

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Minutes of the April 3, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Vice President Thomas Anderson, Presiding

The April 3, 2007 General Membership Meeting of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society was called to order by Vice President Thomas Anderson at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jamey Morrison, Jim Funnell, Jason Bach
Absent: Steve Bowyer (Excused)
Guests: Rick Burn from Holland and Jim Specht from Whitehall

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

Moved by Andy Busard and supported by Jim Funnell to suspend the reading of the March 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

Correspondence

Reported by Thomas Van Bruggen: Secretary

City of Muskegon Business License Renewal- Forwarded to Treasurer for submittal
Michigan Postal Forum- Postal Customer Council Vendor Show on 5/10/2007
Muskegon Main Street Newsletter- Forwarded to Librarian
National Trust for Historic Preservation- Membership Offer
Michigan Nonprofit Association Super conference 2007 on 5/15/2007 in Lansing- Posted

Presentation and Approval of Treasurers Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that we have total assets in the amount of \$28,511.24 and have a total of 110 total memberships so far for 2007. To date, we are ahead approximately \$2000, largely due to the spring train show. Utilities for the year have cost us \$750.00

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

Motion Carried

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 good, and that he has fixed a pair of switches on the layout.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge committee chairman Jim Beal reported that the layout had one (1) line down and two (2) up and running. The yellow line is down due to needed track repairs. Thomas Anderson relayed a note he received from Jim Beal regarding a yellow Sperry Rail Car that is missing from the HO Layout. Anyone with information, please contact any board member or the HO chair, Jim Beal.

Committee Reports Continued:

N Scale

N Scale committee chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running fine. Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he had obtained at no charge, a replacement tender truck for the melted Pere Marquette Steam Locomotive, and that repairs would occur after the meeting.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that electrical work was being done by Jim Bach. The work consists of changing the lighting switches in the meeting/N Scale room. Jim Funnell also reported that parts are being ordered for the security system to finalize the installation, including the power cutoff switches. The total bill to date for the security system parts is approximately \$46.00.

Historical Committee

Historical committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that there were no new additions to the library. Jim reported that Trains Magazine has been renewed, and that he replaced the missing Milwaukee Road book that has been missing from the library.

Train Show Committee

Train Show committee chairman Andy Busard reported that he had received the final bill from the Walker Arena Annex, which showed a couple of discrepancies. He will be working with the arena on the billing. Andy also reported that he has received numerous comments and notes regarding the show, and will review and implement those as needed to improve the show. Andy also expressed his appreciation for all of the members who helped out.

Thomas Anderson reported that the CVB was very happy to open up the Depot and were very pleased with the turnout there. Tom also reported that Cable 97 did tape clips from the day and would be submitting the information on DVD to us in the future.

Jamey Morrison gave an update on Kevin from Iron Rails who had the medical condition. They have found no indication of heart trouble, and it appears to have resulted from muscle spasms in the chest. Kevin is doing well. Our "get well" wishes are extended out to Kevin.

Program Committee

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

Publicity Committee

Publicity committee chairman Thomas Anderson reported there were no new efforts of publicity to present.

Donations Committee

Dave Stroebe presented a donation at the meeting of several mechanics books and CSX timetables. These items will be cataloged and presented in future minutes and/or MRHS mainlines.

Thomas Anderson reported that the 1886 Michigan Railway Map that was donated at our Train Show Open House is being preserved. Tom is working with the Muskegon Museum on methods to best preserve the map.

Verle Kersch donated Bob Kersch's Uniform. Documentation is being completed.

Editorial Committee

Editorial committee chairman Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he received the quarterly website hosting bill, and presented it to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Tom also mentioned that he is always accepting articles for the newsletter.

Special Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Committee

Long Range Planning committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Caboose Restoration Committee

Kent McFaden, chair of the Caboose Restoration Committee reported that he will be getting people together later this spring to work on the caboose to clean and work on the caboose.

News & Views

Upper Peninsula Logging Railroad Book

Jason Bach reported that a new logging railroad book was out and suggested the library obtain a copy. Librarian Jim Funnel responded that he will look into the book.

Member Layouts Featured on MRHS Web Site

Andy Busard reported that he was logged on to the Member Layouts portion of our web site and it was featuring Steve Bowyer's N Scale layout.

2012 NMRA Convention

Thomas Anderson reported that he and Kent McFaden attended a meeting in Grand Rapids regarding the 2012 NMRA convention bid by Grand Rapids. Tom reported that GR is competing with Indianapolis, and the selection is still in the works. The 2007 convention is in August in the Detroit area.

French Railroad Speed Record

It was reported that the French TGV train has set a new record speed of 357 miles per hour on March 2, 2007. Previous record was 321 MPH.

Michigan Shore Update

Ken Kadrovich reported that the Michigan Shore Engine 38 will be in the shop in late April.

Old Business

No Old Business Reported

New Business

Standard Gauge Train Restoration

Presented after reconvening before the program, Kent McFaden moved and was supported by Leo Duester to allocate up to \$100.00 for parts to be purchased by Doc Radel for the Standard Gauge Train donation that Doc is restoring.

Motion Carried

Adjournment of the April 3, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Moved and supported to adjourn the April 3, 2007 meeting of the MRHS General Membership at approximately 7:35 pm.

Motion Carried

50/50 Raffle

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

Program

Ken Nagel presented a slide show entitled "On the Road in 2006"

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

Treasurers Reports

Monthly Income and Expenses by Category					
1/1/2007 through 4/10/2007					
Category	1/1/2007 - 1/31/2007	2/1/2007 - 2/28/2007	3/1/2007 - 3/31/2007	4/1/2007 - 4/10/2007	Total
Income					
Donations		3.00	22.50		25.50
Dues	580.00	210.00	160.00	20.00	970.00
Flea Mkt-Spring07	108.00	326.00	2,473.50		2,907.50
Food Sales			42.00		42.00
Fund Raiser	124.00	66.00	77.00		267.00
Miscellaneous Club Sales		171.85			171.85
Other Income	35.00		53.00		88.00
Total Income	847.00	776.85	2,828.00	20.00	4,471.85
Expenses					
Building	17.55	18.68	18.75	6.94	61.92
Flea Mkt-Spring 07	39.00	245.15	376.70		660.85
Layouts		243.31			243.31
Library	30.00	137.79	215.29	109.20	492.28
Newsletter	36.11	53.14	17.50		106.75
Office Expense	43.44	79.39			122.83
Utilities		467.04	155.73	128.73	751.50
Total Expenses	166.10	1,244.50	783.97	244.87	2,439.44
Income less Expenses	680.90	(467.65)	2,044.03	(224.87)	2,032.41

Account Balances	
As of 4/3/2007	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	45.92
Cash Account	258.98
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	124.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	8,022.05
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	908.03
Huntington Checking	5,600.93
Huntington Savings	5,000.00
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	375.01
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	20,334.92
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	28,511.24
Net Worth	28,511.24