

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING, JULY 28, 2013

CHICAGO MARRIOTT NAPERVILLE, NAPERVILLE, IL

The meeting was opened at 8:05 am by President Fr. Dale Paterka.

After determining a quorum was present, President Paterka continued the meeting by stating that under the "Not-for-Profit" Laws of the State of Illinois, Proxy votes are not permitted.

1. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the Director's Meeting of July 8, 2012 at Klamath Falls, OR were accepted.

Items 2 – 14: Reports were received, either written or oral from the following:

2. President Paterka reported on his activities for the past year. He noted that sometimes the President has to be the morale officer.
3. Treasurer Bill Sornsin reported that this year has been one of transition and challenge. He related the problems of transferring the job from the retiring Treasurer to himself. Bill went on to inform the Board that the Society is in solid financial condition, with ample resources to pursue its programs of historical education and preservation. Among the items in his report were; Should we reduce the Convention fee? Profits, what should we do with them?
4. President Paterka reported for Ed Stankard, the Managing Editor of the Goat. He related that four issues of the Goat were produced this past year. Ed's report also detailed the costs of publication and mailing the Goat and the requested budget for the next fiscal year. He went on to thank all of the people who are involved in the production of the Goat.
5. Bill Sornsin reported for Webmaster Ben Ringnalda. Basically the web site is running well, but probably needs to be up-dated to make it easier to navigate. Ben reported that he needs to purchase some new software to make everything run smoother.
6. Don McGlothlin, Marketing Officer reported that the Company Store was a success for the last year. He went on to detail the profits and losses and had several recommendations for the future. Also contained in Don's report, was a report from John Thomas, Back Issues Officer. John reported on the number of back issues of the Goat that have been purchased.

7. The Hobby Shop Report was given by Bill Sornsin. He related that we continue to receive a modest profit from our sales of the Goat in hobby shops. President Paterka reported on several new books that have recently come out.
8. Hustle Muscle Report: John Langlot reported that since Ron Erickson has retired, he has taken over the duties of managing Hustle Muscle's upkeep. He reported that there are several options for the future of Hustle Muscle. John thanked Steve Eckman, our Legal Council, for his help with the contract. Gary Nelson thanked John for all his hard work.
9. Andy Kern, Membership Officer, reported about all of the members who work at the train shows. He talked about the various ways they entice people to join the GNRHS.
10. Archives Report: Bill Sornsin started his report by recognizing those who really do all the work. He went on to detail some of the items accessioned. Bill noted we have a large amount of photos and documents in the archives. John Thomas then reported that a climate controlled area will be installed.
11. Convention Officers Report: Ed Erickson acknowledged the presence of Bev Tracy, who, with her late husband John, were the previous convention chairs. He explained where all of the convention activities would take place. Ed spoke about the possibility of making a presenter coordinator at each convention site to find local presenters. He thanked those people who helped to make this convention a success. Next, he announced the locations of the next several conventions: 2014 - Helena, Mt, July 18 – 23; 2015 - St. Paul, MN; 2016 – Spokane, WA. Discussion of the dates of future conventions followed.
12. Heritage Funds Allocations: Applications for grants received from the following organizations were discussed:

Illinois Railway Museum – to restore a GN tank car

Mansfield, WA Museum and Historical Society – Preservation of a GN Section Foreman's House

Nisswa, MN – Funds for a GN caboose

Montana Railway Museum – Funds

Somers, MT – Funds to restore a Fireless Cooker Loco used in the Tie Plant

After discussion, the following motions were made by:

Don McGlothin, seconded by John Langlot to allocate \$1,000.00 to the Mansfield, WA Museum and Historical Society for the preservation of a GN Section Foreman's House.

Don McGlothin, seconded by John Langlot to allocate \$1,500.00 to Somers, MT to restore a Fireless Cooker Loco used in the Tie Plant.

Both motions were **unanimously approved**.

The remainder of the applications were tabled for further investigation.

13. The 2014 Budget was presented by Treasurer Bill Sornsin. After discussion and adjustments, a motion to approve the budget was made by Richard Piper and seconded by Gary Nelson. The motion to approve the budget was **unanimously approved**.

14. President Paterka talked about the kit for the Skykomish, WA depot.

A proposal was presented to have 1 day meetings, sponsored by the GNRHS, scattered around the country, to allow those members who can't attend a full convention to be able to get together. A motion was made by Don McGlothin, seconded by Bill Sornsin. The idea was **unanimously approved** and will be explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Raymond A. Chappell, Secretary