

**Fargo N.D.
8:00 AM**

Thursday Morning Board Meeting

07.16.2015

A quorum was present by this date so the meeting was held at 8:00 AM CST in the lobby area of the Holiday Inn convention site.

The following board members comprised the group.

Bill Zidel, Kent Sullivan, Ken Vogel, Bob Makins, and James Dick

Not present were Chris Frissell, Alan Dahlman, Aaron Gjermundson, and Doug Shearer

The following reports were accepted as submitted.

Company Store – Gary Tarbox.

Modeling Committee – Dean O’Neill

East End Archives – Mike Borkan.

West Archives – Gary Tarbox

Membership Report – Ken Vogel

Calendar Committee Report – Bill Kuebler

Financial Report – Ken Vogel

Mainstreeter Editors Report – Ed Sherry

Only a brief meeting was held as all BOD were not present.

The main topic of discussion was at what time the General Membership Meeting was to be held.

Some discussion of the state of affairs of the current convention. Much less than the normal state of organization was noted at Fargo much to the dismay of the BOD and attendees.

To expand:

1. No registration table documentation to record attendees being present was in note on Tuesday evening and Wednesday AM.
In addition:
2. No convention folders or materials were presented to attendees upon arrival.(a)
3. Name tags for attendees were noted on the second morning of the convention. Also a sheet recording attendees was present by this time. Meal tickets and train ride tickets were dispensed at this time.

Bill Zidel noted he would keep an awareness of the state of readiness of the future Wallace, ID and Duluth, WA convention sites and committees.

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(a) Item one, sentence three, of Fargo 06.19.15 Sunday BOD Meeting

A call to accept the previous minutes was presented and Jim Platt made a motion to accept. A second to this was provided by Chris Atkins.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Announcement of Sunday BOD meeting was made.

The following reports were given to the membership:

PowerPoint presentation of PNRA facility, author Gary Tarbox, presented by Ed Sherry

Archives Report East author Mike Borkan, presented by James Dick

Modeling Committee Report, given by Steve Joyner and Aaron Gjermundson.

Calendar Committee Report given by Bill Kuebler

..... **Election of Officers**.....

Presentation of slate of officers was made by Ken Vogel.

Officers continuing their term: Bob Makins Doug Shearer Ken Vogel Kent Sullivan	Slate of new candidates: Alan Dahlman - returning Bill Zidel - returning Chris Frissell - returning James Woodward Ken Zeiska
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1. Call made to close slate of candidates was made.

Chris Atkins made motion to accept. Second by Matt Herson.

2. Call made to accept slate of candidates.

Paul Kasson made motion to accept. Second by Mike Lustig.

Vote taken of membership and vote was unanimous.

Retiring from board, Aaron Gjermundson and James Dick.

Call from the membership noted asking for consideration of 3/3/3 member rotation of slate.

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Presentation of 2016 Wallace convention given by Shauna Hillman

Presentation of President's awards

Recipients of the award were: Shauna Hillman

Hudson Leighton

Dave Hillyard

John Fuji

Dean O'Neill

Presentation of 2017 Duluth Convention to be held on Sept 13 -16th, given by Paul Anderson

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Farley - Transcribed by James Dick, Secretary

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BOD members present:

Alan Dahlman
James Dick

Aaron Gjermundson
Ken Vogel

Bill Zidel
Kent Sullivan

Bob Makins

BOD members not present: Chris Frissell, Doug Shearer

1. Concern was stated rather forcefully by an NP vet at the concluding board meeting about materials he prepared for distribution to the membership that were miss-handled by the convention committee staff. This veteran has prepared materials for many, many, prior years of conventions. Materials of this nature prior had been included in convention folder handout. Said veteran expressed deep concern about attending future conventions.
2. Ed Sherry recapped MAINSTREETER events.
3. Starting in 2018, conventions will be tried on a three day schedule as had been done in the past, (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). If there is a need for additional days, the need will be weighed by the BOD. (a)
4. Umbrella Insurance – James Dick asked if there could be a search of an insurance policy to be obtained by the NPRHA that would cover all the convention events (to expand: on convention events and outings, some vendors could have quite limited liability policies which would expose the NPRHA and in concert, the BOD to financial liability).
Follow-up by Ken Vogel was promised, with assist by Bill Zidel.
5. Future Conventions:
2016 – Wallace, Idaho - Shauna Hillman
2017 – Duluth, MN – Paul Anderson
Convention sites to be determined.
Ken Vogel - mentioned Centralia, WA.
Aaron Gjermundson - mentioned Medora, ND
James Dick - had presented information of a Brainerd site to Bill Z, Kent Sullivan
- also keeping conversation open with Xanterra group regarding a
Yellowstone Park (Mammoth – Hot Springs Site). Note that the Gardiner Gateway,
former terminus of the NP branch to the park is a few short miles away. (b)

.....Election of Officers for 2015/2016.....

Bill Zidel will continue as President.
Kent Sullivan will continue as Vice President.
Jim Woodward will assume the Secretary role.
Ken Vogel will continue as Treasurer.

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Meeting was then adjourned.

Others whom had been in attendance: Jim Woodward, Matt Herson, Virginia Herson, Jack Christenson, Ed Sherry.

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Footnotes:

- (a) This concern had been presented by James Dick. Concern stated was that “more days of a convention have not always better looking back over prior years.” This puts addition time and cost concerns on the convention chair with varying degrees of success having being seen. The Wednesday evening event at Fargo was an open projector event. Future BOD, please note - the extra time required could serve as an impediment for younger attendees to join/attend the convention.
- (b) James Dick was contacted ~ May of 2015 by Xanterra group and was told (via phone) that, “Yes, we could accommodate a fall 2015 date of several days for a convention.” He relayed in return that he would need two years to three years lead time by Xanterra for date confirmation, however was still *greatly interested* and wished a line of communication to be kept open.