

General Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2018

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, February 3, 2018	\$224,021.27
Deposits (Incl. Inv. Plus Dividend)	\$ 5,506.43
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 10,178.53
Total Assets March 3, 2018	\$219,349.17
Less Encumbered Cash	\$107,974.80
Free Cash	\$111,375.17

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

Bob D. reported the auditors are coming along with our audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Rick began with the tool car update. Mark wanted to know what color the trucks will be painted prior to our delivery. Since it ran originally with silver trucks Rick proposed they be silver to the Board who agreed last week.

Mark has received permission to work on various parts of the trucks so when each piece is completed he wants to protect them with the paint.

Regarding an update for the imminent steam-up Rick wanted to let everyone know what to expect. First we will fill the tender with treated water. We will then use this water to test our piping installed since our last hydro.

If all goes well we will begin curing the firebrick mortar. The torpedo heat will be used to start, and then we will do a burner test, slowly at first to complete the curing process. Eventually we will bring up the boiler pressure to less than 10 lbs.

Rick thinks by mid-April we will do an official full pressure boiler test to lift the first safety valve. During all firings we will have seasoned professionals performing the firing and will be in charge of the operations.

On the 21st of this month, Rick and a contingent of our group will be meeting with the BNSF management in Belen to touch base with Casey Peña's replacement. Talking points are being formulated.

In addition, with the help of Larry L. and Dr. Mike we have done the application online for the Amtrak 8000 number our tool car will need. It's been sent to Mr. Trombecky at Amtrak.

Bob D. – Operations & Business Plans

Bob reports that BNSF will help with the move of the tool car. We will have to make arrangements to get it to Chicago or Kansas City.

We must be an Amtrak Special between here and Las Vegas, NM. Maybe BN can lease an engine to Amtrak for our testing and/or running. Bob is working on those operations.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation today, March 10, immediately following the monthly meeting. There will also be several in attendance that missed the previous Annual Safety Refresher training sessions.

The fire up plan for 2926 is nearly complete and has been sent to a couple of our esteemed advisors for review. (Lanter and Kittel) As part of that procedure there is a safety procedure (separate document) that will be used by the safety officers during the fire up.

For reasons of safety, avoiding confusion, liability and etc., the fire up procedure will be conducted by specifically chosen members and qualified visitors such as the FRA inspector. All others will not be allowed on site. Once the initial fire up is successful with repairs (if any) completed, there will probably be a second fire up where all members and visitors will be welcome.

The fire up is a 4 part process and may take 2 or 3 days to complete. Therefore we are being extra careful as our “girl” hasn’t had a fire in her belly in over 60 years. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Frank Gerstle

Frank was looking at a 1942 book to purchase on eBay regarding the 2900 Class engines. Before he could buy it someone else bought it. The seller gave the buyer Frank’s email address and he contacted Frank and said he wanted to donate the book to our organization. He’s been following us online and not only did he donate the book he also joined as a member. He filled all the paperwork out and sent in his check to become a member along with Frank’s beloved book.

Rick Kirby

Rick wanted to thank everyone for their hard work, perseverance and dedication through all these years working on the 2926. It’s really starting to show our hard work and people are getting excited about our work on her.

Fundraising – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Candelaria Fund – They are willing to finance an electric generator once we get a price on one.
ABQ Community Fund – Starts again in April and we will apply again. All monies from last year have been expended.

John H. Emery Rail Heritage – We've put in for \$50,000. They really want to help with PTC equipment for the amount of \$30,000 out of the \$50K. They will also help more than one steam engine on PTC.

Announcements

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Banquet is on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm (cash bar), 7:00 pm Dinner and 8:00 pm is the program with Jim Wrinn of Trains Magazine as the keynote speaker. Cost is \$47/person.

Video tapes from our library are out on display and can be taken for free if you'd like. If they are not gone within 2-3 weeks they will go away.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – **April 14, 2018 at 8:30 am on Site**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS