

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Minutes of the March 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting

President Steve Bowyer, Presiding

The March 6, 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, Jim Funnell,
Jason Bach
Absent: None

Presentation and Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Kent McFaden to suspend the reading of the February 6, 2007 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 Unanimously

Correspondence

Reported by Thomas Van Bruggen: Secretary

Historical Society of Michigan: Membership Offer
Joint Archives of Holland Newsletter- Placed on file in library

Recognition of Guests

Doug McKibben from New Jersey

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that he is working on transferring all of the accounts to Huntington Bank. There was a hold up at the Credit Union for some paperwork, so the account move is continuing. At the current time, we have \$26,947.59 in the bank accounts.

Moved by Chuck Tompkins and supported by Thomas Anderson to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion carried with One (1) opposing vote

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

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was running again. Over the weekend there were some electrical issues, which Kent and Andy were able to diagnose, as they found some loose wiring.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge committee chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout was good. All three (3) lines were running, as well as the trolley line.

Committee Reports Continued:

N Scale

N Scale committee chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running at the time of the report.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was still here. Over the past weekend he and others rearranged the display cabinets, which will now need to be filled to display our collections. Jim also reported that he still needs to install the panic bars on the back doors.

Historical Committee

Historical committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the three new books were in. The new books are: The New York, Ontario, and Western in Color, the Rutland in Color, and The TP&W in color.

Train Show Committee

Train Show committee chairman Andy Busard reported that the show is quickly approaching. The show is on March 18th. There have been 60 tables sold, and there has been one dealer that normally has 10 tables which can not attend. Andy reported that there are new dealers signed up for our show. There will be several operating layouts at the show as well, including a T-Track layout, a 5x8 HO Irish Layout, and possibly a 4x8 O Gauge Layout. It was reported that the depot will be open from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are still needed to help load, unload, work the doors, and operate layouts. See Andy if you are willing to help.

Program Committee

Program committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that he has shows lined up for at least the next couple of months.

Publicity Committee

Publicity committee chairman Thomas Anderson reported that we have post cards for the show to hand out. Tom also reported that we have been featured on placemat advertisements thanks to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, who purchased ad space and included our show on the calendar of events. Tom also reported that he interviewed Kent McFaden and Steve Bowyer for his TV program, which will air at 8:00 pm on Cable channel 97 Wednesday, March 07, 2007 and again the following week.

Donations Committee

Donations committee chairman Steve Bowyer reported that there were no new finalized donations to report. Steve requested an update from Kent McFaden on the Standard Gauge Train Donation that is being repainted by Doc Radel. Kent reported that Doc has the set and has begun working on it. Kent will be supplying additional track for the train. Steve added that the board had approved having Doc Radel repaint the set in appropriate but "non-certified" paint. Steve also reported that several other potential donations are in the works, including an 8 foot long wooden steam locomotive running gear and wooden steam shovel models, both of which are from Dave Stroebe.

Editorial Committee

Editorial committee chairman Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he discussed with the board the hosting of MRHS Members Train Layout Pictures on Web Pages if they are interested. If anyone is interested in having a web page or pages featuring their layout, contact Thomas Van Bruggen.

Special Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Committee

Long Range Planning committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that he had nothing to report. Steve Bowyer reported that he, Thomas Anderson and Thomas Van Bruggen had met with the MHA committee regarding the Long Term Occupancy Agreement with the MHA just prior to this meeting. Steve expressed his frustration at the length of time that these issues have been in the works (7 years) with little to no response from the MHA. Steve discussed the communications occurring at the committee meeting, including aspects such as:

- Our portion of the value of the building

- Our goal to protect our investment in the building

- Request to the MHA for their board to put together what they would like to see in an agreement, seeing as though they do not seem to approve of our terms.

Steve then gave the floor to Thomas Anderson for his comments. Tom Anderson commented that the MHA committee presented us with a copy of the lease agreement they used for the shoe store, and a copy of Terry McAlister's attorney's view of the situation.

