

MINUTES OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010  
GLACIER PARK LODGE – EAST GLACIER, MT

The meeting was opened at 8:10 am by President Duane Buck.

The following persons were in attendance: **Directors:** Duane Buck, James Chinquist, Lindsay Korst, John Langlot, Donald McGlothlin, Ben Ringnalda, William Sornsin. **Officers and Staff:** Raymond Chappell, Edward Erickson, Ronald Erickson, Phillip Gjevre, Bruce Goeser, Robert Kelly, Andrew Kern, James Knollmiller, Fr. Dale Peterka, Duane Sebelius, Edward Stankard, John Thomas, John Tracy, and Philip Webb. **Members and Guests:** Tom Arms, Mike Bartenstein, Tom Carr, Caroline Chinquist, Janyce Langlot, Mary McGlothlin, Mark Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Lee Moyer, Rick Piper, Jack Porzig, Ernest Schirmer, Jack Sheldon, Bev Tracy, Bob Ulberg, John Westley, Kent Westley.

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

**Item 01:** On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the Director's Meeting of July 19, 2009 at Duluth, MN were **accepted**.

**Item 02:** On motion made and seconded, all Operating Officers were **unanimously reelected** for two years, with the exception of President Duane Buck, who did not seek reelection, and Treasurer James Knollmiller, who will serve until replaced.

**Items 3-11:** Reports were received, either written or oral from the following:

**03: President's Report:** President Duane Buck reported that because we correspond so frequently on a myriad of subjects and the information is published in the quarterly Goat, this report has become less significant. He went on to express some points of interest.

We have had some turnovers in the GNRHS Management Team:

Duane Sebelius	Membership Secretary
Ed Stankard	Managing Editor
Ed Erickson	Convention Officer
Bruce Goeser	Membership Officer
Andy Kern	Membership Officer
Don McGlothlin	Director

We are currently looking for a new Treasurer.

Some good progress has been made on the Operating Manual. It should be ready soon.

**04: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer James Knollmiller reported on the financial status of the Society. He also reported that there had been an increase in revenue from the Goat and the store.

**05: Managing Editor:** Phil Gjevre reported on the cost of producing and shipping the Goat as well as the status of the Steam Locomotive book. Phil next introduced Ed Stankard, who will replace Phil as the Managing Editor. Phil thanked all the members of the Goat team who made the Goat a publication which the Society is most proud to produce.

**06: Website:** Lindsay Korst reported that the use of Paypal to join or renew memberships is on an upward trend, especially in 2010. He reported that the Online Store continues to add revenue to the Society and that the top three sales items were kits/models, reference sheets and billboards, in that order. Lindsay announced that he has decided to step down at the beginning of the St. Cloud convention, but, fortunately, Ben Ringnalda has agreed to take over as Webmaster and we both will be working together to make this a smooth transition.

**07: Marketing Officer:** Don McGlothlin reported that sales from freight car/specialty cars, pins and mugs have been slowly rising over the past several years. He announced that in 2010 3 different truss rod cabooses and section house kit will be introduced.

**08: Hobby Shop Sales/Advertising:** Bill Sornsin reported sales of the Goat in hobby shops has risen slightly. Advertising in Classic Trains has netted some new members, and it is recommended that the ads be continued for another year.

**09: Hustle Muscle:** John Langlot submitted a report for Ron Erickson. Ron reported on the various uses of Hustle Muscle during the past year and the problems with sediment in the fuel tanks almost plugging the fuel filters. He explained the cause of the problem and his solution. Ron reminded the Directors that it takes time to prepare the engine for us because in it's semi inactive status, so please schedule ahead. Discussion about moving Hustle Muscle to St. Cloud followed and the problems that have to be faced. The Board gave it's approval for the movement of Hustle Muscle to St. Cloud.

**10: Financial Statement:** Treasurer Jim Knollmiller explained the financial statement. He then answered several questions about the statement.

**11: Membership Secretary:** Duane Sebelius reported that we have 1805 members as of July 7, 2010. He said that there is a problem with the Sustaining membership class which needs to be corrected.

**12: Dues Increase:** President Buck explained why we should raise the dues from \$30 to \$35, which would allow us to fund both Archive sites and other funds. Discussion followed about whether or not we should raise dues now, given the economic conditions. After discussion, it was decided to hold off any increase for one year. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allocate \$5,000 each year for the next four years from the General Fund to build up the Hustle Muscle Preservation and Maintenance Fund to \$20,000.

**13: Caboose X-240:** President Buck reported on the disposition of the caboose. He presented a letter from the Mayor of the original owner, the City of Buxton, ND, turning over all rights to the caboose to the GNRHS. President Buck then detailed a proposal he made to MTM, who would like to obtain the caboose and restore it.

**14: Archives:** Bill Sornsin explained the Archives Report. He focused on the Pacific Northwest Railway Archives. Bill went on to talk about some of the collections that have been donated to the Archives over the last year.

**15: Membership:** Bruce Goeser and Andy Kern, Membership Recruiting and Retention Officers, talked about a new and revised membership brochure and passed out samples. The Board of Directors requested the submission of a proposal for the printing of 5,000 copies of the brochure. President Buck asked Bruce and Andy to help set up regional teams for recruitment.

**16: Membership Cards:** President Buck introduced a sample of new membership cards. A motion was made and seconded to approve printing of the new cards. The motion was approved.

**17: Classic Trains Ads:** Bill Sornsin reported on the results of the ads in the magazine. A motion was made and seconded to continue the ads in Classic Trains for one year. The motion was approved. The possibility of putting an ad in the on train Empire Builder Magazine was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the placing of a membership ad in the Empire Builder Magazine for one year. The motion was approved.

**18: Volunteer Coordinator:** President Buck explained that over the years several people have expressed interest in volunteering in various ways for the GNRHS, but no way of coordinating them existed. He requested a new position of Volunteer Coordinator be established, and that Gene Walklin be appointed to that post. A motion was made and seconded to create the position of Volunteer Coordinator and to appoint Gene Walklin to the position. The motion was approved.

**19: Seeking New Treasurer:** Requirements for a new Treasurer were discussed, and it was decided to consult with the Northern Pacific Society to see what their requirements are.

**20: Heritage Fund Allocations:** President Buck presented two requests for donations from the fund:

1. Montana Museum of Railroad History for \$1,500 to repair their building. After discussion, the request was tabled.
2. Western Minnesota Steam Thrashers Group requested \$2,000 to move the former Great Northern Baker Depot to a new site and restore it. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the donation of \$2,000 to the Group. The motion was approved.

**21: 2013 Convention Location:** Ed Erickson reported that he needs help from the Board in finding new sites for future conventions. Ed also said he will have a display about the 2011 St. Cloud, MN convention in the Lodge lobby.

**22: Raising the Price of Back Issues:** After discussion, the Back Issues Officer was instructed to raise the price of Back Issues as necessary.

**23: Grant Requests:** How the GNRHS should write requests for grants for projects was discussed. It was decided to seek help from the members who are experienced in grant writing.

**24: Marketing Possibilities:** President Buck said that we should continue to strive to produce at least two rolling stock kits and one structure kit in the future. Discussion of additional ways of marketing our products followed.

**25: Additional Items:** A proposal for two By Law changes was submitted to the Board. The proposal was referred to the By Law Committee for advisement and recommendation to the Board.

**26: Election of the President:** President Buck introduced a motion that Fr. Dale Peterka be elected as President of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society for the next two years. The motion was seconded and Fr. Dale Peterka was elected President.

**27: Presentation of a Curtain from Glacier Park Lodge:** Ray Chappell presented to the Society one panel of a curtain, made by the Dayton Company of Minneapolis, for the Great Northern Railway to use in the guest rooms at Glacier Park Lodge and Many Glacier Hotel. The curtains were used from the 1950s until the early 1980s. It is hoped that the curtain can, in the future, be put on display at Jackson Street.

**28: Introduction of a Resolution:** A resolution was introduced that the Officers and Directors of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society express their gratitude for the service of our retiring Officers: Phil Gjevre, John and Bev Tracy, Lindsay Korst and Jim Knollmiller. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**Item 29: Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 12:10 pm. The motion was **approved**.

Respectfully Submitted:

Raymond A. Chappell  
Secretary