

27th ANNUAL MISSOURI PACIFIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Host Jama Lopez at 9:30 a.m., at The Austin Hotel, Hot Springs, AR. Forty-one (41) in attendance are...

Mike Ring	Linda Ring	Curt Whiteamire	Carmen Whiteamire
Mike Lambert	Paul McVey	Emmett Becker	Darlene Becker
Jerry Lasseter	Sammy Boykin	Tamra Boykin	Steve Barkley
Tony Vinci	Susan Vinci	Dan Misenheimer	Mikelyn Misenheimer
Ron Rankin	Melba Rankin	Donna Pfeiffer	Jim Montequin
Bobbie Montequin	Jimmy Love	Pat Love	Ab Rees
Ed Jones	Bob Jackson	Mary Jackson	John Lambert
Bill Somervell	Bob Kemper	Jerry Hall	Janet Hall
Mike Chapman	Jama Lopez	Denny Jacobson	Betty Jacobson
Eddy Handley	JoAnn Handley	Joe Whalen	Adele Whalen
Terry Waggoner			

Copies of the minutes of the 2014 Annual Business meeting held in Kansas City, MO, on May 17, 2014, were provided to those in attendance to read. Motion by Bill Somervell; second by Ed Handley; that the Minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Copies of the Final 2014 Reunion Income vs Expense Report were provided for review by those present at this business meeting. Motion by Ab Rees was seconded by Bill Somervell that this financial report be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Secretary Waggoner announced we had 15 new members/couples join our Association for 2015 and that 7 of the new members/couples are attending this reunion. The new members are listed below and those attending this reunion are noted in bold type.

Jerry Breedlove	Glen & Sharon Green	Dennis & Betty Jacobson	Doug Smith
Jim & Renaye Damman	Jerry & Paula Harrell	Dan & Mikelyn Misenheimer	
David & Carolyn Finley	Charlie & Linda Hartmann	Jim Riney	Tony & Susan Vinci
Alice & Duel Going	Dan & Marilyn Haus	Thomas Schmidt	Joe & Adele Whalen

Ab Rees made an announcement and once again thanked Jama and Mike for all their hard work making the Hot Springs Reunion such a great success. Bob & Judy Naro made a presentation to them at the dinner/dance last night.

Secretary Waggoner announced the 'silent auction' at this year's reunion earned \$2,377.00 for our account.

Old Business:

Secretary Waggoner provided feedback that electronic notification being made to members with email addresses has drastically reduced the administrative cost of the Association. Substantial reductions in postage and copy expenses as a result of posting the Membership Directory and other announcements on our website and corresponding with members electronically have each provided the greatest cost savings.

New Business:

Jama opened the meeting for discussion of New Business Items on the agenda.

The membership was asked for suggestions for our 2017 Convention. Tamra & Sammy Boykin recommended the next Convention be held in Shreveport since we have never had a convention at that location. They volunteered to Host since they live in relatively close proximity. Motion by Whiteamire; second by Jones Motion Carried.

Following is handling of Proposed By-Law Changes presented by Jama Lopez and Mike Chapman at this Convention.

Proposal 1 - Remove 'not for profit' verbiage from By-laws under **ARTICLE II- 'PURPOSE'**. Former Secretary John Lambert advised the group that the verbiage 'not for profit' should remain part of the By-laws for tax purposes. Proposal by Lopez, second by Chapman was withdrawn. Motion Withdrawn

Proposal 2 - Motion by S. Boykin, second by M. Ring that we change the name of our 'REUNION' to 'CONVENTION' in **Article V – REUNIONS** of the current By-laws because it carries more 'clout' or weight when negotiating with hotels and vendors to provide services for our future Conventions. Motion Carried.

Proposal 3 - Motion by S. Boykin, second by Rees that any 'profit' made at any Reunion would be distributed to accounts as follows...first \$2,500 would be rolled over into 'seed money' and any balance over that would be added to the 'contingency fund'. This will be accomplished each year after final numbers have been provided by the Host and Secretary. This would be a change to **ARTICLE VI – FINANCE** of the current By-Laws. Motion Carried.

Proposal 4 - There was much discussion regarding dropping members after 90 days rather than 3 consecutive years as stated in the current By-laws under **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, ITEMS 4 & 6**. We have numerous members who are not staying current with payment of annual dues. This recommendation was made by this year’s Hosts, Lopez and Chapman in order to make it easier for the Secretary to keep Membership Lists and the Membership Directory current. Barkley asked Secretary Waggoner if she had another recommendation other than 90 days. Secretary Waggoner recommended dropping members after non-payment for 1 year. A vote was taken by the membership with the tally being 16 members in favor of 90 days and 15 voting in favor of 1 year. Since the vote was so close, a Motion was made by Rees, second by Jones to re-address this issue next year. It was further moved that if a Member has not paid the current year’s dues, they would not receive a hard copy of the Membership Directory until dues were made ‘current’. Motion Carried.

Proposal 5 - Motion by Barkley; second by Rees; that each year the Reunion Host(s) negotiate two (2) complimentary rooms so the Association Secretary is provided a ‘comped’ room while attending the Convention. Motion Carried.

Proposal 6 - It was suggested that we drop the ‘silent’ auction but instead, charge a per-person ‘registration fee’ for each attendee at the reunion. After some debate, it was decided not to eliminate this money-making opportunity but to leave it up to each year’s Host(s) whether or not to have a silent auction or a raffle or both. No change to **ARTICLE VI – ‘REUNIONS’**. Motion vetoed.

As a matter of record a proposed By-law change was made by Secretary Waggoner to clarify a previous By-law change to **ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP, ITEM 1**. This recommendation is to further expand ‘membership’ qualifications to include, “Anyone who had/has current or former supervisory over sight of former Missouri Pacific Railroad territory”. Motion by Waggoner; second by Jones. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Lopez, second by Jackson that the meeting be adjourned at 1020AM. Motion Carried

Jama announced that 2016 Convention Host Jim and Bobbie Montequin had announcements to make about next year’s Convention in Omaha.

Jim and Bobbie announced they had already begun negotiations with several hotels in the Omaha area and the location they were leaning toward the Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market. Dates hadn’t been finalized yet but they were looking at either June 8-12 or June 9-12. Room rates were \$130 which included parking, breakfast, Y-Fi and Happy Hour. More to follow!

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Date: June 1, 2016