

## Museum of Bus Transportation Board of Directors Meeting

Museum of Bus Transportation Board Room, and via conference call 7:00 PM July 18, 2017

Board Members Attending: Doug Campbell, Tom Collins, John Dockendorf, Jeff Goldwasser, Dino Mandros, Dave Millhouser, Howard Nice, John Oakman, David Schmidt, Mark Szyperski, Ed Wolf, Ed Lacey, Bob Smith.

Advisers Attending: Terry Cosentino, Walter Earl, Ken McNelis, Angel Tollens, Becky Tollens, Mark Watson, Ralph Fetrow

Guest: AACA Museum Executive Director Jeff Bliemeister

Chairman Dave Schmidt opened the meeting with a quorum and super-majority of the Board present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Dino Mandros moved that the minutes from the last Board Meeting be accepted, Doug Campbell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously . This set of minutes was kept by John Dockendorf in the absence of Secretary Dave Millhouser

**AACA Museum** Executive Director Jeff Bliemeister reported that they were doing well, meeting all their financial goals. He indicated that they have added 2 new staff members

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Ed Wolf reported that he is working to finalize last years filing with government. All is going well as per the statements that were sent to Board Members several days ago. Bob Smith Moved that we accept the report, Dino Mandros seconded and motion passed unanimously

**CHAIRMAN's REPORT** Dave Schmidt announced a number of changes in leadership positions. Tom Collins has resigned as Curator and Executive Board Member to join AACA Museum's Advisory Board. Bob Smith has agreed to become Curator, with Angel Tollens as Assistant Curator. Doug Campbell will become Assistant Gift Shop Manager.

Howard Nice has agreed to Chair the Policies and Procedures Committee, and Dave Schmidt indicated that our goal is to also form a Membership Committee, in part to clarify the definitions of the several type so memberships

**CURATOR** Bob Smith reported that National Bus Trader has published an article on the Museum's "timeline wall" that depicts the history of bus manufacturing in the US and Canada.

The Curator along with some help, is in the process of sorting through and cataloging Fred Lehrer's substantial donation of bus literature and memorabilia.

Sometime this Winter all the buses in the Museum will have to be moved out of the hall, so that wall can be repainted. There is some concern related to the wall repairs and repainting, in that all the

timeline panels will need to be removed, rather than the removal of buses. There is a chance that when this is done, some timeline panels could get damaged.

He also reported that we are obtaining an estimate to paint and update the ACF Brill

**GIFT SHOP** Manager John Dockendorf reported that revenue for the first half of the year exceeded revenue for that same period last year by \$700 and total for first 6 months was \$5,000

Dave Millhouser suggested periodically featuring an item on our Facebook page that can be bought through Gift Shop, and on line.

Mark Szyperski moved that we promote the new “Trailways” book in our gift shop and website. Trailways is willing to split profits 50/50%. John Oakman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dave Millhouser offered to write a “review” of the book and try and get it published in Bus & Motorcoach News, mentioning the Museum as a way to buy it on-line

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Chair Ed Wolf indicated that the Treasurers Report essentially covered all the current finance activity

**FLEET COMMITTEE** Chair John Oakman reported that we now have good titles for all 48 vehicles the Museum owns, including title to the “Harran Flx” that has been parked in front of the Museum. John contacted the owner of that vehicle, and arranged for him to donate it to the Museum.

A Work Day is scheduled for July 22, and a primary goal is to go through the fleet and evaluate each bus to determine what work needs to be done on it.

As a result of the break-in at the Annex John has gotten an estimate of @\$12,500 for a security system and has contacted MCI, Prevost and several other companies soliciting donations to cover the cost. Results are pending.

Volunteers have constructed steps to better access the trailers used for storage at the Annex.

John determined that our insurance does not cover any passengers, so our buses can not currently be used for any shuttles. This affects the plan to use them as shuttles to and from Annex for Annual Meeting. John Reported that several manufacturers have offered Demos, so we are covered.

We are covered for the public accessing the inside of our coaches when on static display.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE** Chair John Dockendorf indicated that our profits from Spring Fling were @\$2,500 which was right on budget. Several unforeseen expenses that kept us from doing even better, and we have handle on them for future events.

Planning for the Annual Meeting is under way. The decision was made to make the bus facility tour this year at our Annex. The Annex has been cleaned up and configured for this sort of thing, and it was felt the members would enjoy it.

There continues to be juggling regarding which venue within the AACMA Museum is best suited, because we expect more attendees than last year. Final determination will be made as RSVP's come in.

Dafnos Italian Grill has been contracted to cater. Cost will be less than last year

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** Mark Szyperski indicated that his "day job" had been unusually intense, but he is aware that website needs updating, and he will be on top of that in near future.

He is working on next "Musings" and expects to have it out by mid August

Mark has been contacted by an independent film maker about using our 4106 in a movie. The film's budget is low, and Mark moved that MBT accept a \$200 donation (with hopes for more if movie is successful). Mark's rationale was that we would get valuable publicity for the Museum, and that the film's producer would spread word-of-mouth of our capabilities.

In addition the filmmaker will flatbed the bus to Baltimore and back at his expense and a CDL holding representative of MBT would be present on site. Dave Millhouser seconded the motion, and there was debate regarding our willingness to do this for so little money. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

**DONATIONS COMMITTEE** Chair Dino Mandros reported no recent donations of materials etc. but that real progress was being made in sorting and cataloging the Fred Lehrer collection.

**INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE** Chair John Oakman indicated that there had been little activity since Spring Fling, but he intended to have a meeting in near future. There has been a general uptick in interest by manufacturers and operators, but it has been informal.

**NEW FACILITIES** Don Barlup was unavailable and committee member Ralph Fetrow reported no current activity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Becky Tollens moved that we allow visitors to get aboard 3 specific buses (Scenicruiser, "Speed bus and "Gump" bus) under certain circumstances and with a Docent present. In the discussion that followed Tom Collins indicated that there was a lot of interest in the Golden Eagle too. Angel Tollens pointed out that the stepwell in the Eagle is in poor shape, and would need repairs before it was safe. The upcoming Fleet Committee Work Day will be sure to evaluate the Eagle.

Dave Millhouser suggested we go ahead with Becky's motion, and assuming things go well, we can add buses to the list in the future.

John Oakman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jeff Goldwasser made a motion that we establish a standard rate and set of procedures for renting our coaches to movies and events. The motion set the rate as \$1,500 per day as well as expenses for both transporting the bus and compensating any of our staff who help. John Oakman added the stipulation that all transactions be FOB the Museum.

Any future variation from these prices would require Executive Committee approval.

Tom Collins seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

In response to Dave Millhouser's pointing out that John Dockendorf who normally handles the election procedures is running this year a Nominating Committee was established, which Jeff Goldwasser agreed to Chair, to determine whether the Board members, whose terms expire this year, desire to run for another term. This Committee will advise the Board the results of its review, and members will then be notified

This Committee, will also work with the Secretary, to notify members of the procedures that they need to follow if they would like to nominate anyone else, to be considered as a candidate to serve on the Board.

The upcoming issue of Bus Musings, which is expected to be available early next month, will be used to provide the forenamed election information to members..

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 PM