

Minutes of the GNRHS Board of Directors Meeting Held July 25, 1982

The printed minutes of the 1981 officers' meeting were on hand as printed. Ray Chappell had on hand for display and sale at the membership meetings, four copies of each available back issue of the Society's publications. It was recommended that display and sale of back issues be made a regular feature of every convention.

Current membership was reported at 602. It was 584 on Dec. 31, 1981. 68 new members have been received in that period.

Convention committee reported that there had been some minor bus arrangement problems that had been cleared up and because of the large registration, our activities room in the convention hotel had grown to two rooms but that we had to be out by 6pm. The cost of the banquet was given at \$14.33 ea, but the membership charge would be \$13.00. The bus ride over Stevens Pass would cost \$12.00 ea, and to Edmonds would be \$6.00.

Problems had developed in printing of issue #31 which resulted in 3 printings of one piece and a significant delay in #31's mailing. The artwork on the President's Message printed darkly, detracting from the printed word. It will be reissued in #32. The diesel painting diagrams were produced by strictly commercial means from blueprints and were not as good as past drawings where McGinley developed techniques had been used.

Stan Townsend had printed new stationary for officer use. It was decided that only officers and permanent committee chairmen would receive the stationary to avoid as much unwise use of it as possible.

It was decided that the letter paper and envelopes would be purchased from Stan for \$20.00 with the Board's thanks.

It is requested that Stan print 500 more sheets using the same letterhead with the addition of the names of the present officers included.

The telegram form will be reprinted as a 3 part form with the new herald on the top and Founded in 1973 as the FOEB on the bottom.

\* Member Gregory Johnson, #81-758, has agreed to serve as the Society's legal advisor, and it is hoped that he will be able to look into the Society's non-profit status with the IRS in the near future.

\* It was reported that the Burlington Northern Community Relations personnel are beginning to rely on the Society's publications as a significant source of material to answer public questions *about the GN*.

The new membership information brochures were shown to the Board. Their cost is 6-8¢ ea.

\* It was decided to have new membership cards printed with the old map, the 1936 herald, and the same type style as used for issue #31 GOAT masthead. No decision was reached on the use of red in the center of the herald. All current members would receive a copy in the next issue of the GOAT. No date would appear on the cards.

\* Membership certificates were discussed. Their cost would be relatively high. (\$3-5 ea. with hand lettering of member names.) Stan Townsend will be requested to investigate designs for certificates and their cost with members names on them, mailed separately from GOATS.

It was decided to print a year's worth of GOAT mailing envelopes with bulk rate notice, return address, and return to sender notice for up to \$300 to eliminate the need to hand stamp this information on 600 plus envelopes per issue.

\* Fargo Convention in 1983 is being planned by Bill Flint. The officers' meeting will be on Sunday, July 24, after the end of the NMRA convention in Winnepeg. The convention will be on Monday to Wednesday, 7/25-27, possibly at the Doublewood Motel. The following are being considered as tentative convention activities: A steam thrashers' museum at Rollag, Minn. with restored steam equipment that can be fired up; Bonanzaville, a pioneer village attraction west of Fargo; Dilworth, Minn. with ex-NP yards and shop; what ever might be seen of the Great Northern in

Grandforks; the possibility that the Burlington Northern could be persuaded to give a demonstration of a Jordan spreader in action. Bill has working with him on the convention, Dirk Lenthe and Dick Logan of Fargo.

It was requested that activities be provided for the wives and that a pool in the motel be considered as a real plus for the family members. Also the information on potential family activities should be made available to members well before the start of the convention.

A preliminary announcement about the convention in Fargo should be put in the September issue of the GOAT.

\* Ray Chappell reported that he has a supply of Dulux gold paint chips (for unused block in Reference Sheet #28) that he will send to members in exchange for a SSAE. A stamp must be provided.

\* It was decided to issue the annual membership roster in the June's publication and to make the cut off date for receipt of dues for a listing in the roster be March 31, with a 5 day grace period. A membership renewal notice is to appear in the December issue of the GOAT, with this provision each year.

The late renewal delinquency fee policy will be reviewed by L. Bushfield and W. McGinley to formalize.

It was decided that sustaining members' names in the roster will be printed in a way to distinguish their contribution to the Society. L. Bushfield will take care of this.

\* It was noted that Wolfgang Weber corresponds with overseas members in the Society's behalf and pays the cost of this service out of his own pocket.

