| Layouts | | | | | 70.10 | | | | | | | | 70.10 |
| Library | | 85.45 | | 79.80 | | | | | | | | | 165.25 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | 12.50 | 7.27 | | | | | | 19.77 |
| Newsletter | 53.04 | 15.94 | 90.51 | 67.70 | 36.14 | 14.67 | 52.39 | | | | | | 330.39 |
| Office Expense | | 52.76 | 27.06 | 111.46 | 226.87 | 72.00 | | | | | | | 490.15 |
| Party-in-Park-2006 | | | | | | 50.00 | 25.95 | | | | | | 75.95 |
| Utilities | 163.96 | 252.99 | 406.81 | 168.08 | 37.37 | 221.90 | | | | | | | 1,251.11 |
| Total Expenses | 517.00 | 946.14 | 1,998.31 | 1,677.03 | 988.61 | 371.07 | 132.58 | | | | | | 6,630.74 |
| Income less Expenses | 476.80 | (58.80) | 1,145.14 | (1,585.63) | (819.75) | (9,001.05) | 8,583.39 | | | | | | (1,259.90) |