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**MINUTES - GNRHS BOARD MEETING
GREAT FALLS, MT JULY 19TH, 1998**

Meeting Place / Best Western Heritage Inn, - The GNRHS Convention Hotel

Greetings, and a call to order by President Peterka., of the GNRHS Board of Directors at 8:30 AM. Those present were, Black, Evoy, Larson, Peterka, Wozniak and newly elected Directors, Ron Sherry and Scott Tanner. Directors Aldcroft and Buck were unable to attend.

Present Operating Officers; Amdahl, Durfee, Gjevre, Hoffman, Klouda, Knollmiller, Thompson and Salmon.

The President declared a quorum present, and the meeting open to transact business. Followed by a welcome to Guests: Ralph Day Jim Chinquist and Lindsay Korst.

The President noted that Operating Officers and visitors were encouraged to participate in the discussions, even though not entitled to vote. The president also commented that under the "Not-For-Profit" Laws of the State of Illinois, Proxy votes are not permitted.

Item 1: Acceptance of the Duluth, Minnesota Minutes.

Motion by Larson

2nd. Tanner

Unanimous

Item 2: Election of GNRHS new President

Motion by Black to Elect Jim Larson

2nd. Peterka

Unanimous

President's Gavel was officially handed over to Larson by Fr. Peterka.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Membership President Larson thanked Fr. Peterka for the good leadership and direction given to the GNRHS during his seven years as President.

Greetings to recently elected Board Members Scott Tanner and Ron Sherry

Item 3: Election of New and Reelection of all Operating Officers

Motion by Black to Elect Scott Tanner as Interim Vice President

2nd. by Wozniak

Motion Accepted

Motion by Larson to re-appoint Connie Hoffman, as the GNRHS Secretary.

2nd. Tanner

Unanimous

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Motion by Larson to re-appoint our Editorial Staff, Thompson, Durfee and Klouda
 2nd. Tanner
 Unanimous

Motion by Larson to re-appoint Computer Operations, Duane Amdahl
 2nd. by Tanner
 Unanimous

Motion by Larson to re-appoint Back Issues Officer and Curator of the Keyes
 Photo Collection, Cliff Salmon.
 2nd. by Tanner
 Unanimous

Motion by Larson to re-appoint Archives and Research officer, Stuart Holmquist
 2nd. by Tanner
 Wozniak, Abstain
 All others in favor

Motion by Larson to re-appoint Treasurer, Jim Knollmiller
 2nd. by Tanner
 Unanimous

President Larson proposed that the BOD re-appoint the following individuals to
 their respective positions.

Slide Files Curator, Lee Thompson
 Pins and Badge Agent, Alan Baucom
 Freight Car Marketing, David Thorsett
 GNRHS Calendar, Fr. Dale Peterka
 The BOD unanimously approved.

Item 4: Acceptance of resignations from Stuart Aldcroft and Duane Buck (as of July 25th.
 1998) and the appointment of two replacement Board Members to complete their
 remaining terms of office. These two replacement persons will be eligible to run in
 the next Board of Directors election if they so choose.

Motion to accept both resignations by Wozniak.
 2nd. by Black
 Unanimous

4A: Motion by Larson to appoint Jim Chinquist to replace Stuart Aldcroft immediately
 and Phil Gjevre to replace Duane Buck beginning July 26th.
 2nd. by Wozniak
 Unanimous

" Additions to Original Agenda"

Item 5: 1: Research-Resource Committee

- 2: Reimbursement for expenses
- 3: Terms of office for board members? when does it begin?
- 4: Resignation - Specific
- 5: Representation at the NMRA 99 convention

Item 6: Treasurer's Financial Statements for years ended December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1997.

All Directors were sent a copy of the Treasurers report by Mr. Knollmiller prior to convention for review.

