

MINUTES OF THE GNRHS OFFICERS' MEETING

JULY 20, 1987

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Peter Thompson. In attendance were Peter, Norman Keyes, Jr, Harold Hall, Louis Bushfield, and Connie Hoffman. Larry Obermeyer, Sr, Larry Obermeyer, Jr, and Stuart Holmquist were in attendance for portions of the meeting.

The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Larry Obermeyer, Jr, passed out brochures for the convention and discussed the schedule. Minor changes were made on the time of some events. He indicated sheets with "Rocky the Goat" emblems would be donated to the GNRHS at the end of the convention. He said the convention was projected to clear about \$1200. Larry, Sr, asked if the GNRHS would want an area in the projected museum; it was indicated that we would. GNRHS lapel pins were given to the Obermeyers in appreciation of their work in organizing the convention.

Harold gave a membership report indicating that new memberships were running slightly ahead of the same time last year. Lou passed out the monthly treasurer's report and gave each officer a current membership list. Norman reported that printing costs for the Goat were running about \$110-\$112 per page; the financial situation was still tight, but improving.

Items to be sold at the convention were discussed. Harold exhibited the lapel pins which were obtained from Sundance Marketing; he indicated the total cost was \$1.20 each. It was agreed that they would be sold for \$2.50 each at the convention, or \$3.00 each by mail (postpaid). Overseas members would be required to pay \$1.00 extra for airmail postage. Two sets of depot photographs (12 photographs per set) were displayed by Peter. A motion was made by Norman and seconded by Lou that they be sold for \$12 per set or \$22 for both sets; the motion passed. It was agreed that overseas members would need to pay \$1.00 extra per set for airmail postage, and that two sets would be awarded as door prizes at the banquet. Connie indicated that she had three GN stock certificates for door prizes also. Peter indicated he had some sets of "Circus Car" prints and back issues of the Goat for sale. It was agreed that the swap meet would be open only to registrants of the convention.

The nominating committee chaired by Duane Amdahl nominated Connie L. Hoffman for the office of secretary and Robert L. Gregson for the office of vice-president for membership services. Peter presented a sample ballot sheet. A motion was made by Lou and seconded by Norman that the nominations and ballot sheet be accepted; the motion passed.

Norman reported on the status of the 1987 calendar. It is being printed by Eichhorn Printing at a cost of \$2.00 each. Extra copies will be sold by Harold, but no advertising will be done. Price will be \$4.00 postpaid to members and \$5.50 postpaid to non-members. Peter appointed Russell Wilcox to coordinate the 1989 calendar project. Peter will send a letter of thanks to Ron Burkhart for his help with the calendar for the last two years.

Norman outlined plans for the next several issues of the **Goat**. He also exhibited a sample of a postcard prepared by Mary Jayne's Railroad Specialties of "Hustle Muscle". One will be enclosed in a future issue of the **Goat** and extra complementary ones will be given to Myron Gilbertson, Tom Tennyson, and Bob Johnston in recognition of their efforts with the project. About 240 of the cards would be available for sale at the convention for 25¢ each.

Peter indicated that legal work on "Hustle Muscle" was still not completed. The Lake Superior Museum of Transportation had indicated the locomotive is low on lubricating oil, and had asked if the GNRHS could provide some. A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Peter to allow Peter to negotiate up to \$350 from the promotions fund to purchase lubricating oil for "Hustle Muscle"; the motion passed. The need to repaint the locomotive was discussed. Preliminary projections indicate a cost of approximately \$7000 not including stenciling. Russell Wilcox has volunteered to help with the stenciling. It was agreed to survey the group to get their reaction to a fund raising project for this purpose. Peter was to mention it at the general business meeting and Norman will mention it in the **Goat**.

Peter reported on the GNRHS "mini-convention" in Sweden organized by Staffan Ehnbohm and displayed photographs from it.

Twelve hundred new membership brochures were printed by Bill McGinley and forwarded to the meeting.

Correspondence from Dean Ogle indicated a desire to get the membership to put technical information into computers. Dave Hickox indicated a desire to talk to the officers concerning a project on oral history. (He did so a few days later.)

Peter indicated he had started a photo file from photographs given to the society by Pat Stafford. He also said a promotions

file containing a sample of the items we have made available for sale will be sent to Robert Gregson.

A possible model freight car project will be handled by Edwin Nygaard and Robert Gregson. A Twin Cities group will have GN jackets at the convention to see if there is any interest in them.

Peter indicated the balance in the promotions account is \$3400. It will be closed out when Robert Gregson takes office.

Stuart Holmquist gave an update on the AFE situation. The condition of the building where they are now stored dictates that another storage place be found. An original request to Burlington Northern, Inc, for boxcars for this purpose was initially turned down, but there is renewed hope that something might still come of the request. If they can be obtained, the Dakota County Fairgrounds have indicated they will move the boxcars on site and provide electricity for them as well as provide some assistance in moving the files. Stuart recommended that we 1) wait to see what the outcome of the request will be, 2) consider obtaining used truck trailers at \$300-\$400 each as an alternative, and 3) rely on the mercy of the fairgrounds to get another building for our use. A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Harold to make \$500 available to the Senior Research Associate to deal with AFE relocation and preservation subject to approval by a majority of the officers; the motion passed. The officers expressed their gratitude to Stuart for his work with the AFE files.

Norman reported on the status of reprinting **Railroad History** #143. Negotiations with the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and a printer indicate that 1000 copies could be printed (500 for GNRHS and 500 for R&LHS) for about \$4.35 each; mailing would bring the cost to about \$5.15 delivered for regular members and \$5.42 for overseas members. A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Lou to order 500 assuming Norm can make arrangements as discussed, and sell them at \$10 each postpaid to members only. This is to be handled through the office of vice-president for membership services.

Agreement was that the logistics in making all back issues available were becoming unmanageable. It was agreed to make reprints only for issues no more than ten years old subject to consultation with Ray Chappell. Peter is to hold discussions with Ray regarding this.

It was agreed that follow-up with the State of Illinois would need to be done regarding their requirement for directors.

Harold indicated he would contact various publications at the appropriate time to notify them of the change of the society's address resulting from the change of secretary.

It was reported that Walter Forsman and his committee were already well underway with plans for the 1988 convention. It is to be in Great Falls on July 11, 12, and 13. Preliminary support was expressed for Duluth as the 1989 convention site.

Supplies of stationery were passed out by Harold to officers and Connie.

Stuart indicated a source where a new poster for the GNRHS could be obtained for the cost of the materials. It was felt, however, that this was not needed at this time.

The list of complementary members provided by Lou was surveyed, and it was agreed not to delete any at this time.

A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Norman that any profits realized from the convention be shared equally with the Siouxland Historical Railroad Association; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Norman that one night's lodging at the convention for the officers and Connie be paid by the society; the motion passed.

Agreement was made that the spring officers' meeting should be held in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, with the date to be decided later.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R. Hall