

MINUTES OF THE GNRHS OFFICERS' MEETING
ON JULY 14, 1986, AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Peter Thompson. In attendance were Peter, Norman Keyes, Harold Hall, Louis Bushfield, Russell Wilcox, and Raymond Chappell.

The minutes of the last meeting, as revised, were approved.

David Duncan, convention chairman, gave a report on the plans of the upcoming convention. He indicated that a bus tour of the electric lines had also been scheduled for Thursday in addition to the one already planned for Wednesday. After his report Dave was excused to attend to last minute details.

Peter Thompson gave a report on activities of his office. He reported that latest word was that "Hustle Muscle" was still in the roundhouse at Superior, but track was being relaid to the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation; upon completion of the track the locomotive can be moved to the museum. Peter asked for the officers' support on Stuart Holmquist's stance on eventually placing the AFE files in the Minnesota Historical Society. The officers agreed to support this position. Peter also displayed twenty sets of "Circus Car" prints (ten prints per set) obtained from negatives in the Burlington Northern collection through efforts of himself and Stuart. It was agreed to make the twenty sets available for \$20.00 a set to members attending the convention whose names would be determined by a random drawing. Peter agreed to make arrangements to have further sets made available to the membership for that price with details to be announced in a future issue of the **Great Northern Goat**.

Norman Keyes reported on his activities. He displayed a slide of "Hustle Muscle" obtained from Myron Gilbertson. Peter agreed to obtain clearance from Myron to use it for reproduction on a card to be enclosed in a future issue of the **Goat**. Norm indicated that ~~enough material was on hand~~ for three or four issues of the **Goat**; due in large part to efforts of the technical committees. He indicated the BN transfer caboos discussed at the spring meeting was in active service and that BN had no plans to retire it; the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation had shown no interest in obtaining the caboos. Norm indicated he had taken no action on the patch project due to finances, and that no new progress had been made on the "Great Northern Locomotive Green Jacket Enamel." He reported that Larry Obermeyer, Senior, and Larry Obermeyer, Junior, had agreed to act as chairmen of the 1987 convention in Sioux City, Iowa; the dates are to be July 21-23. He suggested Great Falls as a tentative site for the 1988

convention. Norm displayed photographs of the flowers sent to Wolfgang Weber's funeral and read a letter from Martin Evoy about Wolfgang's death (enclosure). Norm reported the Stevens statue from Marias Pass is being reconditioned in a Browning, Montana, museum; and plans are to place it in a roadside park on Marias Pass. The former Summit depot is now open as a restaurant a short distance from its former location.

Harold Hall gave a membership report indicating eleven new members had joined in June, bringing the total for the year to date to 115 new members. He reported his findings on obtaining plaques to recognize members giving meritorious service to the society; but it was agreed not to pursue this further at this time because of finances. He also showed an article proposed in the spring meeting entitled "100 Years Ago On The SPM&M Railway"; the article was given to the editor for possible use in the **Goat**.

Louis Bushfield gave the treasurer's report (enclosure). He indicated that unexpectedly high costs encountered with issues #46 and #47 had put the society in a financial situation that demands close attention to further expenditures for the balance of the year. It was agreed that costs for issue #48 would need to be held at approximately \$5000. Prompted by the printing costs, Lou made a motion that regular membership dues be raised to \$17.50 per year and sustaining memberships be increased to \$35 per year effective in 1987. Norm seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Raymond Chappell reported that sales of back issues remained brisk; sales for the year have been about \$1500. Reprinting of some out of stock issues was delaying the filling of some orders. Due to increased mailing costs, the officers agreed to set mailing rates for back issues as follows: Up to \$50.00, \$1.00; \$50.01-\$100.00, \$2.00; over \$100.00, \$3.00.

Russell Wilcox reported that obtaining suitable photographs for the 1987 calendar had presented some difficulties, but it was presently at the printers. He indicated preparation of issue #48 of the **Goat** was well underway.

It was agreed to have 400 extra 1986 calendars printed. Harold is to place an advertisement in **Trains** magazine for their sale at \$5.50 postpaid and handle the sales of the calendars. Peter is to contact Ron Burkhardt to see if he would be interested in handling the details for obtaining photographs for the 1988 calendar with the understanding that the deadline for sending the photographs to the editor should be moved up to April 1.

Peter nominated Staffan Ehnbohm to fill the unexpired term of vice-president of overseas operations; Lou seconded the nomination and it was unanimously approved. Norm agreed to assume the duties of editor effective in 1987. Peter agreed to establish a

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nominating committee for 1987 elections and have a notice put in the **Goat** indicating that any other nominations must be sent to the secretary no later than June 1, 1987.

Lengthy discussion was held on the possible restructuring of GNRHS office positions. The agreement was to delete the office for vice-president for overseas affairs and to change the title of vice-president for publications to vice-president for membership services. Since such changes would require constitutional changes, Peter agreed to draft the revisions and have them checked by Greg Johnson. A ballot on the proposed changes is to be mailed about the time dues renewal notices are sent out.

Harold indicated the stock of membership brochures is getting low. Peter agreed to contact Bill McGinley about the partially printed forms that Bill has.

Norm proposed bonding the treasurer and assistant-treasurer, and it was agreed that such a measure would be desirable. Lou is to look into the feasibility of such a measure.

To recognize the outstanding efforts of Robert Schneider at recruiting new members, it was agreed to award a one-year complementary membership to him. It was also agreed that a similar membership be given to the restaurant operating in the former Summit depot in hopes that it would attract new members. Lou questioned if a complimentary membership should be given to the NMRA **Bulletin**. It was pointed out that Ken Hampton was to forward his copy to their library, so the issue was tabled.

Lou indicated he would try to procure someone to man a GNRHS booth for the 1987 NMRA convention.

Russ questioned if we should continue to print names of new members in each issue of the **Goat**; it was agreed that this practice is desirable and should continue. Norm indicated that some members had objected about the "Paid Through" indication on their mailing label, and questioned if this practice should continue. Lou indicated ~~he felt it was necessary~~. Member Richard Foster had suggested that some identification be made in the roster of members who have previously worked for the Great Northern. It was agreed that this was desirable, and Lou is to effect the practice starting with 1987 renewals. It was also agreed that changes of address should be sent only to the secretary.

The officers agreed that a spring meeting is both desirable and needed. A date is to be set later. The meeting was adjourned at about 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold
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