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Minutes of the November 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting President Steve Bowyer, Presiding

The November 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, Jim Funnell, Jamey Morrison, Jason Bach
Absent: None
Guests: None

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.

Correspondence

Correspondence presented by Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen
Joint Archives of Holland Newsletter – Placed on file in Library
Trains Magazine/DVD Offer – To be handled at next Board Meeting

President's Report

President Steve Bowyer reported that the Board had approved the purchase of a DVD Burner drive for the MRHS computer. This equipment will be used for duplication of DVD's for the library. Eventually, as old VHS tapes are replaced with DVD's, and when old original VHS's are available, they will be offered for sale to members at the price of \$5.00 each.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he had purchased office supplies (labels and business cards for membership cards) and that bulk mail envelopes were on order.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andy Busard reported that it is dues time again. Several membership renewals have come in already. Andy reported that we are on track to end the year in the red by about \$1,000.00. Andy noted that utilities will end up over budget this year as well.

Standing Committee Reports

O Gauge

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

HO Gauge

HO Gauge committee chairman Patrick Herman reported that everything was running good.

N Scale

N Scale committee chairman Jason Bach reported that the layout was running OK but that one switch seems to be malfunctioning.

Building

Building committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the building was "still here" and insulation for the back room is on side. Jim stated he would meet with Jim Bach to discuss potential electrical issues. Steve Bowyer requested that the issue be brought up at the next board meeting.

Historical Committee

Historical committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the 45 Rail Video Quarterly DVD's have been received, but are not yet duplicated for library use.

Train Show Committee

Train Show committee chairman Andy Busard reported that the Fall 2007 show still had a couple of outstanding issues to be resolved because of dealers that either had not paid or did not show up. Andy also reported that LC Walker Arena has changed its policy regarding table sales where any table used over 80 tables will be charged at \$10 per table instead of the \$5 per table fee for 80 or less tables.

Program Committee

Program committee chairman Kent McFaden reported that programs are lined up through the end of the year. Andy Busard will present on Railroads in Eastern Europe for December.

Publicity Committee

Publicity committee chairman Thomas Anderson reported that he was working on Christmas Open Houses publicity with the Muskegon Chronicle. Jamey Morrison suggested that we invite the Chronicle specifically.

Donations Committee

Donations Committee Chairman Steve Bowyer noted that he was not aware of any new donations. Andy Busard reported that a membership renewal included an extra \$10 donation to the club. It was noted that Paul Snyder and Al George may have potential donations, but details are being worked out.

Editorial Committee

Editorial committee chairman Thomas Van Bruggen reported that he needs articles for the newsletter, and that he is continually updating the web site.

Special Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Committee

Long Range Planning committee chairman Jim Funnell reported that the MHA had met. Steve Bowyer reported that he delivered the letters to the MHA regarding the withdrawing of the MHRS proposed occupancy agreement and the proposal for the back room improvements. Steve explained the back room proposal to the membership.

25th Anniversary Committee

Committee Chair Thomas Anderson reported that coffee mugs with the MRHS logo were being produced. The mugs will be sold for \$5.00 each. The committee will also be meeting after this meeting to go over more details on train cars.

Caboose Restoration Committee

Committee Chair Kent McFaden reported that he has worked on the caboose and the cupola windows are tacked in. Bob Friel has offered to make new window frames to secure the windows. Kent reported that he has re-installed the ladder covers with the Plexiglas covers. Comments regarding possibly electrifying the corner marker lights was made, and will be investigated for the future.

2008 Calendar Committee

Andy Busard, Calendar Committee chairman reported that the calendar was at the printer for a proof copy. Orders are being accepted now and the sale price of the calendars will be \$12.00 each.

Business/Project Updates

Whitcomb Locomotive

Thomas Anderson reported that the Whitcomb has not yet been moved.

Switch Stand Installation

Thomas Anderson reported that he is still working with the city all parties involved.

