

Museum of Bus Transportation Board of Directors Meeting

Museum of Bus Transportation, January 10, 2017 6:30 PM

Board Members Attending: Don Barlup, Doug Campbell, Tom Collins, John Dockendorf, Constantine Mandros, Howard Nice, Robert Smith, Dave Schmidt, John Oakman and Ed Wolf

Board participants by phone: Dave Millhouser, Jeff Goldwasser, Michael Laffan, and Mark Szyperski

Advisers in attendance: Tom Mozer, Ralph Fetrow, Ken McNelis(phone), Jim Tay, Angel Tollens (phone), Becky Tollens (phone) and Mark Watson (phone),

Tom Collins opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with an Invocation by Don Barlup and declared that we had a quorum.

John Oakman then moved that we hold the annual election for officers per the MBT Bylaws, and nominated David Schmidt (President), Mark Szyperski (Vice President), Ed Wolf (Treasurer) and Dave Millhouser (Secretary). Seconded by Dave Millhouser, the motion passed.

Tom Collins then turned the meeting over to Dave Schmidt, who thanked outgoing officers Tom Collins, Bob Smith and John Dockendorf for their years of devoted service to the Museum.

AACAM Report

AACAM's new Executive Director Jeff Bliemeister reported that their over-all attendance was up for the year, and fundraising is on target.

The differences between the AACAM and AACA continue, and rather than discuss them at length Mr. Bliemaster suggested read the explanation on the museum website (<http://www.aacamuseum.org/relationship-between-the-aaca-national-club-leadership-and-the-aaca-museum/>)

He is happy to be back at AACAM and looks forward to working closely with MBT, and thanked Angel Tollens and John Oakman for their help in appraising an antique trolley bus.

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Don Barlup suggested that all members read the editorial in their "Antique Automobile" magazine which they will be receiving shortly for AACA's side of the failed merger.

In response to an inquiry from John Oakman, Don Barlup re-iterated the requirement that all MBT Board Members must also be AACA members..

President's Report

Tom Collins reported that planning was going forward for Spring Fling (June 3, 2017), with some additional features, including identifying signage on buses.

MBT has been promised a \$2500 check from Trailways which is part donation and part "Life Membership". Since Trailways is corporate, there is some confusion as to how that \$600 portion of the money should be characterized, and Tom will contact Trailways to clarify.

Tom also indicated he had sent paperwork for Ford Bus to California, in order to get title for it.

Ken McNelis indicated that arrangements were proceeding for chartering a coach to attend the Sept 2017 Vintage Bus Show in Evansville IN. Ken noted that arrangements regarding lodging have not been finalized yet. (Stan Holter is still working on this.) Also member John Corson called to notify MBT of his desire to go on this charter. Ken McNelis was asked to contact John regarding this.

Secretary's Report

Secretary John Dockendorf sent Board Members advance copies of the Minutes for the Dec 6, 2016 Meeting and they were approved on a motion by Dino Mandros, seconded by Doug Campbell

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Wolf sent Board Members advance copies of Financial Reports, and indicated there were no extraordinary expenses.

Ed also indicated that he was continuing to search for someone to do audited statements required by law, at a reasonable price.

Dave Schmidt suggested we table any additional activity on these matters until they could be taken up by the new Finance Committee.

Dino Mandros moved that the report be accepted, John Oakman seconded and they were approved.

Fleet Committee

There has been a problem with the burglar alarm at the annex. Ken Mcnelis phoned in, and the alarm system at the annex was repaired and updated 1/10/17 at a cost of \$307.40, and Ed Wolf is looking into a possible service contract for the alarm system that may cut costd. Title, Registration , and License plate for 4014 Enhanced Status has been received. Work on 4106 Enhanced Title status has begun for this Spring.

Bus parts were purchased at Slatington, Pa Bus Conversions at a cost of \$480.00. Items purchased were two windows (MC9), DDec, relays, manuals, starter solenoids, and transmission control.

Ken McNelis purchased 2 accelerator cable at a cost of \$25.00 apiece or our MCI buses. He has donated these to Museum.

There is some confusion re scheduling workdays, and Ken will work with Mark Watson to make sure accurate dates are available on Facebook. One scheduled day conflicts with Board Meeting on March 18

Tom Collins is pretty certain that he can get a used para-transit vehicle from CAT for use as a service vehicle.

John Oakman reports that we now have a clear title for the GM 4104, and that he and Ken have made progress in cleaning up titles for the rest of the MBT fleet, but there is still work to be done.

