

# The Minnesota Streetcar Museum

## MINUTES

**Board of Directors meeting  
9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 8, 2007  
Lynnhurst Community Center  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

### **Attendance:**

Directors -

Bob Bayers, Director  
Aaron Isaacs, Director  
Scott Heiderich, Director and Treasurer  
Louis Hoffman, Director and Secretary  
Darrell Leipold, Director  
Bob Johnson, Director  
Jim Vaitkunas, Director and Chair

Others –

Ken Albrecht, Winona No. 10 Project Committee  
Keith Anderson, Chief Engineer  
Rod Eaton, General Superintendent  
Kathy Kullberg

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Vaitkunas at 9:10 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was discussed and approved with the date correction noted.

**Approval of minutes.** The Board approved the minutes of the September 15, 2007 Board of Directors meeting with the date correction noted.

**Winona No. 10 restoration.** Ken Albrecht, on behalf of the Winona No. 10 volunteers, reported that a complete set of seats are available for about \$12,000.00 including parts, labor, and delivery and the availability at a good cost of needed lumber. The Board approved transferring approximately \$6,000.00 from the General Fund to the Winona No. 10 Fund, the specific amount to be determined by the General Superintendent and the Treasurer in consultation with the Winona No. 10 Project Committee, for lumber and seats. The Board directed the volunteers working on the Winona No. 10 restoration to choose a project team or foreman and report to the Board by January 2, 2008 and to provide a restoration plan to the Board at its March 8, 2008 meeting.

**Treasurer.** Treasurer Heiderich distributed financial reports (others were e-mailed to the Board by Chair Vaitkunas previously) and reviewed the Museum's financial statements. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**2008 budget.** The Museum's 2008 operating budget, which was prepared by the Finance Committee and that had been distributed earlier by e-mail to all Directors, was approved.

**Confirmation of electronic votes since last Board meeting.** None.

**Planning for Winter Planning Meeting.** In addition to discussing shortages of leadership and operating personnel and marketing and public relations, it was agreed to discuss shortages of shop personnel.

**General Superintendent's Report.** General Superintendent Eaton reported as follows reported that Clyde Stephens has agreed to serve as Excelsior Shop Foreman. Eaton reported that he will attempt to fill other vacancies during the winter.

**Other reports:**

- **Upgrading charter and information telephone voice mail system.** It was approved to talk to John Prestholdt about adding voice mail capability to the Museum telephone line at Museum expense.
- **Carbarn security project.** Director Isaacs and Chief Engineer Anderson reported that Anderson met with a builder who states that our general plan is feasible. Anderson reported that soil tests must be performed, which his company can do under his supervision but that the Museum will have to pay for the tests, and noted the issue of land ownership (City versus Park Board – where is the limit of the City-owned right-of-way) for purposes of obtaining a permit.
- **Wirth Park shelter project.** Director Isaacs reported that Park Board staff is working with Lakewood Cemetery on the final location of the shelter and of Lakewood's service gate, noting that even if Lakewood builds a new gate for movement of maintenance equipment, it would be desirable to maintain the current gate for Memorial Day operations access for streetcar passengers traveling to Lakewood. Isaacs also reported that the Park Board will pay for the concrete pad, has a truck, possibly a truck borrowed from the City, the Museum will need to hire the crane to load and unload the shelter, there will likely be some cost to the Museum, and the work will be done in the spring.
- **Excelsior Streetcar Line report.** Superintendent Johnson reported a 37 percent increase in income, mostly from special events, noted the success of the Halloween and Christmas events and the great cooperation with and support from the Excelsior community, and noted that a significant percent of Excelsior Streetcar Line income came from charter and special events outside of regularly scheduled operations.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Next meeting:**

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2007  
Location to be determined (Winter Planning Meeting)