

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the January 2, 2007 General Membership Meeting

President Steve Bowyer, Presiding

The January 2, 2007 General Membership Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by President Steve Bowyer at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Bowyer, Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jamey Morrison, Jason Bach
Absent: Jim Funnell
Guests: 3 Guests: Kelly and Paul (neighbors of Gary Herne) and Gary's wife Ruth
New Members: 5 new members were recognized, with three (3) of them introducing themselves (Paul, Jim Fox, and John Truax)

President's Comments

President Steve Bowyer commented on his recent surgery which went well and Steve is recovering well. Steve also commented on how 2007 should be a very good year for the MRHS and how during the 25th anniversary of the MRHS, it is a very special honor to be the President of the MRHS.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2006 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Thomas Anderson and supported by Andy Busard to suspend the reading of the December 5, 2006 General Membership Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes as presented with any corrections needing to be made to be brought to the secretary in due course.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Muskegon Museum Movie Premier: Muskegon: Rising from the Sawdust- January 11, 2007 5:00 PM at the Frauenthal Theatre.

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that he would be finalizing the 2006 accounts in the very near future and will be posting the reports as that concludes. Andy reported that or 2007, there had not been any account activity to date, and that we currently have financial assets totaling \$25,370.21. Andy also reported that calendar sales are going well and that we are within 4 or 5 calendars of breaking even. There are still calendars available. Jamey Morrison will be selling some at the Grand Rapids train show this weekend, and there are calendars for sale at the Muskegon County Museum as well.

Moved by Thomas Anderson and supported by Chuck Tompkins 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

President Steve Bowyer introduced Kent McFaden as the O Gauge committee chair. In Kent's absence, Tom Anderson reported that everything was running fine on the layout.

HO Gauge

President Steve Bowyer introduced Jim Beal as the HO Gauge committee chair. Jim Beal reported that "thrice is nice" and that all three lines are still up and running. Jim stated that he would like to investigate the trolley line next.

N Scale

President Steve Bowyer introduced Jason Bach as the N Scale committee chair. Jason Bach reported that the layout was running great, and that it was running now.

Building

President Steve Bowyer introduced Jim Funnell as the Building committee chair. In Jim Funnell's absence, there was no report.

Historical Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced Jim Funnell as the Historical committee chair. It was noted that the historical committee includes the library. In Jim Funnell's absence, Andy Busard reported that there was a new book or two in the library. President Steve Bowyer reported that a Milwaukee Road book is missing and has not been checked out.

Train Show Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced Andy Busard as the Train Show committee chair. Andy Busard reported that there are approximately 10 tables sold for the spring 2007 show at LC Walker arena, which will be held Sunday, March 18, 2007.

Program Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced Kent McFaden as the Program committee chair. In Kent's absence, there was no Program committee report.

Publicity Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced Thomas Anderson as the Publicity committee chair. Thomas Anderson reported that the most recent publicity for the MRHS was at the Muskegon Film showing of the Polar Express during the Christmas holiday.

Donations Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced himself as the Donations committee chair, with members of the committee being Kent McFaden (O gauge), Jim Beal (HO gauge), Jason Bach (N scale), Jim Funnell (Historical committee), and Jamey Morrison (various aspects).

Editorial Committee

President Steve Bowyer introduced Thomas Van Bruggen as the Editorial committee chair. Thomas Van Bruggen reported that Carl Bagema had contacted him and will be submitting articles for the newsletter. Dave Stroebe commented that he also had submitted an article, and Tom indicated that Dave's article would be in an upcoming newsletter.

Old Business

Long Term Occupancy Agreement with Muskegon Heritage Association

President Steve Bowyer requested an update on the MHA occupancy agreement. Andy Busard reported that the MHA would be meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007 and that the agreement would be addressed at that time.

NMRA Division Meeting

President Steve Bowyer reported that the NMRA Division 4 meeting at the MRHS facility would be on March 10, 2007. Thomas Anderson indicated that we still need to solidify a home layout for touring.

Calendars

Andy Busard reported that he had several calendars on hold that were reserved, and read a list of names of who had not yet paid for and picked up their calendars. Andy also reported that additional calendars were still available.

Building Security

President Steve Bowyer discussed building security and explained the reasons why we were investing into a security system. Jim Bach reported that he has installed part of the system, and is working on the wiring. Jim also indicated that maybe a time switch could be put on the buzzer to limit the amount of time the buzzer is going off when the door is open. Thomas Anderson offered to check into the timer.

Whitcomb Engine

President Thomas Anderson reported that the Whitcomb engine is currently stored at the Delphi yards in Coopersville. Due to tensions with Delphi, the C&M does not want to move the engine until it is firm that work will be performed on the engine. After the first of the year, Dave Stroebe, Steve Bowyer, and Tom Anderson will meet with the C&M to go over the engine.

Open Houses

President Steve Bowyer reported that the Christmas Open Houses were phenomenal, and that approximately 900 people attended the last weekend alone. Donations during the open houses were also phenomenal, and during the course of the last weekend, the MRHS probably saw more guests and received more donations than the combination of all open houses and train shows over the past several years. Steve thanked Tom Anderson for his role in getting the Newspaper articles. Steve also commented that he was surprised how many people stated that they did not even know the MRHS existed.

Whitcomb Engine

Thomas Anderson reported that he Dave Stroebe and Steve Bowyer were going to meet with the Coopersville and Marne RR staff in the coming weekend. Tom requested that Dave Stroebe list out anything he could think of that may need to be worked on prior to the meeting so that they would know what to look at/for. Dave Stroebe commented that the Whitcomb has an 850 cubic inch in-line 6 cylinder motor from the Muskegon Continental Motors plant. President Steve Bowyer asked Tom Anderson about the status of the purchase of the locomotive between Brad Anderson and the Coopersville and Marne Railroad. Tom responded that the sale agreement is in place, but the payment has not been completed, but that it would be all secured prior to any work on the engine being undertaken.

New Business

Furnace Maintenance

Jason Bach reported that the furnace was running when he and his father arrived to work on the building at 2:00 pm today. It was commented that the furnace may need to be reprogrammed again.

Adjournment of the January 2, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Thomas Van Bruggen to adjourn the January 2, 2007 meeting of the MRHS General Membership at 7:43 PM.

Motion Carried

Program & 50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held.

Gary Herne presented an Abbott and Costello short film and a film on the Wabash Railroad.

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

Treasurers Reports

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| Account Balances | |
| As of 1/2/2007 | |
| Account | Total |
| Assets | |
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| Bank and Cash Accounts | |
| Bulk Mail | \$ 109.43 |
| Cash Account | \$ 722.56 |
| CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls | \$ 82.00 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Checking | \$ 14,997.77 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Savings | \$ 907.12 |
| Muskegon School Emp CU Savings | \$ 375.01 |
| Total Bank and Cash Accounts | \$ 17,193.89 |
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| Investment Accounts | |
| 14684-5-0 C-75 (18751468) | \$ 304.75 |
| 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 | \$ 8,176.32 |
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| Total Assets | \$ 25,370.21 |
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| Net Worth | \$ 25,370.21 |