

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

Sunday Morning Board Meeting

07.19.2015

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.