

Great Northern Railway Historical Society
Director's Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2016
Spokane, WA

The meeting was called to order by Don McGlothlin at 8:00 AM. A quorum of directors was established.

Directors present were Korst, Langlot, McGlothlin, Nelson, Ringnalda, Tanner and Ulberg.

1) APPROVAL OF THE 2015 TWIN CITIES BOARD MINUTES
Moved: Korst / Second: Ringnalda **CARRIED**

2) APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 OFFICER APPOINTMENTS
Moved: Ringnalda / Second: Tanner **CARRIED**

Duane Buck is stepping down at end of this year; he has arranged for his replacement.

3) PRESIDENTS REPORT
To be presented by Don McGothlin tonight at the business meeting.

4) PNRA REPORT
Presented by Bob Kelly. Doing well, paying down the mortgage on the building. Around five GNRHS members are volunteering on a regular basis. There is no electronic link to the main catalogue system at Jackson Street.

5) DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF HIGH RESOLUTION SCANNING FEE
Moved: Ulberg / Second: Nelson **CARRIED**

6) TREASURER REPORT
Presented by Bill Sornsin. We are in a strong financial position. Board spent money last year on archives. Moved: Korst / Second: Sornsin **ACCEPTED**

7) MANAGING EDITORS REPORT
Prepared by Ed Stankard / Don McGlothlin read the report in Ed's absence.

8) WEBMASTERS REPORT

Presented by Ben Ringnalda. Changed design of the web site in the past year. New software is now in use. GNRHS.org now belongs to GNRHS. Still working on a digital goat publication. Encouraging officers to use web site and post more information.

9) MARKETING OFFICERS REPORT

Presented by Bob Ulberg. Store performed well in 2016. New items have been added over the past. New products are in the queue.

10) HOBBY SHOP SALES/ADVERTISING REPORT

Presented by Bill Sornsin. We are losing hobby shops all the time.

11) ARCHIVES REPORT

Presented by Bill Sornsin.

- a) Addition and appointment of Director Tanner to the Archives Committee. Moved: Ulberg / Second: Ringnalda **CARRIED**
- b) Board Update on JSRH Lease – John Thomas - Picked up another archivist in last few weeks.
- c) Addition of Space for AFE's – down to last row of shelves for scanning.

Our lease is up for renewal this year for next 10 years, no increase in rent coming. GNRHS will be renewing.

Bill Sornsin advised we have not yet received an invoice for the 2016 lease.

Usage: 113 inquiries by email. Bulk is from the net off the web site. There is heavy activity in cataloguing blue prints at JSRH. Provided info on GN and Glacier Park to National Geographic magazine for 100th Anniversary of the National Park system.

12) HUSTLE MUSCLE REPORT

Presented and read by Gary Nelson.

- a) Status of MTM Repair Issues
- b) Discussion on Renewing H/M use by MTM
- c) Issues with the fuel tank on H/M, pick up tube from fuel tank is rusted off, need to remove fuel tank, drain and clean it, and replace fuel pick up line so it will take fuel from bottom of tank.

- d) There is a possibility of having it at Sioux Falls, SD next year, depending on maintenance. Committee needs to find out what it will cost to drain tank and replace pick up tube.
- e) Board and officers will do everything they can to make sure HM stays in operational mode indefinitely.
- f) HM lease with Oseola is up for 2-year renewal. Board will address it. HM returned last year and was not put into inside heated storage right away, resulting in frost damage to part of the cab.

13) MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Presented by Andy Kern.

- a) Increased by approximately 20. 2170 as of September 2016. Retention is ongoing problem, but we're maintaining numbers. Appreciate Mary McGlothlin taking over membership services following the passing of Duane Sebelius.
- b) Bruce Goesser staying on for another 2-years.
- c) There was a discussion on ways to attract new members. Social media, train shows, etc.
- d) We will do a presentation at Train Fest 2018 in Milwaukee. Tyron Johnson presented Power Point on the show.

