



**Muskegon Railroad Historical Society**  
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## **Minutes of the July 10, 2007 General Membership Meeting President Steve Bowyer, Presiding**

The July 10, 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, Thomas Van Bruggen, Jim Funnell, Jason Bach  
Absent: Andy Busard and Jamey Morrison (both excused)  
Guests: Betty Bush

### **Minutes**

President Steve Bowyer stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were available and that any corrections shall be presented to the Secretary in due course.

### **President's Report**

President Steve Bowyer reported that he would like to hold a brief Special Board Meeting Following the General Membership Meeting Tonight.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen had no report and there was no correspondence to report.

### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Andy Busard was on vacation, and there was no Treasurers report

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **O Gauge**

O Gauge committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that the layout was running pretty good.

#### **HO Gauge**

HO Gauge committee chairman Jim Beal was absent. Chuck Tompkins reported that to his knowledge, the layout was fine. President Steve Bowyer reported that Jim Beal has resigned from the position of HO Gauge Layout Chairman, and that Jim has decided to step away from the organization. Jim's keys have been turned in, and the board will be selecting a new chairman at a future board meeting.

#### **N Scale**

N Scale committee chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was still here and that efforts to obtain a final switch to replace the double cross-over were coming up empty, but once a switch is obtained, the cross over will be replaced.

#### **Building**

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that no changes to the building have occurred recently. The electrical work in the meeting/n scale room has been completed, and it was noted that the air conditioner seemed to be working well.

#### **Historical Committee**

Historical committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that he and numerous other members have begun the conversion of the videos to DVD format. This will make additional room available in the library as our collection grows, but will be an on-going long term project.

### **Train Show Committee**

Jim Funnell of the Train Show Committee reported that there have been a few tables sold already for the show. All the dealer mailings have gone out, and mailings to the hobby shops and attendees will be going out soon. Thomas Van Bruggen will be having the postcards printed again this year.

### **Program Committee**

Program committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that programs are lined up through October, with the August meeting being a special outing and having no program.

### **Publicity Committee**

Publicity committee chairman Thomas Anderson had no report.

### **Donations Committee**

Steve Bowyer noted the donation of the Standard Gauge Train had been repainted and is back on display. Discussion about track for the display between Steve and Kent McFaden occurred, and the two of them will be seeking out track for the display.

### **Editorial Committee**

Editorial committee chairman Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he is always looking for additional material for the newsletter.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Long Range Planning committee chairman Jim Funnell had no report.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Model Train Car Committee**

Committee Chair Thomas Anderson had no report for this month.

### **Caboose Restoration Committee**

Committee Chair Kent McFaden had no report for this month. Steve Bowyer stated he had access to a generator if needed. Discussion followed regarding the depot having electrical power under the canopy or that a cable could be run from inside the building as needed.

## **Business/Project Updates**

### **Whitcomb Locomotive**

Thomas Anderson reported that the Coopersville & Marne is waiting for a final bill of sale from Brad Anderson, which would formally transfer ownership of the Whitcomb to the CMRR.

### **Switch Stand Installation**

Thomas Anderson reported that he is still working with the city all parties involved, but no significant changes had occurred.

## **News & Views**

### **Ann Arbor Boxcar for Sale in North Muskegon**

Jason Bach asked if the club was planning to take any action on the Ann Arbor Boxcar that is for sale in North Muskegon. Steve Bowyer reported that the board would investigate but he was unsure if any formal action would occur. It was also noted that the C&O/PM work car was actually a more historic car for our area.

### **PRR Altoona Pennsylvania Excursion**

Steve Bowyer reported that he and Jamey Morrison had met up in Altoona, Pennsylvania for the PRR excursion over the weekend. Special runs behind restored E-8 locomotives in PRR paint scheme occurred throughout the weekend, and Steve and Jamey hope to put together a joint presentation at a later date.

### **Coopersville and Marne Railroad Update**

Thomas Anderson reported that Bob Friel is training to be a brakeman and that George Korienek is gaining experience on track work as he has been helping replace ties.

### **August General Membership Meeting Update**

Thomas Anderson reported that he is finalizing details for the August train outing for the MRHS to ride on the Coopersville & Marne. Look for details in the August MRHS Mainline Newsletter.

**Unfinished Business**

**No Unfinished Business Addressed**

**New Business**

**No New Business Reported**

**Announcements**

Steve Bowyer announced that Coffee/Pop/Rolls are available, that there would not be a 50/50 raffle, and that the program for the evening would be Kent McFaden showing a DVD on Railway Post Offices, starting at 7:45 pm.

**Adjournment of the July 10, 2007 General Membership Meeting**

Steve Bowyer adjourned the July 10, 2007 General Membership Meeting at 7:22 pm.

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