Motion by Larson that the report be accepted as written

2nd. by Chinquist

Unanimous

"Officers Reports"

Item 7: The following Officers gave brief Oral Reports:

- 1: Amdahl - Computer and Membership
- 2: Durfee / Thompson / Klouda - Editorial (copy attached)
- 3: Gjevre - Convention / see item 8 which includes 3
- 4: LATER
- 5: Salmon - Website and Back Issues
- 6: Hoffman - Secretary
- 7: Baucom / Thorsett / Lee Thompson

Motion by Larson that the BOD accept all given reports

Unanimous

4: Holmquist gave a brief report on the AFE Files. With Evoy's help they have been able to supply information from the files to several members that are using it for future reference sheets. Progress is being made with the organization of the files however there is still much to be done. For the storage area the following items are needed Steps / Metal Door / Electricity / Shelving / File Folders and skilled help to get the structural changes done.

Motion by Chinquist that the Board approve \$2000.00, subject to further estimates, to Holmquist for up dating repairs needed to the box cars containing the AFE files.

2nd. by Larson

Wozniak Abstain

All others in favor



Stuart requested that Evoy continue to help with requests for info from the AFE files. Larson Suggested that a liaison group help with this. Evoy is to receive the requests for information Ulver and Peterka are to be his research assistants. The BOD were in favor of this.

Item 8: Great Falls Convention Briefing by Phil Gjevre, Myron and John Chase
 Phil reported that there were 183 preregistered members and 115 dependents.
 He also gave a brief run down of the upcoming days events.
 Myron noted that there is a need of a policy or guidance a year in advance
 as to how much money is allowed to be spent on the Conventions.

Item 9: Replacement for National Convention Chairman Phil Gjevre.
 AND Authorize persons for the Convention Bank Accounts.

Jim Chinquist volunteered to take over as Convention Chairman. He made
 proposals as to what he would like to do should he be elected.
 Motion by Sherry that the BOD accept Jim Chinquist as the New Convention
 Chairman as of September 1, 1998. The people on the Convention bank
 account will be Jim Chinquist, John Thomas, Peter Thompson and Jim Knollmiller.
 2nd. by Tanner
 Unanimous

Item 10: Modeling Editor Appointment

President Larson stated that Ed Nygaard has volunteered to take over as
 Modeling Editor. After much discussion and with the Boards approval,
 Nygaard was accepted as the GNRHS Modeling Editor.

**Item 11: Appoint a person to fill the new officer's position of Publications Development
 Officer Dale Peterka volunteered to fill the (PDO) position.**
 With the Boards approval President Larson appointed Mr. Peterka.

**Item 12: Complete the election process for the GNRHS Archives and Research
 Officer:**

This was completed last year at the Duluth Board of Directors Meeting.
 The Board. approved the ongoing position of Stuart Holmquist as the official
 GNRHS Archivist and Research Officer.

Item 13: Redefine spending limits for Publication Officers activities.

Motion by Larson to expand the GNRHS AFE policy to include the ?
 3 members of the publication committee Durfee, Klouda, and Thompson.
 They are to use their discretion when expending funds from the GNRHS
 for the production, printing, and mailing of the "GOAT".
 Approved by All Board Members

Item 14: Report on the King Street station Redevelopment Project:

Director Tanner gave a taped and verbal presentation of the restoration proposed for the King Street Station. He also noted the benefits to the GNRHS of becoming associated with the KSSRP.

No action taken except as below.

Heritage Fund 1998 Distribution: Recipients are all 501 (c) (3)

Lake Superior Museum of Transportation	\$2000.00
King Street Station Project	\$ 500.00
Jackson Street (M.T.M.)	\$1000.00
Iron Goat Trail	\$ 500.00

Motion by Larson to accept the list of grants to be distributed.

2nd. Chinquist

Wozniak and Sherry Abstain

Black and Tanner in favor (+ Larson?)

Item 15: Redefine Publication deadlines.

Taken care of in Item 7: 2 Durfee / Thompson / Klouda - Editorial report.

Copy of report attached.

Item 16: Should we send the roster to all members?

65% of the membership said that they would be willing to pay for it if they had to. Wozniak stated that if the society can donate monies to other groups through the Heritage Fund there is no reason why our members should not receive a free membership roster.

Motion by Larson that the Membership Roster be sent to all current members of the GNRHS.

2nd. Wozniak

All others in favor

Item 17: Who Supplies GNRHS promotional Packets for members doing shows.

It was decided that Item 17 and Item 25 will be combined.

Item 18: Establish a Policy for the GNRHS regarding reproductions and / or reprints of historical documents and artifacts.

