

MUSKEGON RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the May 1, 2007 General Membership Meeting President Steve Bowyer, Presiding

The May 1, 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: Steve Bowyer, Thomas Anderson, Andy Busard, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jamey Morrison, Jim Funnell, Jason Bach
Absent: None
Guests: Steve Grace from Grandville and Kevin Ruble from Texas

Presidents Comments

President Steve Bowyer commented that he intended to start moving the meetings along by passing over the formal reports of the Secretary's Minutes and the Presented Treasurers Report during the general meetings. The Treasurers Report should still be presented in the minutes, but a verbal report would not be presented. As always, if there is ever any concern or issues with the reports, they may be addressed and reviewed at any time, and the minutes of each meeting are posted on the web site for review by any person.

Correspondence

Reported by Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary

Letter from MRHS Librarian Jim Funnell to Oakridge High School for Matthew Well's volunteering at the MRHS.

Historic Pullman Foundation Update Newsletter (forwarded to librarian for placement on file)

USPS Postal Customer Council Rate Change Workshop Announcement

MAISD Postal Changes Workshop

Reported by Andy Busard, Treasurer

Completion of Fire Safety Audit Paperwork

Committee Reports

O Gauge

O Gauge committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was running pretty good. Kent has made a list of repairs and work to be done, and some track work may start as early as this coming weekend.

HO Gauge

HO Gauge committee chairman Jim Beal was absent. Steve Bowyer stated that Jim has been frustrated with the HO layout and the happenings going on for the HO, so he will be taking about a month off. Chuck Tompkins reported that all three (3) lines were running, and they have one small detour on one line that needs to be resolved.

N Scale

N Scale committee chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running fine and that we are waiting for two more switches to then repair the double crossover.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported the building was "still here" and that the panic bars have been installed on the MHA doors.

Historical Committee

Historical committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that work in the library was coming along fine. He is continuing to work on categorizing books. It was added that a book donation of 8 to 10 books was brought up by Tom Anderson, with the books being from "Bob's" collection.

Train Show Committee

Andy Busard stated there was nothing to report.

Program Committee

Program committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that he has Jim Winslow lined up for the June meeting.

Publicity Committee

Publicity committee chairman Thomas Anderson reported that a DVD copy of the TV program will be coming to the MRHS. Andy Busard commented that he has had people come up to him after they had seen the TV spot.

Donations Committee

Steve Bowyer asked for a status update on the standard gauge train. Kent McFaden stated that Doc has finished what he can, but is waiting for final parts to finish the clean up and repairs.

Thomas Anderson commented about the Noel Black train donation that is on display at the Depot. Kent McFaden stated that the current display location is less than ideal and that we may need to reconsider the display of the train, possibly by using a different cabinet to showcase the train more.

Editorial Committee

Editorial committee chairman Thomas Van Bruggen reported that bulk mail rates are going down starting with our June newsletter. Tom also commented that he was set for a couple of months with articles, but that he would always accept submissions.

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.

25th Anniversary Model Train Car Committee

Thomas Anderson reported that he, Andy Busard and George Korienek will be working on more ideas for the special car. Steve Bowyer asked that Tom Anderson talk with Mark Kelley about some ideas Mark has.

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, with some initial inspections possibly as early as this coming weekend.

Old Business

Building Security System

Jim Bach reported that he has completed the security system and that it is up and working.

Whitcomb Locomotive

Thomas Anderson reported that the Whitcomb, along with all other C&M equipment will be being moved out of the Delphi plant soon, as they may be a potential buyer for the plant. Other details will come later.

Switch Stand Installation

Thomas Anderson reported that he is still working with the city regarding the switch stand, but that the process was like taking 1 step forward and 2 steps back.

N Scale/Meeting Room Light Electrical

Jim Bach reported that he will need about 80 feet of wire for the room. Discussion followed and it was determined that the wire would be purchased by Steve Bowyer within the next week.

News & Views

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program:

Thomas Anderson reported that he will be hosting a merit badge program soon for a large group of scouts. The program will be at both the MRHS and C&M. The date is still to be determined, but he would like volunteers to assist.

