

The Minnesota Streetcar Museum

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**Board of Directors meeting
9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
3816 Vincent Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Attendance:

Directors -

Dave French, Director and Vice-Chair
Scott Heiderich, Director and Treasurer
Aaron Isaacs, Director
Louis Hoffman, Director and Secretary
Bob Johnson, Director
Jim Vaitkunas, Director and Chair

Others –

Rod Eaton, General Superintendent
Mike Helde

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.

Approval of minutes. The Board approved the minutes of the December 9, 2006 and February 24, 2007 Board of Directors meetings.

Appointment of Community Directors. Bob Bayers was appointed to the Board as a representative of the Linden Hills community. Aaron Isaacs will arrange lunch with Bob and interested Directors to discuss Bob's interests and the Board's expectations of his role. Bob Johnson reported that Suellen Douglas declined appointment to the Board but indicated that John Gorecki, President of the historical society, and Darel Leipold, a local merchant and historian, are interested. Bob will pursue this with them.

Treasurer. Scott Heiderich presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted. The Board distributed income received from the sale of the Chicago Transit Authority trucks as follows: \$10,000.00 to the Car barn Security Fund and \$3,500.00 to the Winona No. 10 Fund. The Board also decided to consolidate the two Winona No. 10 funds.

General Superintendent's Report. The General Superintendent reported as follows:

- All five streetcars are in service, although there were problems with No. 322 that have been repaired. He also reported that No. 78 will not operate for the time being.

- The Linden Hills Station exterior is being repainted and plans are afoot to paint the interior as well. He also reported that the station basement has been cleaned. There was also a discussion of the continuing need for a volunteer to serve as Stationmaster.
- There are new merchandise items in the station.
- Training is winding down. A number of new volunteers are being trained on an individual basis in an effort to accommodate schedules that don't mesh with the Museum's training schedules to get more trained operators. He also reported that Greg Taylor has resigned as Superintendent of Safety and Training at the end of the season. Dave French is considering accepting that post.
- Clyde Stephens has resigned as Chief Mechanical Officer. Rod has spoken with several candidates to replace him (Tom Fairbairn and Neil Howes) and it was suggested that he speak with Howie Melco as well. He is also speaking with Clyde about serving as Excelsior Shop Foreman.
- Posters for new special events were reviewed.
- Tom Beaumont has resigned as Charter Agent effective August 15, 2007. Jerry Olsen will serve on an interim basis for the remainder of the season.

Other reports:

- **Federally funded employee.** The Board affirmed its previous decision to participate in this program and reauthorized Aaron Isaacs to work with appropriate authorities to secure an employee.
- **Mesaba No. 16.** Jim Vaitkunas will send a letter to the owners of Mesaba No. 16 declining their offer to donate the carbody to the Museum and asking for permission to salvage parts that might be useful for the restoration of Mesaba No. 10.

Followup from Winter Planning Meeting. There was a brief review of the progress being made with respect to the marketing and public relations, member care, and personnel initiatives discussed at the Winter Planning Meeting.

Personnel. See General Superintendent's Report above.

Other business.

- The Board unanimously approved submission of the Museum's Annual Report to the Attorney General's Charities Division, which the Museum is registered with under Minnesota law. Specifically, in a motion by Jim Vaitkunas and seconded by Louis Hoffman, the Board resolved unanimously that the annual report to the Minnesota Attorney General for the year 2006 is approved as to form and content. The Board Chair and Treasurer are directed to complete the form with their signatures and other required information and to submit the report, along with all required attachments, to the Attorney General at the earliest possible moment.

- The Board affirmed its policy that the Museum does not provide free passes, tickets, or tokens to any other organization, charitable or otherwise, for fundraising events and that members wishing to provide the same may do so by purchasing the passes, tickets, or tokens.
- The Board approved payment of the bill for water and sprinkler design after Bob Johnson explained the situation. The Board directed Bob to obtain appropriate documentation of what services were rendered to ensure that the Museum retains the legal right to the services and design work that was paid for and directed Bob and Scott Heiderich to work together to ensure that approximately one-third of the bill is paid approximately monthly between now and August.
- There was a discussion about credit card sales.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next meeting:

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2007

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