Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the March 16th Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 16, 2013

Location: MCRHS Office Building

Roll Call:

Directors:

R. Anderson, Treasurer - Absent

J. Bloohm, President

S. Brist

P. Endres

A. Joyce

C. O'Brien

D. Schumacher, Vice President arrived at 12:07 PM

J. Sorrel

K. Thomsen arrived at 12:06 PM

R. Wagner

Other Officers:

K. Bauman, Secretary

Guests:

L. Rowe

R. Lichter

E. Ripp

N. Miller

R. Kokemuller

W. Buhrmaster

B. Schumacher

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

12:05 PM – C. O'Brien moves and P. Endres 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.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be June 29, 2013 at 12 noon in the Museum Office Building.

The Minutes of the December 2012 Annual Meeting stand approved as corrected.

12:12 PM – D. Schumacher moves and K. Thomsen seconds to approve the Consumers 701 Committee consisting of Steve Brist (chair), Roland Lichter, and Marshall Deets. Motion passed unanimously.

12:12 PM – K. Thomsen moves and A. Joyce seconds to approve the Management Committee consisting of Jeffrey Bloohm (chair), Bob Anderson, and Roberta Wagner. Motion passed unanimously.

12:14 PM – S. Brist moves and A. Joyce second to approve the appointments of Kelly R. Bauman as Superintendent of Operations, Ron Kokemuller as Superintendent of Dining Services, Jeffrey Heartlein as Gift Shop Manager, William Burhmaster as Superintendent of Restorations, and Charles Hamm as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Motion passed unanimously.

12:18 PM – D. Schumacher moves and K. Thomsen seconds to appoint Ed Ripp to police the museum grounds for scrap metal. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Financial reports were presented

12:21 PM – K. Thomsen moves and C. O'Brien seconds to allow the president to conduct an email poll with regards to the IRS form 990. Motion passed unanimously.

> Currently the General Fund is down to $14,058.17.

12:23 PM – S. Brist moves and R. Wagner seconds to borrow out of the Reardon funds not more than $50,000.00 if needed to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

> We did very well keeping costs down through the winter. We also did well with answers to the appeals for donations that were sent out. This is the first time for many years that we have not had to borrow against the LOC or against ourselves by this time of year.

The President's report was presented.

Secretary Report was presented

> No new Associate Members, Two request to upgrade to Regular status. Our total membership is now 557individuals comprised of 350 Associate Members, 15 Honorary Members, 176 Life Members and 116 Regular Members.

Don Meyer's Report was presented.

A Report from the Superintendent of Dining Services was presented on increasing seating capacity.

The Consumers 701 Committee Status Report was presented.

Unfinished Business:

12:46 PM – K. Thomsen moves and C. O'Brien seconds to take the issue of the Mt. Harvard from table with no action. Motion passed unanimously.

12:48 PM – S. Brist moves and J. Sorrel seconds to take the issue of the WC&C #1 from table with no action. Motion passed unanimously.

> David Wantz has the vice president's approval to work with WC&C #1 tender and pony trucks.

12:51 PM – S. Brist moves and D. Schumacher seconds to take the drawings from table passed with one opposed

12:56 PM – S. Brist moves and D. Schumacher seconds to Donate the Chicago and Northwestern depot and buildings drawings to the Lake States Railway Historical Association.

By consensus of the board, the question of 12:56 PM is tabled pending the answer to what happens to Lake States' collection should they dissolve.

New Business:

12:59 PM – A. Joyce moves and C. O'Brien to approve the upgrades of Bruce Case and Andrew Spinelli from Associate to Regular Member status. Motion passed unanimously.

1:01 PM – D. Schumacher moves and R. Wagner seconds to approve the hiring of employees: Gilbert Sugden (custodian); Russell Schramm and Richard Colby (operations); Owen Hughes, Larry Tourdot, and Richard Dipping (restorations); David Lee (engineering), Lois Emberson, Mary AnnMast, Grace Ansett, and Carol Clandening (gift shop); Travis Leverenz (ticket agent) and allow the president to hire seasonal employees needed but not yet identified and report any hiring between board meetings to the Directors via email. Motion passed unanimously.

1:10 PM – By consensus of the board, the question of 12:56 PM is removed from the table. In the event Lake States Railway Historical Association were to dissolve, its collection would become the property of the Wisconsin State Historical Society. With is information the question of 12:56 PM was called. The motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 2 votes (J. Sorrel and K, Thomsen) opposed.

1:26 PM – A. Joyce moves and R. Wagner seconds to approve the 2017 seating change to remove the chairs from the lounge end of the car in favor of tables and chairs pending climate controlled storage being located for the lounge chairs. Motion passed with 5 votes in favor (D. Schumacher, A. Joyce, R. Wagner, S. Brist, and P. Endres) and 4 votes against (J. Bloohm, C. O'Brien, J. Sorrel, and K. Thomsen).

1:28 PM – J. Sorrel moves and S. Brist seconds to designate the Snow Train tip money in the amount of $1,103.00 to the car 440/2017 fund. Motion passed unanimously.

1:39 PM – S. Brist moves and J. Sorrel seconds to designate William Burhmaster's employee match from BP in the amount of $2,500.00 to the Copper Range 25 fund when the match arrives. Motion passed unanimously.

1:40 PM – D. Schumacher moves and S. Brist seconds to designate the $5,000.00 bequest from the Vince Mathews estate to the Restorations Department. Motion passed unanimously.

1:42 PM – S. Brist moves and P. Endres seconds to annex those parts of Mid-Continent identified to the village of North Freedom. Motion passed unanimously.

The board takes no action on the issue of the Gandy Dancer Festival in Mazomanie.

1:49 PM – J. Sorrel moves and A. Joyce seconds to accept the resignation of B. Handschin and to thank him for his service to Mid-Continent. Motion passed unanimously.

1:50 PM – J. Sorrel moves and K. Thomsen seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelly R. Bauman
Secretary
Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Approved by the Board of Directors at the June Regular Meeting.