

# 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MISSOURI PACIFIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Host Jim Montequin at 3:05 P.M., at the Embassy Suites, Omaha, NE. Twenty-four (24) in attendance are...

Mike Ring	Linda Ring	Carmen Whiteamire	Jim Montequin
Emmett Becker	Darlene Becker	Bobbie Montequin	Ab Rees
Sammy Boykin	Tamra Boykin	Marcia Donahue	Bill Higginbotham
Mike Legg	Mary Jackson	Don Roderique	Terry Waggoner
Bill Somervell	Chuck Dent	Annelle Dent	Mike Wall
Mike Chapman	Jama Lopez	Art Mennell	Mary Ann Schmidt
Bob Jackson	Lynne Rees	Curt Whiteamire	

Copies of the minutes of the 2015 Annual Business meeting held in Hot Springs, on March 26 , 2015, were provided to those in attendance to read. Motion by Mary Jackson, second by Mike Ring that the 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

The 2015 Financial Report was presented to the membership by Jama Lopez for review and approval . A motion was made by Ab Rees and seconded by Tamra Boykin that the 2015 Financial Report, as presented, be approved. Motion carried.

### Announcements:

Secretary Waggoner announced we had 2 new members join our Association this year . The new members are listed below.

7/12/16      **Bob Hestes - Arlington, TX** - Loco Engineer & Mgr Oper Prac @ Ft. Worth

7/22/16      **John Harper – Omaha, NE** - var positions/locations, Mech & Transp with MPRR and CRI&P

Host Jim Montequin introduced the ‘Host Committee’ who assisted him and Bobbie in the planning of this convention. Their committee consisted of Mike & Linda Ring, Chuck & Annelle Dent and Cathy Creath. Thanks to all of them for their time and expertise making and executing their plan. Jim also announced that he and Bobbie declined receiving a ‘thank you’ gift from the Association. (It should also be noted that Jim & Bobbie provided the liquor, beer and soda as their contribution to the Hospitality Suite. TRW)

Jim Montequin went on to hold the drawing and announce that the winner of the 50/50 Raffle this year was Annelle Dent who was presented her winnings of \$360.

**Old Business:**

1. Motion made by Ab Rees, seconded by Ed Jones to carry over the following proposal from last year's business meeting in Hot Springs.

"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 last years 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."

2. We also need to continue our discussion regarding the continuation of the MPEA Association and/or possibly changing how often we hold our conventions.

A lengthy discussion was held by those in attendance at the Omaha Business Meeting about continuing the MPEA and our annual conventions...

- A. Do we continue to hold conventions every year or maybe change to every other year?
- B. Do we want next year's convention to be the last (2017) or go ahead and plan for 2018?
- C. Do we need to change the type of locations we hold the conventions; i.e., larger cities, smaller cities, other than 'MPRR' locations?
- D. What types of activities draw the largest numbers of participants?
- E. Should we schedule our next convention in the fall rather than spring?
- F. Is there an opportunity to combine our convention with the MPHS?
- G. Do we need to send a survey for volunteers to Host the 2018 Convention?

It was decided that we would keep our current plans to hold a 2017 Convention and hope we have a greater interest and turnout at that convention. If after that convention we determine there is still a lack of interest and participation, we will address the above items at and handle them as necessary. This discussion tabled until our next Business Meeting.

**New Business:**

Sammy and Tamra Boykin, our 2017 Convention Hosts, made some announcements about next year's convention. First of all it was announced the convention has been moved to Branson, MO, because their many attempts to seek help from the hotels and convention center in Shreveport, LA, went unanswered.

The Convention will be held from Monday, April 24 through Friday AM, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson and rooms are available at the rate of \$84 per night. Planned activities consist of golf, dinner/dance, riverboat dinner/cruise and departure on Friday morning.

Motion made by Jama Lopez, second by Mike Ring that the meeting be adjourned at 4:20PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_/s/ Terry Waggoner\_\_\_\_\_

Date: April 29, 2017