

General Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2015

Meeting Called to Order by Society President, Dr. Mike Hartshorne, at 7:30 a. m.

Visit from Society Co-Founder, Ed Bukove

Dr Mike introduced Ed Bukove, who envisioned saving 2926 from deterioration and restoring her to full operation. It was he who began our Society in 1997. He was warmly received by the membership. He, his wife Marilyn, and former CMO Paul Chenoweth toured our site.

Treasurer's Report—Ernie Robart

Current balances were read to the members. We received \$5,400 in donations in April from members and non- members. The Treasurer's Report was received, reviewed, and filed for audit.

Safety Report—John Cekala for Jon Spargo

John said that things have been going well. Two Safety Training updates have been held, with good attendance.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report—Bob DeGroft for Rick Kirby

Bob emphasized that members should not undertake any task they feel uncomfortable performing. If in doubt about how to do something, ask. He said the remaining brake parts have been received and will be assembled according to the appropriate drawings. We have also received the flexible staybolt blanks that are being threaded by Ron Taylor. Frank Gerstle reported that we are finalizing materials testing needed by Wolf Fengler, who is preparing the Form 4 FRA Inspection report for our Locomotive. These data are required for the report.

Community Liaison—Steve Bradford

Steve delivered a presentation to the Historical Society of NM on May 7. Members from that organization will be visiting our site today.

Fundraising—Mike Hartshorne

- Go-fund-me Engine shed: Mike, Linda and Rich Bugge, and Don MacCornack are pursuing a Crowd Funding approach to raise funds for our Locomotive shed.
- John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust: Mike reported that a member of AARPCO informed us about a trust whose goal is preservation of rail history from 1920 to 1960. Mike is preparing a request for our Society.
- BNSF Railway Foundation: No word as yet on our proposal.

- Smith's Community Rewards Program: Frank Gerstle has enrolled the NMSL&RHS in this program. He explained that Smith's distributes \$1.5 million each year to participating non-profit groups. Our donation is based on the number of Smith's reward card shopping trips by those who have registered in support of our Society. The process is done by registering your reward card on-line and choosing the New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society (#48995) as your charity.
- Amazon Smile Program: Mike noted that Amazon has a charitable program where a fraction of each purchase is returned to the organization of your choice.
- Albuquerque Community Foundation: Chuck Mangold and Mike have prepared a request for this foundation.

Board of Directors Election—Frank Gerstle

The terms of two current Board of Directors members expire this year. The Election Committee has received nomination forms from two qualified candidates thus far. The nomination period will close on Monday, May 11, 2015.

Announcements—Mike Hartshorne, et al

- Paint Storage: Randy McEntire said that some members are not storing partially used cans of paint correctly. These expensive paints need to have carefully resealed with a plastic cover. Also, the proper method for using these paints is to pour the amount needed into a separate container instead of painting directly from the original can.
- Site Security: Ron Taylor reported that he found that the fence east of the pup had been cut. Armed Response had responded
- 2015 Report to the LUCC: Mike has filed our annual report with photographic record of our progress. He also invited them to visit our site.

Scott Altenbach Steam Up: Scott has invited Society members for another demonstration and work session at his place in the South Valley.
May 16, 2015, at 3 PM
531 Shirk Lane SW, ABQ 87105

Next General Meeting—June 13, 2015 at 7:30 am (unless circumstances dictate otherwise).

Submitted by Frank Gerstle, Acting for Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS