

Great Northern Railway Historical Society

Director's Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2015

Twin Cities, MN

The meeting was called to order by president Don McGlothlin at 8:09 AM. Quorum of directors established.

1) APPROVAL OF THE 2014 HELENA BOARD MINUTES

Moved Ben Ringnalda / Second Gary Nelson

CARRIED

2) PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presented by Don McGothlin.

- We've had a good year; the society is in good shape and maintaining our membership.
- Company store is functioning.
- Hustle Muscle is working in excursion train, it's a beautiful GN train.

3) TREASURER REPORT

Presented by Bill Sornsin.

- In a great financial position, with cash in the bank.
- We broke even on convention last year.
- Income exceeded expenses last year.

4) MANAGING EDITORS REPORT

Presented by Ed Stankard.

- We are within budget. The Goat is published four times last year. Approximately 85 copies of the steam book left.
- Brief discussion on doing a reprint of 1000 copies, for around \$23,000.00.
- Board will leave it to the store manager to advise on possibility of reprint.

5) ARCHIVES POLICY

a) Adoption of the *Archives Collection Management Policy*.

Presented by Bob Kelly.

- Explained the policy to the board and assembled members.
- Items being disposed of cannot be given to officers, board members or volunteers, must be made available to public.

Tabled until final policy is put together. It will be sent to the board for approval.

6) WEBMASTERS REPORT

Presented by Ben Ringnalda.

- New web site is up and response has been very positive.
- Main features of the website were reviewed.
- 2014 costs higher than expected, but still within budget.
- Looking at getting a 2nd payment gateway other than Paypal.
- Site uses Wordpress software.
- Assistance is needed with web development and web site maintenance.

7) MARKETING OFFICERS REPORT

Presented by Bob Ulberg.

Company store is doing well, some models are selling out. Looking to have more stock available in the next year.

i) Digitizing Goats/Reference Sheets

Presented by Don McGlothlin.

- Project still a work in progress.

8) HOBBY SHOP SALES/ADVERTISING REPORT

Presented by Bill Sornsin.

- Only 10 hobby shops currently carry the Goat.

9) ARCHIVES REPORT

Presented by Bill Sornsin.

- Two locations, east and west.
- Need more volunteers at east end archives.
- 1748 hours logged last year at Jackson St. Likely the same at west end.
- Most requests come in be email.
- Current web site vendor not up to task, need to make a move.
- Are looking into software currently being used.
- Have a good funding raising campaign in place.
- Met goals set last year for cataloguing.
- Still working on online data base for collections.

Goals for next year:

- Collections database on line
- Continue grant writing
- Continue developing volunteer base.

- Make some structural changes at PNRA facility
- Continue digitizing Photos/Documents
- Acquire software for remote site cataloging
- Confirm copyrights and use of photos

10) HUSTLE MUSCLE REPORT

Presented by Gary Nelson. Members include John Langlot and Jeff Otto.

- Hustle Muscle in three major displays at SPUD.
- In a cooperative venture with MTM.
- Mechanical issues have been addressed, such as leaky water pump, plugged screen in turbo-charger, bad voltage regulator for batteries, and a bad resistor.
- Expansion of committee to include retired mechanical employees

11) MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Presented by Andy Kern. Reviewed distributed report. Reviewed things we give away at train shows.
- Requested budget increase. Followed by discussion on benefit to society for increased budget.
- Looking for a replacement for Bruce Goeser at the end of his current term.

12) CONVENTION OFFICERS REPORT

Presented by Ed Erickson

a) 2015 Twin Cities

- Good tours this year
- Spouse tours continue
- managed to split out tasks this year, so convention chair doesn't have to do everything.
- Mary McGlothlin to be new convention officer starting in 2017
- Duane Buck organized presentation this year
- Attendance 220, with 175 for the banquet

b) 2016 Spokane – John Langlot - September 16 to 21st, 2016 at Red Lion.

c) Convention Sites

- i) 2017 – Sioux Falls SD or Fargo ND - TBD by end of August
- ii) 2018 – Bellingham WA or Everett WA – TBD by end of August
- iii) 2019 -

iv) 2020 – British Columbia – Tom Carr
Moved Don McGlothlin / Second Lindsay Korst **CARRIED**

d) Update 2016 – Spokane Convention

e) New Convention Officer as of 2017 – Mary McGlothlin
Moved Bob Ulberg / Second Lindsay Korst **CARRIED**

13) HERITAGE FUND REPORT

a) Borderlands Request

b) Northern Cass Rails to Trails Request

c) Curlew

Presented by John Langlot.

- Total of 7,000 people in Ferry County.
- Want to make GN right of way into 30 mile walking trail.
- Want \$6,000.00 to purchase 3 large and durable signs.

Table all heritage fund grants for future board consideration.

Moved Don McGlothlin / Second Ben Ringnalda **CARRIED**

14) 2016 BUDGET REQUESTS AND APPROVAL

Presented by Bill Sornsins.

Following discussion on budget amount allocations then budget was tabled for further review by the board.

15) ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Motion to provide plaque to Northtown Diesel Shop

Moved Bob Ulberg / Second Gary Nelson **CARRIED**

16) MOTION TO TERMINATE AT 12:02 PM

Moved Lindsay Korst / Second Ben Ringnalda **CARRIED**