July General Meeting Date Change

Thomas Van Bruggen commented that the July General Membership Meeting date has been changed from July 3rd, to July 10th, 2007.

2007 MRHS Calendars

Andy Busard reported that there are still a few 2007 calendars available.

Cutlers Trains & Collectables Closing

Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he received a call from Frank Cutler stating that his shop in Pentwater, Michigan will be closing in about a month. Close out pricing will start in about a week, and MRHS members are encouraged to talk with Frank about pricing.

Motorcycle Weekend in Muskegon County

It was reported that the motorcycle weekend will be July 20 to 22, 2007 in downtown Muskegon.

Informal Open Houses

Thomas Anderson asked about the club having informal open houses and putting the sign out during the busy summer weekends. Steve Bowyer stated that the board would discuss this at the next meeting.

MRHS HO Gauge Southern Pacific Steam Locomotive

Steve Bowyer commented that he was informed that the locomotive was supposedly out for repairs, but it has not been located. Steve is looking into the status.

Layout Electrical Standards

Steve Bowyer commented that the board is considering a committee to develop standards for the electrical standards to be used on the club layouts. The board will discuss this further.

Parking in the Summer Celebration Lot

Clarification was requested for the terms of parking in the Summer Celebration lot during busy nights and/or weekends. Thomas Anderson will follow up on this with the Summer Celebration organization.

New Business

No New Business Reported

Adjournment of the May 1, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Moved and supported to adjourn the May 1, 2007 meeting of the MRHS General Membership at approximately 7:35 pm.

Motion Carried

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 raffle was held.

Program

Kevin Ruble from Marquette Rail presented and discussed their operations.

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

Treasurers Reports

| Account Balances | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| As of 5/1/2007 | |
| Account | Total |
| Assets | |
| Bank and Cash Accounts | |
| Bulk Mail | 145.92 |
| Cash Account | 44.98 |
| CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls | 124.00 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Checking | 8,022.05 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp Savings | 908.03 |
| Huntington Checking | 5,233.28 |
| Huntington Savings | 5,051.16 |
| Muskegon School Emp CU Savings | 375.01 |
| Total Bank and Cash Accounts | 19,904.43 |
| 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 |
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| Total Investment Accounts | 8,176.32 |
| Total Assets | 28,080.75 |
| Net Worth | 28,080.75 |

| Monthly Income and Expenses by Category | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1/1/2007 through 5/1/2007 | | | | | | |
| | 1/1/2007 - | 2/1/2007 - | 3/1/2007 - | 4/1/2007 - | 5/1/2007 - | |
| Category | 1/31/2007 | 2/28/2007 | 3/31/2007 | 4/30/2007 | 5/1/2007 | Total |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Donations | | 3.00 | 22.50 | | | 25.50 |
| Dues | 580.00 | 210.00 | 160.00 | 130.00 | | 1,080.00 |
| 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 | 18.00 | | 285.00 |
| Investment Income | | | 51.16 | | | 51.16 |
| Miscellaneous Club Sales | | 171.85 | | | | 171.85 |
| Other Income | 35.00 | | 53.00 | | | 88.00 |
| Total Income | 847.00 | 776.85 | 2,879.16 | 148.00 | | 4,651.01 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Building | 17.55 | 18.68 | 18.75 | 193.47 | | 248.45 |
| Flea Mkt-Spring 07 | 39.00 | 245.15 | 376.70 | 70.26 | | 731.11 |
| Layouts | | 243.31 | | 38.38 | | 281.69 |
| Library | 30.00 | 137.79 | 215.29 | 109.20 | | 492.28 |
| Membership/Society Fees | | | | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Newsletter | 36.11 | 53.14 | 17.50 | 17.50 | | 124.25 |
| Office Expense | 43.44 | 79.39 | | 79.82 | | 202.65 |
| Utilities | | 467.04 | 155.73 | 305.89 | | 928.66 |
| Total Expenses | 166.10 | 1,244.50 | 783.97 | 854.52 | | 3,049.09 |
| Income less Expenses | 680.90 | (467.65) | 2,095.19 | (706.52) | | 1,601.92 |