

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the September 2012 Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 22, 2012.

Location: MCRHS Office Building

12:01 PM – D. Schumacher moves and B. Handschin seconds to appoint P. Endres as the acting secretary in the absence of K. Bauman. Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and P. Endres voting against.

Roll Call:

Directors:

R. Anderson, Treasurer
J. Bloohm, President
S. Brist
M. Deets - Absent
P. Endres
B. Handschin
A. Joyce - Absent
R. McLeod
C. O'Brien - Absent
D. Schumacher, Vice President
J. Sorrel
K. Thomsen
D. Viste - Absent

Other Officers:

K. Bauman, Secretary - Absent

Guests:

N. Miller
R. Ristow

Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM by president Bloohm.

B. Handschin moves and R. McLeod seconds to approve the agenda and allow the president the option to go out of order as needed to effectively conduct the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

President Bloohm reminded the members that the Annual Meeting of the Board is December 15, 2012 in the Museum Office Building.

Minutes of the June 2012 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

Motion by B. Handschin and second by R. McLeod to affirm the email vote already taken to designate \$2,000.00 from the sale of old coach seats to Copper Range #25 account. Motion passed 12 yes, 1 no vote.

Motion by B. Handschin and second by R. McLeod to affirm the email vote already taken to designate the \$5,000.00 matching grant from British Petroleum to the Copper Range #25 account. Motion approved 10 yes and 2 no votes.

Reports:

Don Meyer was not present but a written report was presented with no action taken.

Financial report:

MCRHS performing within approved budget but the need to raise funds was discussed and decided for President Bloohm to contact Don Meyer to hire him to work on General Fund donations. No further discussion.

President's report:

Handed out a written report and a number of items were discussed. The issue of the Lackawanna wheel problem was discussed with J. Bloohm and J. Sorrel to pursue the issue for action.

Motion by S. Brist and second by R. Anderson to re-designate the following Board Designated funds to the General Fund, D&R #9 - \$1,902.00; CIPS #6 - \$200.00; Crane Fund - \$600.00; Mechanical Work - \$40,253.81; Pavilion - \$800.00; Freight House - \$287.53; Track Shed - \$180.51. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report:

D. Schumacher recommended the appointment of Richard Colby as the Car Foreman.

R. McLeod moved and B. Handschin seconded to appoint Richard Colby as the Car Foreman. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

After lengthy discussion on selling the 1947 dodge inspection car a motion by R. McLeod and second by K. Thomsen to sell the car to IRM for \$1,125. 3 yes votes and 5 no votes the motion fails.

Motion by P. Endres with a second by R. Anderson to put the 1947 Dodge inspection car out for bids, due by the March 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by K. Thomsen second by J. Sorrel to approve the membership upgrade for Carlos Tillman to Regular member. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Lovina Tisler box car.

New Business:

Motion by S. Brist with second by K. Thomsen to approve Wagner LLP as the Auditor for 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

The issue of the Gandy Dancer Festival in 2013 was discussed at length followed by a motion by K. Thomsen and a second by J. Sorrel not to sponsor the Festival in 2013. 6 yes, 1 no (B. Handschin) and 1 abstain (R. McLeod).

After discussion a motion by R. Anderson with a second by J. Sorrel not to extend the present contract on the Brodhead Street buildings in Mazomanie beyond December 31, 2012 and to terminate the Museum of the Milwaukee Road in Mazomanie. 7 yes and 1 no (Handschin) motion carried.

No action taken on conserving utilities in non-essential buildings after the Santa Express as the impact would be negligible.

Motion by S. Brist with a second by B. Handschin to grant the President the authority to appoint a candidate to represent Mid-Continent at the ARM/TRAIN meeting in Canada. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by R. McCloud and second by R. Anderson to waive for fiscal 2011 -12 the Board's mandate to move 7 % of all restricted gifts to the General Fund to cover administrative costs. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by R. McLeod and second by B. Handschin to turn down first right of refusal on the Mike Harrington caboose CStP&MO #6110. Motion passed unanimously.

President Bloohm stated adamantly that the 2013 budget must be a balanced budget.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be November 3rd at 2 PM in the North Freedom Village Hall: the fall banquet will follow at the Barn Restaurant beginning at 6 PM, dinner at 7 and program at 8. President Bloohm encourages the Directors to attend.

Motion by R. Anderson with a second by D. Schumacher to adjourn at 2:42 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Endres
Acting Secretary
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Approved by the Board at the December 15, 2012 Meeting