

# Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

## Annual Meeting of the Members

November 2, 2013

### In Attendance:

Voting Members in Good Standing: 38 (Minimum of 20 Required)

Non-Voting Members: 15

Guests: 3

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 PM at the North Freedom Village Hall.

April minutes were not found, if found return to the Secretary.

The Financial Report was presented by the president, as required by the bylaws. This October our dining services brought in \$2,200 more in revenue than last year. Train fairs were down from last year. First Class spent less than last year. We had \$25,000 more in contributions than budgeted for. Rent income was \$5,400 which was \$205 over budget. \$3,000 in reimbursements were received. The Concessions income was \$810 which was close to the \$900 budget. Investment income was approximately \$3,100 over budget. The preliminary total income for the year was \$8,339 over budget. Expenses for the year were \$7,400 less than budget. The president thanked all department heads for keeping expenses down. Our long term liability is slightly over \$1,000,000. However our total equity is over \$4,000,000.

The president's report was given. Total ridership was down another 2000 riders from last year. This year's ridership hasn't been this low since 1964, our second year at North Freedom.

The Elections Results were provided by the Elections Committee Chair. There were 91 ballots returned, with one discarded for failure to follow instructions. Of the remaining 90 ballots the results are as follows:

In the matter of Director Position One for a three year term. Director Anderson retains his seat with 75 votes. Bob Ristow received 2 votes and Jim Eng 1 vote.

In the matter of Director Position two for a three year term. Director Sorrel retains his seat with 70 votes. Bob Ristow received 8 votes, Skip Lichter 2 votes, Al Joyce 1 vote and George W. Bush 1 vote.

In the matter of Director Position three for a three year term. Ken Burbach is seated immediately with 75 votes. Skip Lichter received 1 vote, Bill Buhrmaster 1 vote, and Scott Walker 1 vote.

Finally for the Remainder of the term previously held by Bill Handschin, Glenn Lavrenz is seated immediately with 73 votes. Judy Gasser also received 1 vote, Bob Ristow 1 vote, Chuck Hamm 1 vote, and Reince Preibus 1 vote.

**2:53 PM** -- Ken Hojnacki moves and Al Joyce seconds to destroy the ballots. Motion passed unanimously.

The Operating Department Report was presented by Superintendent Bauman.

The Buildings & Grounds Department report was presented by Superintendent Hamm.

The First Class Department Report was presented by Interim Superintendent Bob Ristow.

The Restorations Department Report was presented by member Richard Dipping.

The Collections Department Report was presented by Collections Manager Rick Thiele.

The Car Department report was presented by Car Foreman Richard Colby.

Baraboo River Bridge Logjam removal and Brush Clearing report was presented by member Jim Busse.

A status report on the Saginaw Timber #2 rebuild was presented by its owner Skip Lichter.

A report on the 1385 Task Force progress was presented by member Mike Wahl.

Mike Laabs reports that he needs volunteers for the Train Show at the State Fair Grounds. Volunteers should contact Mike or the Office.

This year the Madison Train Show is the same weekend as Snow Train. Bob Ristow needs volunteers down there as well, especially since he is needed in First Class.

The president request the membership thank former Director Al Joyce and former Superintendent of Dining Services Ron Kokemueller for their services to Mid-Continent.

Various other discussions took place.

**4:34 PM** -- Pete Deets moves and Rick Thiele seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approved by the Members at the April 5, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Members.

Kelly R. Bauman

Corporate Secretary

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