Prices of Back Issues were discussed. It was decided to retain the current pricing policy, wherein back issues are sold to members at the  
→ approximate cost charged members at the time of issue. Ray Chappell, Martin Evoy, and Lou Bushfield will monitor the cost of back issues and pricing. We do not want to penalize late joiners, only adjust prices to cover the effects of inflation. When prices have to be raised, a long lead notice will be given to members.

Associate Memberships/Complementary Copies of the GOAT: We had 4 Associate Members on Jan. 1, 1982. We added two this year. We do have some Associate Memberships that are essentially exchange agreements. The copies received go to W. McGinley, for their educational value. There  
→ are a number of societies with whom we would like to exchange publications. To further this, it was decided that certain library type organizations (BNRR, Hill Library, etc.) would be retained as Associate Members. Other organizations with their own publications (Mainline Modeler, the NP Society, etc.) would be placed in a new category to receive complementary copies quarterly. Lou Bushfield will make this change in his recordkeeping. Any officer wishing to have GHRHS exchange publications with such a society will notify the president of this, and these two officers will determine if an exchange agreement is to be pursued. The following either are or will be placed in the exchange category: Prototype Modeler, PFM (for one year), RMC, NMRA SIG Groups Officer, SOO Society, and Santa Fe Society. The NP, NYC, PRR, and C&O Societies will be invited to exchange publications.

\* Calander Publication: It was decided that a 1983 calander for in-house distribution will be produced for 1983. The 1982 calander will just be updated for the new name and year and will have new photographs. Decorations on bottoms of pages may be shifted to different locations. A new member brochure, of sorts will be included in the back of the calander. Extra copies will be available by advance order from the secretary for \$3.25 ea. The secretary will collect orders and mail out calanders.

Society Advertisement: W. McGinley will work up a Society advertisement

to be sent to any publication which might carry it. Copies of this will be sent to the secretary.

Brochure Printing: 3000 brochures were ordered. 2500 were delivered. 1800 were consumed in mailing of issue #31, 200 will go into back issues (1 per copy). This left 500 for later use. 100 were distributed to the officers for their official use. 400 will go to the secretary to meet requests generated by the President's Message.

1983 Budgets: The following estimates were given for the cost of running the officers' areas in 1983. Secretary - \$200. Back Issues - \$1000. V.P. For Technical Services - \$50. Treasurer - \$500. V.P. for Publications - \$7,000. President - \$360. The president, treasurer, and secretary, within the next 60 days should set up a mechanism for generating budgets and comparing actual expenses to budget.

The V.P. for Publications was authorized to rent a post office box for his office.

\* Content of the GOAT: Much deliberation was made on this topic, and the following projected actions and policies were generated.

As a general rule of thumb, the modeling information published in the GOAT should provide enough information so that using it, a prototypically correct GN model can be built. Information to permit reasonable kitbashing or model assembly from commercially available and/or home made parts should be printed, but actual construction techniques would not be covered in any detail. The GOAT should not explain how to put parts together to produce the model.

Norman Keyes will design a draft of a membership survey to determine what talents and material we have among members who are able and willing to help with material preparation. Officers' input will be requested.

Norman Keyes will construct a rough draft of a questionnaire to determine member preference on GOAT content.

Norman Keyes will work to develop the background for Technical Committees and the beginning list of committee chairmen. These chairmen will function under the direction of the V.P. for Technical Services.

Chuck Wood will write to Railway Age to request permission to reprint articles from their publication at our convenience.

Film Library: Lou Bushfield will continue to develop mechanisms to produce a film library. This may take the form of video tapes.

It was decided that if the convention income was in excess of \$300 over expenses, each officer would be reimbursed \$50 as the equivalent of the one extra night's lodging required at the convention hotel.

The Board <sup>also</sup> considered the problem of what advertising would be carried in the GOAT. At present, this will continue to be left to the discretion of the V.P. for Publications.

A mid-year meeting of the BOD in late winter should be considered in the next few years. Some officer reimbursement for travel should be considered at that time.

Bill McGinley announced that he would be stepping down as GOAT editor and perhaps as V.P. for Publications at the end of the 1983 term.

All officers were given expense forms to be filled out as money is spent and to be returned when their expense fund is depleted.

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Officers Wood, Keyes, Weber, McGinley, Bushfield, and Evoy, and Assistant Treasurer Chappell met at the home of C. Wood in Seattle, Wash. consider a number of points. A recap of the deliberations follows.