

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Telephone Conference, April 19, 1997

Called to Order by President Hill at 1:02 PM PST

Present: Beach, Broderick, Carlson, Hill, Russell, Venable, Vomhof

MSC to approve Minutes of 7/18/96 and 7/21/96

- Treasurer Report: \$58,319.85 in Livingston, Hill continues to hold about \$1000. and \$5000. of the McGee Fund.
MSC accept interim Treasurer's Report.
- Hill reports that 1997 Convention appears to be up to speed.
- Considered replacement of Tarbox as publisher of MAINSTREETER. Hill will make suggested contacts and report back to Board in July or in special letter earlier.
- Membership: Snow, MSC to accept report (attached).
- Nominations: Russell--Vomhof will not seek reelection. Discussion of nominating more than one candidate for each vacancy, but will continue past practice of a single nomination.
MSC to accept report.
- Considered replacement of J. Wildung following the 1998 convention. Discussion of identifying a successor. President will use column in MAINSTREETER to seek a replacement.
- M[no second] to handle international members separate from other members. Appears to be a consensus that Snow should not be burdened with duties not directly related to processing renewals and new applications. Hill will contact Snow and Broderick will follow up. Carlson agreed to sort inquiries received by Snow so that form letter(s) can be written for responses.
Hill and Venable will explore with banks the costs of accepting credit cards.
- Hill urged the Board to think about building the infrastructure of the organization. With 1500 members the organization needs to invest in resources which will help to better serve the members.
- Vomhof expressed concern about the how well the regional convention structure was working, particularly with respect to the assistance that the 1997 convention chairman has received.

MSC to adjourn 2:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Philip F. Beach
Secretary

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 17, 1997, Bismarck, ND

Present: Beach, Broderick, Hill, Russell, Venable, Vomhof

Called to order by President Hill at 10:20 AM

- Hill: Major Challenges:
Craig Reese replacing Gary Tarbox as publisher of MAINSTREETER.
Don Carlson replacing Joy Wildung as manager of Company Store.
The IRS assessing a tax penalty when no taxes are owed needs to be resolved.
Need to expand membership committee--get more involvement.
Failure to include raffle mail-in with MAINSTREETER.
- MSC to approve minutes of April 19, 1997.

Old Business

- Credit Card capability, concerns about costs--Hill and Venable will investigate.

Committee Reports

- Company Store--Joy Wildung: attached
Transition is being made to Donald Carlson.
Store had a big year.
John Phillips has put a home page for Store on internet.
MSC to accept report.
Hill thanked Wildung on behalf of the Board for the excellent work she has done.
MSC to transfer accountables from J. Wildung to Donald Carlson.
- Publications--Russell--from Craig Reese, new publisher.
No plans at this time to make changes from Tarbox format.
Review of coming issues.
Board conveys its appreciation to Tarbox for his years of service.
MSC to accept report.
- Treasurer--Venable: attached.
Have \$59,257.13 as of July 14, 1997, not including Fargo CD's.
Money primarily kept in savings account.
MSC to transfer control of Fargo CD's to Treasurer.
MSC to accept report.
- Preservation--McGee collection will go to Montana Historical Society, collection now being inventoried.
- Membership--Snow attached
October to September membership year in last MAINSTREETER was an error.
MSC to accept report.
- Board was addressed by a member of the GN Society about the need to present a united front among historical associations when dealing with BNSF. It was suggested that a liaison at the Board level be established among the associations.
- Nominations--Russell
Tom Hoff will be nominated to replace Vomhof. (Beach, Broderick, Carson and Hill, will continue on Board).

Meeting recessed at 1:00 PM

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 PM.

Present: Beach Broderick, Hill, Russell, Vomhof.

MSC the procedure for the Z-3 raffle will be:

A single ticket of a different color will be issued for every \$5.00 purchase of tickets at convention.

Mail-in chances will be offered in 16-4 MAINSTREETER for \$5.00 each.

McCoy will receive the tickets and Fredrickson will draw ticket with McCoy as witness.

President will announce in 17-1 MAINSTREETER the winner of Z-3.

Meeting adjourned 10:55 PM.

Submitted by

Philip F. Beach
Secretary

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 19, 1997, Bismarck, ND

Meeting called to order by President Hill at 3:10 PM

- Hill:
Appreciation to DeLonce Synstegard and his committee for the successful convention.
Craig Reese will be the new publisher of the MAINSTREETER.
Donald Carlson will be the new manager of the Company Store.
The Association is doing well financially with 1500 members, but it has meant an increased work load for those doing the Association's work. We need to be concerned about building our infrastructure.
- MSC approval the minutes of July 20, 1996.
- Treasurer report--Venable: (attached to BOD 7/17/97)
MSC to accept the report.
- Company Store report--J. Wildung
Thanks John Phillips for Company Store homepage on internet.
MSC to thank Joy for the excellent work she has done with the Store.
- Procedure adopted by the BOD for the Z-3 raffle was explained.
- Audit report--McCoy: attached.
MSC to accept audit report.
- Nominations--Russell:
The committee recommends that Tom Hoff replace Vomhof and that Beach, Broderick, Carson, and Hill be re-elected to the Board. Nominations were asked three times from the floor, there were none.
MSC that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the committee nominees.
- Publications--Russell:
Explained transition in publishers of Mainstreeter.
Questions raised about costs and price of Calendar now that it has color photographs.
Need for technical articles for MAINSTREETER.
Draft mission statement for MAINSTREETER: [need to get from Russell]
MSC to accept publications report.
- 1998 Convention--Broderick:
Will be at Tacoma Sheraton, July 16-19 with a preconvention on the 15th. Rooms will be \$91.00.
- Future conventions: 1999 St. Paul; 2000 Helena/Butte; 2001 Billings; 2002 Pasco.

- Hoff announced that he was working with Challenger Imports on a new HO NCL train to be available first quarter 1998--high level of modeling excellence--best ever train in hobby. About \$5000.
- Warren McGee announced that his collection will go to the Montana Historical Society because of the promise of accessibility. He thanked Larry Schrenk and Rufus Cone for their assistance in making the arrangements with the Society and Bill Venable for his inventorying the collection.

MSC to adjourn 3:55 PM

Submitted by

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Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 20, 1997, Bismarck, ND

Present: Beach, Broderick, Carlson, Fredrickson, Hill, Russell, Venable

President Hill called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Hill, Venable, and Beach to continue in their present offices.
Russell volunteered to be Vice President, which was accepted.

Beach will chair nominating committee.

Concern was expressed that Carson was re-elected, but he has not been present at the last several meeting of the Board. Hill will seek his resignation.

A telephone meeting in the Fall will discuss preservation. The views of Schrenk and Cone will be sought prior to the meeting.

Hill will look into the matter of an NP diesel shell at Oroville CA owned by Dale Sanders.

Hill will figure out a reasonable cost for the calendar. Fredrickson will see about selling them at BN Credit Union meetings. Need to have information on who sells NP at swap meets.

Secretary is to convey Association's appreciation to Walt Ainsworth for his donation to the Oregon Historical Society in the Association's name.

The St. Paul Convention will be July 14-17, 1999 (NMRA convention begins on the 17th). Brian Dick is the Coordinator.

There was about 150 at banquet.

Hill urges that we begin to think about how we can use our resources to develop our infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM

Submitted by

Philip F. Beach
Secretary