

**Board Meeting Minutes
Western Michigan Society for Industrial Heritage
November 1, 2007
6:00 P.M.
Coopersville Farm Museum**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Vice President Jeff DuPilka.

2. Roll call (by-laws quorum of 5).

Duane Bowman, Mary Chubinski, Morris Hovingh & Cindy Timmerman gave prior notice of absence. President Hanenburg absent due to death in the family.

Present: Philip Cok, Jeff DuPilka, and Carl Sinke. No official business can be transacted due to lack of quorum.

3. Minutes of October 11 were reviewed.

4. Treasurer's Report was presented.

Treasurer Cok handed out Y-T-D Balance Sheet and Y-T-D Income/Expense reports. A copy of the Year End Balance Sheet for 2006 was also distributed.

There have been no changes since October 11 meeting report. Current balance in Money Market account is \$3,989.61. Assets are \$10,500 (PRR Railcar & Table Saw Donation).

Treasurer Cok reported that re-application and review of our non-profit status was required in early 2007. Sec Cok prepared the necessary paperwork and we have met the requirements and received a renewal of our 501(c)(3) designation. The 2006 F. 990-ez was required for this process and is available in PDF form on our website, www.coopersville.com/industrialheritage/WMSIH2006f990ez.pdf

5. Membership

Current membership is 15 (Four Lifetime and 11 individual or family). Treas. Cok will send out invoices for the 2007-2008 membership dues.

6. Handicap Railcar Project

Jeff DuPilka reported that he has successfully reconnected with Meijer's attorney Robert VerHeulen. Mr. VerHeulen stated, "Fred is definitely interested in contributing to the project" and asked to be re-freshened on the requested donation. Jeff will schedule a new meeting and would like to report the total amount of money raised and/or pledged to be \$23,000. This would include the money pledged from President Hanenburg at the July 2006 board meeting to initiate the renovations. Treasurer Cok will call Pres. Hanenburg tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 2 to confirm the amount.

Jeff reported that we will have to strictly adhere to the stated budget and solicit in-kind services. The West Shore Services estimate anticipated the availability of skilled labor from the Delphi labor pool.

Carl Sinke reported that he had recontacted Susan Broman, Executive Director of the Steelcase Foundation. She encouraged us to resubmit a new application. ***Sinke and Cok to review our last application and update it for resubmission.*** Updated ridership numbers

from the C&M Railway will be required for this application. Jeff estimated the total for 2007 to be around 12,000 to 15,000. ***Phil Cok to contact Jerry Ricard to get official numbers for the past few years.***

Carl reported he has sent out several donation letters but has not had any return contacts yet.

Phil Cok presented the (2) header signs for the Handicap Railcar Project to be put onboard the C&M passenger cars. These were donated at no cost by Graphics House Imaging. A donation receipt has been issued for the value of the signs.

Phil Cok distributed copies of the updated brochures authorized at the October board meeting for content approval. The information was reviewed and approved to print. Materials will be delivered to the printer. The printer, Grandville Printing Company, has declined an outright donation but provided quotes at a very favorable rate (\$166 for 500 qty). Well under the \$500 authorized at the October board meeting.

7. Member Comments

Jeff DuPilka suggested that since expenses of signs and brochures are under the authorized amount, another sign be printed and mounted outside of the depot. ***Phil Cok to coordinate size and placement with Jerry Ricard.***

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted on this date, 9 November 2007.

/s/Philip J. Cok, Secretary/Treasurer.