Larson stated that whenever the Historical society has reproduced something within the "Goat" it has been noted somewhere in the article that it is in fact a reproduction. We cannot be responsible for what others produce and cannot stamp others property. We can verbally or by letter let people know that they do have a reproduction in their possession.

Item 19: Reissue GNRHS Reference Sheet #28 Great Northern Equipment Color Schemes.

President Larson recommended that this be left up to Modeling Editor Ed Nygaard. He has skills with colors so he can deal with this particular issue with the modelers. It will be left up to him to see if they can be reproduced at reasonable cost and accuracy.

Item 20: Prototypical accuracy and desirability in the annual selection process of models for sale by the GNRHS.

President Larson will take the issue under advisement and will talk with Ed Nygaard and Dave Thorsett.

Item 21: Confirm sites of 1999 and 2000 Convention's and dates and consider the year 2001 site.

Grand Forks, ND	1999	July 11 thru 14
Seattle, WA	2000	July 16 thru 19 1st. choice July 9 thru 12 2nd. choice
Minneapolis, MN	2001	no dates set

Item 22: Should the GNRHS consider accepting credit cards?

Larson stated because of the costs and legal problems the GNRHS will not get into the credit card business.

Item 23: General Business tabled at Duluth or not considered.

- (a) Safety Deposit Box / Where and who should hold keys.
The box should be established in Berkley, Michigan. Two keys will be issued and held by the GNRHS Secretary Hoffman and President Larson.
- (b) Electronic Records are needed to record Society Resources.
Possible scan the AFE files? will be discussed with Holmquist. Item 7: #4
- (c) Home for GNRHS Archives
At the present time the Photo Slide and Negative collection will remain in Lee G. Thompsons custody. A (museum facility) for other archives is out of the question at this time due to costs and manpower to staff it securely.

Item 24: While pursuing a storage facility for the Archives, consideration should also be given to moving the AFE files into the same storage facility.

The Decision was made by Larson that the AFE Files remain where they are.

"Action Membership:

Item 25: This will include Item 17: Establish a mechanism to support periodic regional assemblies of GNRHS members.

A copy of Director Tanners proposa; is enclosed.

Larson suggested that we put an article in the "GOAT" to the membership, suggesting to those that are unable to attend the annual convention could possibly put on a meet in their specific area inviting other GNRHS and non members to recruit, to attend. A listing of those living in specific regions could be obtained from Duane Amdahl. This would be good way to promote the GNRHS.

No action was taken in regards to membership packets.

Item 26: The NMRA has requested GNRHS participation at the national convention to be held in the Twin Cities' area, 17-24 July 1999.

Larson has discussed this with Phil Gjevre and Dave Thorsett and they have volunteered to represent the GNRHS.

New Business:

Item 27: Would you support an effort to put electronic representations of paint colors used by the GN on the GNRHS web page.

Because of the color changes on the net it would be very difficult to reproduce an actual accurate color reproduction. This is something that needs to be taken under advisement.

1: Research-Resource Committee

Chairman Buck transferred those duties over to Max Ulver

2: Reimbursement for expenses

A statement of expenses must be sent to treasurer Knollmiller for reimbursement.

3: Terms of office for board members? when does it begin?

Board members terms are for 6 years. Officially begins when elected.

4: Resignation - Specific

The resignation of a Board member begins the day the letter is received by the President and or the Secretary.

5: Representation at the NMRA 99 convention

Phil Gjevre and Dave Thorsett will represent the GNRHS

6: Director Black suggested that it would be good for recruiting new members if the GNRHS were to advertise in the current "Empire Builder" magazine. This would be great exposure for the society. The cost would be \$400.00 to advertise for the year.

Motion by Sherry that the society allocate \$400.00 to advertise in the "Empire Builder" for one year.

2nd. by Chiquist
All others in favor

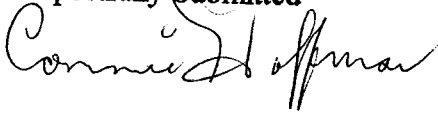
For the good of the order

Motion by Larson to adjourn 3:50 p.m.

2nd. by Chiquist
All others in favor

July 19th, 1998

Respectfully Submitted



Secretary of the Board
November 27, 1998

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