

## NMSLRHS General Meeting Minutes - August 2012

**Date:** August 11, 2012

**Location:** 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

**Old Business:** N/A

**Introduction:** Meeting brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne and introduced any visitors or new members we have.

**Treasurer's Report:** by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of July 14, 2012	\$50664.27
Total Cash Assets as of August 11, 2012	\$41884.79
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$15994.87
Free Cash	\$25869.92

### Grant Status

\*NRHS grant (for locomotive cab: wood lining) \$2900, expense \$1645.71, balance \$1254.29

Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive restoration) \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000.00

BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible staybolts) \$15000, expense \$259.42, balance \$14740.58

Checking Account beginning balance as of July 14, 2012 \$29427.08

Ending Balance as of August 11, 2012 \$20623.10

Deposits from 7/18 8/7/12 \$6885.36

Expenses from 7/3 8/9/12 \$15689.34

Various expenses for the month were bankcard fee, cab wood molding, tongue & groove for interior, set-aside reward for stolen locomotive parts if found, repairs to locomotive dynamo, drinking water, new and used tools, repairs to grinders, sharpen saw blades, keys, tape, hardware for side rod bearings gloves, bolts, tools hardware for waterline repair, monthly telephone bill, gas for welder, monthly computer diagnostics and service, postage and printing of newsletter, container #7, misc. other items for cab container #8, pipe and couplings for tool fabrication, grinders installation of Armed Response Team security system (initial down payment)

Savings Account Balance including interest as of 7/31/12 \$21191.69

Cash Box Store Sales \$50.00

**CSO Report:** by Jon Spargo

We have had three new members take the New Member Safety Orientation. Please join me in welcoming John Borchardt, Dudley Nutt and Ron Taylor to our group.

Thanks to Danny Lowery for running a fork lift training school and thanks to the members who took the training. We note quite a remarkable accomplishment in our safety program. To date, we have had 42 successful permit required confined space entry work parties. All have worked out well without any incidents. At this time we need to thank John Cekala for writing the program and Bill and Jane McSweeney for setting up the confined space rescue procedures and conducting rescue training.

We also need to thank all of the members who have stepped up to participate in the program and for their willingness to do the training and for being available to help when confined space entries are needed.

You should be proud because this is the way it is supposed to happen and demonstrates how far we have come in our safety program.

**CMO Report:** by Rick Kirby

Rick reports he doesn't plan to spend a lot of time on the burglary subject, but it's safe to say we learned an important lesson. Not everyone in our community cares as much about the project as we do. Nothing is sacred or beyond a thief's conscience, so from now on no part or chunk of metal gets left out at the end of each work session. A few more things need to be secured. The BoD has decided to install a security system which may, just by its presence, deter if not catch any future intruders.

The sandblasting was completed yesterday. There are some areas still in need of work and clean-up. The sand is covering just about everything. We may need another work session just to blow it off. Thanks to all of you who came in on Thursday and Friday.

Rick reported he discussed a project with Bob DeGroft regarding the bearings. In the coming weeks we need to resume cleaning all parts that did not get rebuilt. We need to sort out fireman's side #2, 3 and 4 drivers then #1 and 2 on engineer's side. Each box will be done in separate work areas so as not to mix them up. Wire wheels and fine grit flappers can be used then a rinse in the parts washers.

There are many more parts in need of cleaning and painting. Not all projects here on site necessarily involve working on the engine, but are jobs that are needed none the less. In the likelihood that this will be our home for the foreseeable future, time has been spent on the infrastructure here to provide us a place to work. More of that work is on the horizon due to the burglary and our security system going in onsite. Once the sensors go in I plan to hang metal around them so they won't be easily seen.

He also reported the Open House is about six weeks away. Dr. Mike has brought in flyers for all to distribute. Take them to places of business you frequent and invite friends and neighbors.

Bob DeGroft reports that he contacted Direct Dimensions regarding the scan project they did a few years back to see if some of the parts stolen could be on these scans. They will release them once Jeff Koons approves. Bob also reported that Brian Cave will possibly be here for the first couple of installs of the side rod bearings. Also R & R Sandblasting cleaned the boiler out

Thursday and Friday and are also interested in painting the inside. We'll get back to them regarding that process.

**Plans & Funding:** by Andy Rutkiewicz

**CONTINUING EFFORTS**

The application process for the 2013 Nm Tourism Coop Marketing program is in progress. As of 8/2/12 Coop Marketing Awards have not been announced. ABQ Mayor Berry's successful visit took place this past month. The Societies Future Vision for a maintenance and operating home in the ABQ Rail Yards was presented to him. A one hour time slot on KKOB with Terrie Q Sayre, Dr. Mike and Gayle Van Horn occurred this past month. The committee is considering the use of a developing fund raising process that is being called CROUD FUNDING. This process uses the web to solicit funds from a large number of individuals for a project that piques their interest and they would be interested in supporting. The major web site in this area is KICKSTARTER .com. This effort will be on going.

**COMPLETED EFFORTS**

Through Bob DeGroff's effort's we received a Railway Heritage Grant from the National Railway Historical Society for \$1,000.00. The funds will be used to augment the cost of blasting the interior of the engine boiler. A meeting with Tom Garrity of The Garrity Group was held to discuss our current public awareness efforts and ways to significantly improve them. The committee will develop a plan for using our current capabilities and developing additional methods. .Our Application for Direct Project Funding requested from the North American Railroad Foundation for siding trackage replacement or other purposes was rejected

**DEVELOPING EFFORTS**

The New Mexico Association of Museums will have their annual Meeting in ABQ on the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of November. We have the opportunity to have up to three info tables [EXPLORA, NM Museum of Natural History and Science & ABQ Art & History Museum]. We need to consider a group site visit during that time period. Our champion Grant writer CHUCK MANGOLD together with Albert Leffler will evaluate the feasibility of organizing a #2926 night at an ABQ Isotopes baseball game in the 2013 season as a fund raiser. We currently have direct contact information for FOX 2 "NM Style" [sale.jayson@krqe.com] to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program when they have unsold time we will be contacted. We will utilize the results of our developing public awareness efforts initially to promote our upcoming OPEN HOUSE.

**New Business:**

Dr. Mike talked about the upcoming Open House.

The fliers are now available. Pass out to friends and businesses you frequent. It is also available on the website. Jon Spargo will be setting up his new toy train display. BNSF Harvey Girls will be here with lots of free things and they are connecting with all their connections including in Belen, NM. Popcorn hopefully will be free from our friends across the street at B & W Wholesale. Los Radiators can't come, but we have a 17 year old fiddler and her brother. The Territorial Brass Band and Holy Water & Whiskey will play. We might have another surprise here, but you'll have to come to find out what that might be. Pete Adair is stocking up the store.

Frank Gerstle is back from walk-about (time away) and will be giving a talk at the Cherry Hills Library on 8/26 for anyone that would like to attend.

Carlos Osuna passed out our Open House fliers at their 412 Union meeting.

Local #49 Sheet Metal Workers Union we will give a talk to their retirees on Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Dr. Mike will get new members some info on where to purchase our dress pinstripes for the Open House and hopefully have it for TW3. We'll also give them a stylish 2926 logo patch to place on them. We also have the pinstripe engineer hats with the #2926 on them are available.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be September 8, 2012 at 8:00 am.

Submitted by Gail Kirby, Secretary  
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