

General Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2015

Meeting Brought to Order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report - by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of January 3, 2015	\$99,190.13
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$14,444.17
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$26,945.59
Total Cash Assets, February 7, 2015	\$86,688.71

Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash

Funds for welding flues & tubes: \$25,000 - Expense \$0 - Balance \$25,000

TRAINS Magazine grant brake stand \$10,000 - Expense \$0 - Balance \$10,000

Donations for locomotive brake shoes \$10,000 - Expense \$10,000 - Balance \$0

Dailey Foundation Grant - Brake Sub System - \$7500, Expensed - \$0 - Balance \$7,500

The Treasurer's report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

There will be an Annual Safety Refresher Course held on February 14, 2015 beginning after the general membership meeting for February. The annual review session will be held in the Reefer. If members go past March with no refresher class they will have to go through an entire New Member Orientation Class.

Members are reminded that if they had their new member orientation during the last quarter of 2014, they are excused from the annual refresher training.

We have had some preliminary discussions with Welch's boiler service about they're work on the site installing the flues. It turns out they have a strong confined space program. The only issue that remains to be settled is rescue. Keith, from Welch's will do a walk around with our safety team before work starts to insure everything is covered.

Welch's was here Wednesday and went over in detail what will happen the next couple of weeks. Their confined space is just as robust if not more as ours. They will come today to go through our SKED training with us at 10 AM.

The next new member's class will be February 28, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

With the tube and flue rolling beginning next week we need four people to volunteer every day that have been through the SKED training. Welch's will be on site from 8 - 4:30 and the sign-up sheet is in the WHQ

We've decided to do just a welded rolled edge rather than the procering that was done years ago. Rick spoke with several other organizations and they said to not worry about that.

Rick gave a recap about our Reno trip for the RPCA (Railroad Passenger Car Alliance) convention.

Rick mentioned previously that Sam Lanter had suggested that a few of us attend to get acquainted with the organization.

1. To meet some car owners
2. To meet the various representatives of rail equipment providers
3. More up to date exposure for our organization
4. Take advantage of the normally annual air brake class provided by Pittsburg Air Brake Co. As fate would have it the air brake class was cancelled.

However the convention was of great value for our organization. The first person we encountered was Jeff Schmid, retired BNSF employee, but is still active as Special Operations Coordinator. We sat down with him on several occasions throughout the four day event. Each evening they held a mixer sponsored by one of the vendors. Several of the attendees gravitated to wherever we were to inquire about the 2926 and its progress.

Jeff offered many suggestions and asked many questions regarding our schedule and initial plans as to break-in runs etc. He was instrumental in getting us hooked up with Robert Franzen who contacted us regarding fabricating our staybolts. We spent some valuable time with Mr. Franzen as well. Rick informed Jeff we were having a hard time procuring 26L brake equipment. He asked if he could take a run at it and Rick said whatever help he could provide would be appreciated.

The Rust Bullet presentation was short and sweet as Allison Navarro requested. Rick gave them a brief overview of our project and how the Rust Bullet products have performed for us. Rick also recommended their products to everyone in the restoration business. There were about 100 people in attendance at this particular seminar.

We spent some time with the gentlemen from Passenger Equipment Parts. His name is Curt Potter and he wants to donate a 1965 baggage car. It is an ex Santa Fe unit. He has been restoring the car and is currently working on the doors.

We spoke to several car suppliers and insurance companies. The pricing is staggering. After speaking with them Rick was able to self-assure himself that his heart was still functioning.

Other vendors included several ticket companies who provide excursion ticket sales and organization.

The best part of the trip in regards to our restoration was the discussion with Harold Weisinger, FRA in Washington, DC. Jeff Schmid sat in on our conversation. Rick was able to clear the air regarding the staybolt fabrication.

Robert Franzen has assured the FRA people we met that we were doing everything right in the staybolt area and he would be doing the fabricating of the staybolts..

All things considered, it was good that we were there to renew old friends, meet new ones and put the FRA nerves at ease.

We're going to use Jessup Inc. to get our air brake equipment in Iowa. They say it should take about 30 days - parts only. We need a box made up to send our parts back to Jessup to refurbish and recertify them.

Community Liaison - by Steve Bradford

He gave a very brief report. He states he gave a presentation in Santa Fe this past Tuesday to a Kiwanis Club. He's also going to be making a presentation at OASIS here in town on March 4th. This is the second year that Rail Giants out of CA have invited us to speak at their get together. Steve has graciously agreed to make the trip out there to represent us.

Fundraising - Dr. Mike Hartshorne

BNSF grant is still outstanding, but should hear soon.

Chuck is working on ABQ Community Foundation Grant which one could get as much as \$10,000.

Announcements

The watch caps are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members

AAPRCO will be here on 4/18 for a tour of our site and lunch with us. They leave on 4/19 for a tour of TX.

Pete Adair states if you would like a winter jacket with our logo on the back and name on the front to please see him for the ordering process.

Our website is getting 2000 - 4000 hits a day

The Hospitality Board will be on the site in two weeks.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting - **March 14, 2015 @ 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS