

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the September 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 18, 2010.

Location: MCRHS Office Building

Roll Call:

Directors:

B. Anderson
J. Bloohm, President
S. Brist
M. Deets (Absent)
B. Handschin, Treasurer
J. Nelson
C. O'Brien (Absent)
D. Schumacher, Vice President
D. Scobie, Seated at 12:08
J. Sorrel
D. Viste 12:08

Other Officers:

K. Bauman, Secretary
J. Dillenburg, Parliamentarian (absent)

Guests:

D. Meyer, General Manager
J. Lentz, Operations Manager
R. Ristow (12:28)
D. Wantz (12:08)

Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM by President Bloohm.

Next annual meeting of the board will be December 18, 2010 at 12 noon in the office building.

12:02 PM – B. Handschin moves and D. Shumacher seconds to approve the agenda and allow the President to go out of order of the agenda as needed to effectively conduct the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

12:08 PM – B. Anderson moves and J. Nelson seconds to appoint Dale Scobie to the board until 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

12:14 PM – The minutes of the June meeting stand approved as presented.

Secretary's Report:

Bylaw Change:

169 Envelopes returned with 168 Ballots

Change to Section 3.7: 93 Votes for/75 Votes Against, Passed

Change to Section 4.2.1: 99 Votes for/68 Votes Against, Passed

Change to Section 4.2.2: 100 Votes for/68 Votes Against, Passed

Addition of Section 11.1: 89 Votes for/79 Votes Against, Passed

Membership:

12 new Associate members have joined since the last meeting. And sadly we have lost one member due to his having passed away, Calvin Schmahl.

Treasurer's Report: Budget looks good but fares are down by about \$11,000 from budget. This makes other sources of income more important than ever.

Financial reports (Lentz): Number of groups has fallen off, including cancellations. Adult fares are the most significant drop.

Managers report: Physical plant issues. The washout of the office drive-way and the depot platform replacement has become current focus. Township will re-ditch the roadway, and their contractor will also install the culvert, which we will pay for. The culvert should be done this coming week. The Depot platform engineering plan is done. Sauk County zoning and planning approved informally. Work will be done in 4,000 sq ft increments so that permits can be done without going to adjustment. The project is not likely to be completed this year. This may cause problems at special events. Manager will work with Superintendent of Operations to handle passenger loading and unloading. We must begin the process to expend the money we have received.

President's Report: Met with Steve Sorenson on flood plain issues. First issues, outfit cars and tracks. Ultimately we will have to comply with county rules. Three solutions, 1) move cars to higher ground, 2) make the floors higher than the high water mark, or 3) flood proof the cars (i.e. build a flood wall around the cars). Unknown at this time what is the high water mark or where the flood way and flood fringe boundary is. Once we know what the boundary is, we will be better able to determine a course of action.

Management Committee Report: Brist/Slinde car issue is resolved. The owners of the car sold it and it was removed. It is unfortunate that Bill Gardner sanctioned the museum for a private matter, but it is still only a private matter. In terms of the exchange between Sorrel and Meyer, it was felt it was unfortunate but that there was some provoking as part of the cause.

PEOC Report: The committee has toured the grounds, but is finding it very difficult to determine ownership. Owners will be given choices of paying rent, leasing to museum, or removing from property.

Collections Committee: in the process of setting a meeting date.

Vice President's Report: Is having difficulty finding qualified people who are willing to work as department and project heads.

B. Anderson left at 12:52

Unfinished business:

PL2 boiler back and being reassembled, running gear was over pit to remove items, and shoved outside to remove drivers. The point of this was to allow R. Lichter to further inspect and make his written response to the Lindsey report.

1385 super-heater tubes arrived and are stored in coach shed; plates for new boiler should be at Deltek so we can get a welding estimate.

WCC1 not much has been done, we should have a report from Lindsey in time for the fall gazette but not much else.

New Business:

1:03 PM – S. Brist moves and D. Schumacher seconds to hire Wagner, LLP as the auditors for this year. Motion passed unanimously.

1:06 PM – S. Brist moves and D. Scobie seconds to approve the hiring of the following three people: Tracey Riley as Custodian, and Susan Hanley-Grady & Bonnie Gruber as Ticket Agents. Motion passed unanimously.

1:13 PM – S. Brist moves and D. Schumacher seconds that the board wants to reaffirm the long range plans for west of the coach shed and the area shall not be used for outfit cars. Motion passed unanimously.

1:21 PM – B. Handschin moves and D. Viste seconds to designate the pavilion area and yard, depot parking lot, depot display area, office parking lot, and outfit car tracks as designated camping areas. Motion passed unanimously.

1:26 PM – S. Brist moves and J. Nelson seconds to give the President the authority to designate official candidates to the TRAIN and ARM conventions. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting of the membership is November 6, 2010 at 2:00 PM in the North Freedom Village Hall. The Annual Banquet will follow.

1:30 PM – B. Handschin moves and D. Viste seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Board at the December 2010 Annual Meeting of the Board

Kelly R. Bauman
Secretary
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