

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Business Meeting of the Missouri Pacific Association

The meeting was called to order by Host Ed Handley at 4:10 PM, April 16, 2013 at the Historic Hilton Hotel in Ft. Worth, Texas.

In attendance ...

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| Gary Thompson | Mike Lambert | Mike Ring | Terry Waggoner | Ed Jones |
| Art Mennell | Marcia Donahue | Maxine Kinder | Ab Rees | Margaret Kennedy |
| Gene Kinder | Steve Barkley | Pervis Miller | Mike Chapman | Ed Handley |
| Morris Gotschall | Carol Gotschall | Gary Lilly | Jama Lopez | Jo Ann Handley |
| Jon Stephens | Patsy Stephens | Bob Jackson | Tamra Boykin | Pat Love |
| Mary Jackson | Bill Kerlee | Nita Kerlee | Sammy Boykin | Jimmy Love |
| Emmett Becker | Darlene Becker | Curt Whiteamire | John Lambert | Mike Wall |

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Business Meeting held in St. Charles, Missouri, on May 23, 2012 were previously mailed to all members by Secretary John Lambert. Motion was made by Jama Lopez and seconded by Ab Rees that the 2012 minutes are approved as printed. Motion carried.

The Preliminary Financial Statement for the 2013 Reunion was read into the minutes by Terry Waggoner (copy attached). Motion by Ab Rees, second by Mike Wall, to approve the preliminary financials. A copy of the Final Financial Statement will be provided by Terry Waggoner after receiving and paying all the final bills for the 2013 Reunion. A copy of the final statement will be provided and will be attached to the Minutes. Motion voted on by those in attendance and motion carried.

Host Ed Handley announced Gene and Maxine Kinder are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary today. Congratulations! Ed also announced that he had received a letter from Bob Kemper and his family thanking the Association Membership for the many expressions of sympathy they received at the time of Joan Kemper's passing (copy attached).

John Lambert expressed his 'thanks' to the Handley's for planning this year's reunion. He also presented Ed golf balls and JoAnn red roses as a 'thank you'. He also wanted to be sure to thank Marcia Donahue for all her help over the last 8 years while he has been the Association's Secretary. John announced that he is stepping down from the position effective today and that Terry Waggoner has agreed to fill the position effective today.

Ed asked if there is any **NEW BUSINESS** that needs to be discussed.

Ab Rees thanked Ed for agreeing to take over as 'host' at this year's reunion due to Jim Riney's illness/injury. Ab confirmed the selection of Kansas City to be the 2014 Reunion site and that Bob Naro has agreed to be next year's host, assisted by Art Shoener.

Ab also asked the attendees for suggestions of locations for the 2015 Reunion. Jama Lopez suggested that we ask the entire membership to vote on or suggest where they would like to hold the reunion. She feels that we might have a larger turnout if the members have a more significant part in determining where the reunions will be held. After much discussion about specific locations, activity opportunities and possible travel difficulties/hindrances, Jama Lopez moved a survey be sent to the entire membership requesting they vote on their first choice of the top 4 locations discussed in detail during the business meeting. It was also determined we should allow members to submit a write-in location on the survey. The 4 location suggestions to be presented to the membership are...Memphis TN, Hot Springs AR, Little Rock AR and Houston TX. The motion was seconded by Mike Chapman and voted on by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Ed Jones brought up the topic of the auction and whether or not we should continue having the auction. The past few years we have received fewer and fewer donated items and many of them are what would be considered 'small ticket' items that will not bring much money. Ed feels that we should consider discontinuing the auction. Terry Waggoner provided the following information regarding the amount of money made at the auctions held the past 3 years...

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| 2011 - \$ 1,760 | 2012 - \$ 2,827 | 2013 - \$ 1,887 |
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After much group discussion about various changes we could make, Ab Rees stated we need to vote on which changes we want to make. The suggestions and results of the voting are noted below.

1. Do away with the auction altogether. Result by majority vote is NO
2. Do away with the live auction but keep the silent auction. Result by majority vote is YES
3. Continue to hold the auction as is. Result by majority vote is NO
4. Include a 50/50 raffle at tonight's dinner with tickets \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Result by majority vote is YES
5. Add a line-item on all invitations to the Annual Reunion requesting contributions to the Hospitality Suite. YES

Motion by Curt Whiteamire to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Ring. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Waggoner, Secretary