14) CONVENTION OFFICERS REPORT

Presented by Mary McGlothlin

- a) 2016 Spokane – biggest since Glacier, in the black.
- b) 2017 Sioux Falls, SD Update – plans in package. Do not have a local committee. Looking at possible increase in convention registration fee. There was discussion on keeping convention apparel, also discussion on keeping convention mugs. Discontinuing videotaping of conventions after this year.
- c) 2019 Fargo, ND Update – July 2019. Holiday Inn Fargo.
- d) 2020 Nelson, BC – Discussion and Approval – Tabled to end of convention.
 - Presentation supporting Nelson by Tom Carr
- e) Discussion on Costs of Recording Future Conventions
 - Looking for sites for 2021 (Ft. Worth Texas?), Willmar, ND or Watertown, SD were suggested.
- f) Search for NCO for 2019 and beyond
 - Tom & Francina Carr offered to do Lines West.
 - Michael Lunak proposed as Lines East, Gary Nelson will approach him.

- 15) HERITAGE FUND REPORT
- a) Hillyard Heritage Museum Society - \$2,500.00
 - b) Ferry County Rail Trails Partners – 2nd year commitment \$2,000.00
 - c) West Coast Railway Association – tabled to email
 - d) Somers Town Project – tabled to email
 - e) Discussion on Highlighting the Heritage Fund to Membership
 - f) Contribution from General Fund needed? \$11,000.00 worth of requests, we don't have that much in the fund. Does the board want to designate general funds into heritage fund?

16) 2017 BUDGET REQUESTS AND APPROVAL

Presented by Bill Sornsin.

Moved: Korst / Second: Nelson

CARRIED

17) ADDITIONAL ITEMS - None

18) MOTION TO TERMINATE AT 12:02 PM.

Moved: Langlot / Second: Ringnalda

CARRIED

Board Email Actions

2015-2016

1. OCTOBER 2, 2015. Motion by McGlothlin, second by Langlot. To reappoint Bob Kelly as the Great Northern Historical Societies representative on the PNRA Board for a period starting on January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.
CARRIED
2. OCTOBER 19, 2015. Motion by McGlothlin, second by Langlot. To approve the 2016 budget except the Archives request.
CARRIED
3. NOVEMBER 5, 2015. Motion by Ringnalda, second by McGlothlin.
 1. Approve a requested investment for a cataloging system up to a maximum of \$25,000.00 to be funded from the GNRHS General Fund.
 2. Amend the 2016 budget request to \$10,100.00 for general needs of the archives.**CARRIED**
4. MARCH 1, 2016. Motion by McGlothlin, second by Korst. To allow the PNRA to use a list of our sustaining members for a fund drive.
CARRIED
5. MARCH 1, 2016. Motion by Sornsin, second by McGlothlin. To allow BRHS to use our mailing list in selected states to invite members to their spring meeting for 3 years.
CARRIED
6. APRIL 28, 2016. Motion by Ringnalda, second by Korst. The Board has decided to recognize the following members for the 2016 GNRHS Awards:
Mac McCulloch – Empire Builder Award
Mike Bartenstein – Rocky Award
Bob Showers – Rocky Award
CARRIED
7. APRIL 30, 2016. Motion by Ringnalda, second by Korst. The Board has decided to recognize Mary McGlothlin with a Rocky Award.
CARRIED
Note: Director McGlothlin was not part of this vote due to being the recipient's husband.
8. MAY 23, 2016. Motion by Ringnalda, second by Ulberg. The Board approves the text for the Rusty Dusty as insert for the June 2016 Goat as attached, with the provision that a header is placed at the top of each page with the phrase "PAID ADVERTISEMENT". This phrase should be placed in all caps, using a common sans serif font such as Arial, with a letter size no smaller than what is used for the text in the main body of the advertisement.
CARRIED
9. JULY 12, 2016. Motion by Ringnalda, second by Ulberg. To award the Hillyard Heritage Museum Society \$2,500.00 to assist in the painting of Great Northern Equipment in it's collection.

CARRIED

10. SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. Motion by McGlothlin, second by Nelson. The NCO (National Convention Officer) is authorized to spend up to \$1,000.00 to procure for the conventions a new projector and necessary accessories.

CARRIED