Steve then gave the floor to Thomas Van Bruggen for his comments. Tom Van Bruggen commented that the MRHS needs to look at where we want to be in 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, and 25 years. It was also Tom's feeling that our time at 561 W. Western (current facility) was limited. Tom also requested that members seriously think about where they see the MRHS in the future and share those thoughts with the committee.

Steve Bowyer requested that Charter Members in attendance (Kent McFaden, Leo Duester, Ken Kadrovich, Andy Busard, and Jim Funnell) all write down individually their view of what the original "hand-shake" agreement between the MRHS and the MHA was before the next general meeting and return it to him.

Additional comments were made from both the board and general membership.

News & Views

Display Cases:

Jim Funnell requested input on what to put in the new display cases- talk to Jim if you have input

Mounting of N Scale Control Panel

Mark Kelly suggested raising or mounting the N Scale Control Panel at table height. The N scale committee will review.

Ventilation in O Gauge Layout

Jim Bach requested that we look into installation of a ventilation system for the O gauge layout room due to the "smoke" used in the locomotives. The board will review

Record Player for Train Show

Ken Kadrovich asked if anyone has a 33-1/3 record player that could be used to play train sounds at the show. He had two (2) records of train sounds he can bring in.

Coopersville & Marne Update

Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M will be running the Bunny Train the three (3) weekends prior to Easter.

Old Business

NMRA Division Meeting

President Steve Bowyer reported that the NMRA Division 4 meeting at the MRHS facility would be on March 10, 2007. The group will arrive approximately 9:00 am, with programs starting at 9:30 am. The depot will be open from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm for the group to tour. Following the depot tour, the group will head to lunch and then to Burt Apple's house to tour Burt's wonderful HO layout.

Building Security

Jim Bach reported that the system is now functional. He installed a new alarm buzzer (sound) and dampened the volume with some tape. The system is turned off by either unplugging it (in the ceiling) or by shutting off the hallway lights.

Whitcomb Engine

Thomas Anderson reported that there was nothing new to report on the Whitcomb at this time.

New Business

No New Business Reported

Presidents Comments:

Steve Bowyer noted that there are donuts, pop and coffee available for \$.60 each or 2/\$1.00.

Adjournment of the March 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Moved by Hugh Hornstein and supported by Chuck Tompkins to adjourn the March 6, 2007 meeting of the MRHS General Membership at approximately 7:55 pm.

Motion Carried

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held, with Dave Kindem winning the drawing.

Program

Dave Kindem presented a wonderful program on the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Interurban and the Battle into Grand Haven.

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

Treasurers Reports

Account Balances	
As of 3/6/2007	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	\$ 259.43
Cash Account	\$ 122.86
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	\$ 124.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	\$ 8,022.05
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	\$ 908.03
Huntington Checking	\$ 3,959.89
Huntington Savings	\$ 5,000.00
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	\$ 375.01
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$ 18,771.27
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
Total Assets	\$ 26,947.59
Net Worth	\$ 26,947.59

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category				
1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007				
Category	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Total
Income				
Donations		\$3.00		\$3.00
Dues	\$580.00	\$210.00		\$790.00
Flea Mkt-Spring07	\$108.00	\$326.00		\$434.00
Food Sales			\$42.00	\$42.00
Fund Raiser	\$124.00	\$66.00		\$190.00
Miscellaneous Club Sales		\$171.85		\$171.85
Other Income	\$35.00			\$35.00
Total Income	\$847.00	\$776.85	\$42.00	\$1,665.85
Expenses				
Building	\$17.55			\$17.55
Flea Mkt-Spring 07	\$39.00			\$39.00
Library	\$30.00			\$30.00
Office Expense	\$43.44			\$43.44
Total Expenses	\$129.99			\$129.99
Income less Expenses	\$717.01	\$776.85	\$42.00	\$1,535.86