News & Views

Parade Magazine feature on America's Trains

Thomas Anderson reported that the Parade Magazine in the Sunday Chronicle features an article on America's railroads.

Polar Express Movie Showing

Thomas Anderson reported that the Polar Express movie will be shown at the Frauenthal Theatre on December 22nd. The MRHS is going to try and have a model layout on display.

Coopersville & Marne

Thomas Anderson reported that the C&M hosted the most successful Pumpkin Trains ever.

Boy Scout Presentation

Thomas Anderson reported that he would be hosting a scout group on Saturday, November 10th, 2007 at 10:00 am at the MRHS. Volunteers are needed to run the layouts.

Spring Lake Library Railroad Program

Steve Bowyer reported that the Spring Lake Library will be having Gradon Meintz presenting on railroads along the West Michigan Shoreline on December 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Holland Train Show

It was noted that the Holland Train Show is Saturday, November 10th.

Lansing Train Show

It was noted that the Lansing Train Show is the following Saturday, November 17th.

Art Million Honored

It was reported that the late Art Million, a long time MRHS member was honored by the Grand Haven area as the Historian of the Year. Special awards were presented to Art's wife.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business Reported

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 Dave Stroebe on Vintage Railroading in West Michigan.

Adjournment of the November 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Steve Bowyer adjourned the November 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting at 7:31 pm

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

25th Anniversary!

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Monthly Income and Expenses by Category

1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007

Category	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Total
Income													
Donations		3.00	22.50					20.00	10.00				65.50
Dues	580.00	210.00	160.00	130.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	50.00	110.00	60.00		1,410.00
Flea Mkt-Fall07								504.00	2,217.94				2,721.94
Flea Mkt-Spring07	108.00	326.00	2,473.50						144.00				3,051.50
Flea Mkt-Spring08									10.00				10.00
Food Sales			43.00										43.00
Fund Raiser	124.00	66.00	73.00	18.00	8.00				3.00				296.00
Investment Income			51.34				1.88						53.22
Miscellaneous Club Sales		171.85					57.00	10.00					238.85
Other Income	35.00		50.00							10.00			95.00
Total Income	847.00	776.85	2,879.16	148.00	58.00	20.00	78.88	554.00	2,482.04	120.00	60.00		8,023.93
Expenses													
Advertisements						27.95				144.00			171.95
Annual Picnic								124.00					124.00
Building	17.55	40.00	40.75	193.47	141.85	329.50							719.80
Copy_Machine						260.00							260.00
Flea Mkt-Fall 07						241.80		85.95	300.00	710.00			1,337.75
Flea Mkt-Spring 07	39.00	245.15	376.70	70.26		575.00							1,236.11
Flea Mkt-Spring 08									10.00				10.00
Layouts		243.31		38.38	31.24	195.95		59.26					568.14
Library	30.00	137.79	215.29	109.20		127.05			420.00				1,039.33
Membership/Society Fees				40.00						75.00			115.00
Newsletter	36.11	50.44	51.40	53.13	35.35	35.36	17.86		95.70	192.86			513.93
Office Expense	43.44	79.39		79.82		52.00	29.97			29.97	81.45		396.04
Utilities		467.04	155.73	305.89		212.78	20.99	257.04	310.51				1,729.98
Total Expenses	166.10	1,244.50	820.87	890.15	208.44	2,057.39	68.82	526.25	1,126.00	1,151.83	81.45		8,342.68
Income less Expenses	680.90	(467.65)	2,058.29	(742.15)	(150.44)	(2,037.39)	10.06	27.75	1,356.04	(1,031.83)	(21.45)		(210.75)

Account Balances	
As of 11/6/2007	
Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Bulk Mail	338.04
Cash Account	312.08
CPR-Coffee-Pop-Rolls	124.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Checking	535.00
Fifth Third Bancorp Savings	-
Huntington Checking	9,278.56
Huntington Savings	5,961.07
Muskegon School Emp CU Savings	375.01
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	16,923.76
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	25,100.08
Net Worth	25,100.08