

MINUTES - GNRHS BOARD MEETING

SEATTLE, WA JULY 16TH, 2000

Meeting place / Double Tree Hotel - Bellevue

Greetings, and a call to order by President Larson. / Determination of a quorum of Directors to continue with the meeting, followed by a welcome to all visitors.

The president noted that Operating Officers and visitors were encouraged to participate in the discussions, even though not entitled to vote. Proxy votes are not permitted under the "Not-For-Profit Laws of the State of Illinois.

Item 1: Acceptance of the Grand forks, North Dakota Minutes and items to be considered as "New Business".

On a Motion by Chinquist

Seconded by Sherry

Approved by All

Item 2: Re-election of all Operating Officers

On a Motion by Tanner

Seconded by Sherry

Approved by All

Item 3: Re-election or election of President and Vice Presidents for 2 years

On a Motion by Chinquist to re-elect Larson as President

Seconded by Thorsett

Approved by All

On a Motion by Chinquist to re-elect Vice Presidents Tanner of Lines West and Lunak as Lines East.

Seconded by Sherry

Approved by All

Items 4 through 6:

Officers Reports and Mid-year [March 25, 2000] officers meeting St. Paul President Larson gave a brief report on the outcome of the March 25, 2000 meeting.

On a Motion by Chinquist to accept all reports

Seconded by Tanner

Approved by All

Item 7A: Seattle Convention and St. Paul [2001] Portland [2002]

Chinquist and Tanner gave brief reports on the Seattle Convention.

The Minnesota 2001 Convention will have an all day train excursion sponsored jointly by the GNRHS and NPRHA on Sunday the 15th.

On a Motion by Tanner the 2001 convention shall be referred to as the St. Paul Convention

Seconded by Chinquist

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The Portland, Oregon Convention tentative dates are July 13th. thru the 17th.
These dates will coordinate with the NPRHA

Item 7B: The Board of Directors meeting shall be held on Saturday afternoon the 14th. should they need more time to complete the meeting it shall be completed on the Gritty Palace during the train excursion on Sunday.

On a Motion by Sherry

Seconded by Tanner

Approved by All

Item 8: Bruck (Ulver)

Last fall nothing was done to it, as the Stumptown Historical Society could not find a place to store it near them for restoration. In the spring it was moved from Great Falls storage facility to Columbia Falls. We do have a person available that will help with the restoration. Phase 1: Will be the Exterior Restoration Phase 2: Interior Appearance and Phase 3: Return to Operation.

Item 9: The Great Northern Railway Jackson Street Roundhouse [partnership with MTM and NPRHA]

A report done by the GNRHS Archives & Research Officer, Holmquist was presented by President Larson and a slide presentation of the Jackson Street Roundhouse. The GNRHS will have the following at this facility.

- 1: GNRHS office in Jackson Street / with phone line.
- 2: AFE files and archival storage at Jackson Street
- 3: Organization for GNRHS participation in Jackson Street

On a Motion by Chinquist to accept Holmquist's four recommendations.

- 1: that an "Archive Committee" be created
- 2: there be an operating budget for continued use of the GNRHS office
- 3: a statement of commitment for solicitation and utilization of "Heritage Funds" for future projects at the "Jackson Street Roundhouse".
- 4: an official statement of position that the GNRHS office be designated as the organizations office place for archives.

Seconded by Tanner

Friendly ammendment by Chinquist to his Motion that we allocate

Holmquist \$6,000 for startup costs and first years expenses.

Seconded by Sherry

Approved by All

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Item 10: Heritage Fund Disbursement for 2000: All recipients are 501 (c) (3)

Motion by Tanner that we allocate 500.00 each to Stumptown and Jackson Street.

Friendly Ammendment by Larson that we allocate 500.00 to stumptown and 1,000.00 to Jackson Street Roundhouse.

Seconded by Thorsett

Approved by all

Item 11: Great Northern 400 "Hustle Muscle"

a. Operation

b. Repair

c. Location

Larson reported that #400 is in dire need of many repairs. The GNRHS engine will be transferred from LSMT to the Jackson Street Roundhouse this fall where it will remain permanently. Plans are in motion for having the repairs done.

Item 12: Editorial Staff procedures, process and organization.

Thompson, Durfee, Klouda

Item 13: GNRHS Awards

Tabled

Item 14: Stu Aldcroft - recognition

Tabled

Item 15: Connections with NPRHA, CB&Q, SP&S, and BNSF

Tabled

Item 16: GNRHS Officers and Directors meeting with MTM officials.

Early fall a meeting will take place in Minneapolis - St. Paul

Item 17: Great Northern Steam Locomotives on display

At the present time there are 7 known

Item 18: GNRHS - property "Ulver"

Anyone holding GNRHS property needs to write back to Ulver as to what they have.

Item 19: GNRHS acceptance of credit cards for Foreign members only, excluding Canadian members.

Member Dave Hickcox 82-879 has offered to accept GNRHS Foreign members credit cards for payment of dues.

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Item 20: New Business

See attached items

Motion to Adjourn 12:40am Tanner

Seconded Salmon

Approved by All

Distribution to all Directors and Masthead Officers

Connie L. Hoffman, Secretary

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Item 20: New Business

Chinquist. items 1 and 2

1. As the National Convention Officer, I would like to discuss what possible methods the BOD would support as an incentive to get convention attendees to stay at the convention hotel, instead of staying at a cheaper hotel. There was strong support at previous conventions to hold a convention in the Seattle area. This year, the host facility room nights that were booked based on previous west-end conventions is not being met. I have to assume that people are finding lodging elsewhere. Currently the pre-registration fee is \$30, and then a \$40 fee thereafter. There is nothing in our current fee structure to induce the membership to stay at the host facility. This year the GNRHS will probably pay the hotel a lot of money because the booked room nights were too low. Last year in Grand Forks, the nightly room rates were very low. Meeting room space did not cost anything last year. This year in the Seattle area at the DoubleTree Hotel - Bellevue, we are subject to meeting room and catering costs because the membership did not meet the expected room nights.

2. Last year I suggested that BOD members and officers get a membership roster that has all members on it. Each person to receive a full roster should specify what sort requirements and informational needs are desired. This would be requested from Duane Amdahl. I think that there is a strong need for those few people serving in those volunteer positions to get a complete roster. It is information that would be extremely beneficial to me.

Tanner : items 1 and 2

1) I would like to verify the present numbering scheme for GNRHS members. I noticed that new members who have signed up this year have numbers beginning with "20". What will next year be, "21"? And how about in 2010? I think it should be changed to "00" for 2000, "01" for 2001, and so on. If this is not possible, we might have to think of something else. This looks to me like a "GNRHS Y2K bug."

2) The Empire Builder is just about the last of the old "Name Train" routes still in existence. Certain Amtrak employees are concerned that the marketing people in the company may arbitrarily change that name at any time. I'd like to discuss what we as an interested historical group can do to make our feelings known that this name (the Empire Builder) should be retained as long as there is passenger service along this corridor.