John Oakman pointed out that there is no designated budget for fleet maintenance, nor clear guidelines on how and when purchases were to be made.

This is a general problem, and it was decided to take it up at March Board meeting, where each committee would be asked to formulate budgets and procedures.

Gift Shop

John Dockendorf reported that revenue is down \$2000 from @\$9600 to \$7600 year over year, but that figure may not accurately reflect the situation. It is likely that certain income has been accounted for differently in different years. The real shrinkage is likely closer to \$200. The Finance Committee will make an effort to standardize reporting.

John feels that revenue has been hurt by the reconfiguration of the AACAM store, and the books that make up a great deal of our sales are not in as visible a place as previously. He points out that most of our inventory is paid for... so the bulk of revenue is profit.

Publicity Committee

Tom Collins reports that the next issue of Bus Musings is in the works, and that Mary who has helped in the past is willing to continue.

He has contacted National Bus Trader with dates of Spring Fling and expects them to publish a notice.

He will send a "tickler" to vendors who have participated in the past encouraging them to sign up this year.

Becky Tollens reported that half the rooms blocked out at the hotel for Spring Fling have already been spoken for.. a good sign.

Old Business

Ralph Fetrow noted that John Dockendorf has made an additional donation of \$10,000 (in addition to his previous one) earmarked for housing of bus memorabilia collection.

Ralph Fetrow said that he has been successful in placing some MBT funds in CD's at relatively high interest rates, and would look to do that with this money.

Tom Collins reported that He had filed the "990" form for 2015 and was working on the one for 2016

New Business

President Dave Schmidt proposed a number of new appointments which were all approved by the Board:

Immediate Past President Tom Collins to be part of Executive Committee (moved by Don Barlup, second John Oakman)

AACA Representative John Dockendorf, with Dave Schmidt as Alternate (moved Millhouser second Oakman)

Parliamentarian John Dockendorf (moved by Tom Collins, second Dino Mandros)

Gift Shop Manager John Dockendorf (moved by Dino Mandros, second Doug Campbell)

Curator Tom Collins and Doug Campbell Assistant Curator(moved Dino Mandros second Doug Campbell)

Motorcoach Industry Historian and Document Archivist.Bob Smith (moved Dino Mandros second Ed Wolf)

Executive Committee Dave Schmidt Chairman, Tom Collins, John Oakman, John Dockendorf, Ed Wolf, Dave Millhouser, Mark Szyperski (moved Dino Mandros, second Ed Wolf)

Finance Committee Chairman Ed Wolf (moved Dino Mandros second Tom Collins)

Fleet Committee Chairman John Oakman (moved Dino Mandros second Doug Campbell)

Events Committee Chairman John Dockendorf (moved Dino Mandros second Ed Wolf)

Marketing Newsletter and Fundraising Committee Chairman Mark Szyperski (moved John Oakman second Doug Campbell)

Industry Relations Committee Chairman John Oakman Co-Chairman Mike Laffan (moved Don Barlup, second Dino Mandros)

New Facilities Committee Chairman Don Barlup (moved John Oakman, second Dino Mandros)

Dave Schmidt pointed out that the Committee Chairman are responsible for selecting members of their Committees.

Members who desire to serve on a Committee should contact the Committee Chairman to let him know of their interest in being appointed to the Committee.

Members who are not selected to be on a Committee are still welcome to attend and participate on a Committee.

Committee Chairman are expected to hold at least one meeting before our Board Meeting next month to help prepare for this event.

Committee Chairman need to prepare a proposed budget to fund their proposed activities this year, for the Board of Directors to review next month.

Advisers

Michael Burshtin

Terry Cosentino

John Lenhart

Ken McNelis

Tom Mozer

James Tay

Angel Tollens

Rebecca Tollens

Mark Watson

Mark Szyperski then moved that we hire Lisa Bergen Wilson to attend the March 18 Board Meeting to help us to better position MBT for fund raising. Her fee is \$1000 plus travel expenses Dave Millhouser seconded and Board approved.

Mark Szyperski then moved that we hire a website developer Letha Edwards (www.BigMeanKitty.com) to revamp MBT's website, allowing, among other things the ability to accept donations, dues and purchases at Gift Shop electronically, as well as enabling MBT to make regular updates etc. Cost would be \$2100

Dave Millhouser seconded and Board approved

President Schmidt got a consensus that the next meeting would be at MBT at 9:30 AM March 18

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM