

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the March 23, 2019 Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Roll call was taken at 12:00 noon.

Present were:

Bob Anderson (by Phone)
Kelly Bauman
Rick Duresa
Bob Miller
Colin O'Brien
Dave Schumacher
Andy Spinelli
Bobbie Wagner

Absent was:

Jeff Huttenburg

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Bloohm, with guest Nick Verstein present.

It was stated that next regular board meeting would be June 29th, 2019 in museum office at 12:00 noon.

Motion was made by Bob Miller to accept the minutes presented of the December 15, 2018 annual meeting of the board, and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

Upon discussion, it was determined that the next Planning Session would be June 29th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Manager's Report was presented. Motion to accept this report was made by Colin O'Brien, and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

A verbal financial report was made by Jeff Bloohm. Motion to accept this report was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

A verbal report on the Seeley Creek project was made by Jeff Bloohm. Motion to accept this report was made by Bobbie Wagner and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

A verbal report on the 1385 project was made by Bobbie Wagner. Motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

The Collection Committee report was presented. Motion to accept this report was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

The Management Committee report was presented. Motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

The recent events of the lease of the Kevin Pickar caboose were presented. Motion was made by Colin O'Brien, seconded by Dave Schumacher, to cancel this lease. Then motion was made by Bobbie Wagner

and seconded by Rick Duresa to amend the motion to include a statement to Kevin Pickar that Mid-Continent Historical Society, Inc. would accept a donation, with no strings attached, of said caboose. Amended motion passed.

Motion was made by Dave Schumacher and seconded by Rick Duresa to approve the following members from Associate to Regular Membership: Alex Block, Jim Duffy, Andrew Elmquist, Gary Ertel, Kevin Huggins, Jeffrey Siems, Thomas Tallentire, Betty Thiele, Tom Phillips, and Ron Holtslander. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Rick Duresa to approve the following members from Associate to Life Membership: Kenneth Keels, Donald Plotkin. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Rick Duresa to approve Christopher Salmonson from Regular to Life Membership. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dave Schumacher to approve the audited financial statement for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion passed.

Roll call vote was taken, confirming each board member received a copy of the 2017-2018 IRS Tax Form 990 and agree with its preparation by Wegner's LLP, CPA's. It was noted Jeff Huttenburg, being absent, has provided written copy of his confirmation.

Motion was made by Bob Miller, seconded by Rick Duresa, to approve the 2017-2018 IRS Tax Form 990. Motion passed.

Offer for the Right of First Refusal from Phil Blinderman for the purchase of the DSSA 568 Caboose was discussed. Motion was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Rick Duresa to turn down this offer. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued to enter into a lease requested by Brian G. Miller of the DSSA 568 Caboose. Motion was made to deny this request by Colin O'Brien, seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed, with a vote of 5 – 3.

There was discussion of possible changes to the Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc. Named Fund Agreement (Endowment Policy). It was decided to have the fund agreement reviewed by Jeff Huttenburg for changes suggested. Changes or recommendations to be reviewed at June 29th, 2019 meeting.

A change to the Collection Policy was discussed. A motion was made by Bobbie Wagner and seconded by Rick Duresa to change the portion of the policy titled 'Ethics of Selling Artifacts' to read as follows:

'The proceeds for the sale of any deaccessioned artifact or unwanted donations may be invested back into the existing collection from which it came. The sale of artifacts may support the preservation and accessibility of current collections or be used to acquire other, more appropriate artifacts to fulfill the museum mission. This policy is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.' Motion passed.

Motion was made to release the J. Foster Adams photo negative collection owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society by Bob Anderson, seconded by Dave Schumacher. Additional motion was made by

Bob Miller and seconded by Rick Duresa to relinquish our agreement with the Wisconsin Historical Society for this collection. Both motions passed.

Motion was made by Colin O'Brien and seconded by Kelly Bauman to approve the following seasonal/part time employees, and allow the President to hire additional employees not yet known to fill vacant jobs and to report the names of the new employees to the Board via e-mail:

Gift Shop - Lois Emberson, Jo Ellen Anstett. Ticket Agent - Lori Liegel. Ticket Agent/Gift Shop – Jordon Schwarz. Operations - Russell Schramm, Richard Colby, Chris Lorr. Engineering - Dave Lee. Restorations - Richard Dipping, Owen Hughes, Larry Tourdot. Janitor – Jesse Kruchten, Handyman – Gary Almerli. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Rick Duresa to approve the appointment of Nancy Kaney as Superintendent of Dining Services. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Miller. Seconded by Rick Duresa. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Bobbie Wagner

Approved by the Board at the June 29, 2019 Meeting.