

General Minutes - March 8, 2014

Treasurer's Report - by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, February 8, 2013 \$177,449.32

+Deposits	\$ 5,941.55	Checking
	\$ 3.26	Savings
	\$ 33.79	Investment Plus Account

-Expenses \$ 9,627.90

=Total Cash Assets, March 8, 2014 \$173,800.02

(Encumbered Cash)	\$110,000.00
(Free Cash)	\$ 63,800.02

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

The flexible staybolt sleeve project has been going very well. Rick thanked everyone involved for supporting the effort taking turns with fire-watch, measuring and cutting sleeves and otherwise keeping the welders fully occupied 8 hours/day, five days/week. Thanks to Bob for substituting for him while he helps Gail recuperate from her back surgery. Rick said that the welders combined average is between 22-25 sleeves per day. At the BoD meeting a week ago the board decided to go ahead and apply up to \$10K to keep the welding going after the \$10K BNSF grant runs out. This should allow completion of the project. Bob D says that 110 more were done in the last week. With only 70s sleeves left in stock, we will run out before that and 45 more have been ordered.

Rick said SAM needs manufacturing data for our throttle. We have drawings but little manufacturing data. Bob Kittel says to be careful when grinding the seats so as not to get them too thin. Finally, Rick said that installation of the radial buffer will begin today.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

The second 2014 Annual Safety Refresher was held on February 15. As of March 1st, thirteen members, out of 91 previously qualified, have not completed their annual safety refresher requirements. Also 11 out of the same 91 have not made their annual contribution of \$29.26. These folks should be reminded that their authorized worker status cannot be restored until they make their annual contribution or take the annual safety refresher. Now that it is past the first of March, members lacking the annual safety training must take the new member safety orientation in order to be reinstated to authorized worker status.

On Saturday, February 22, 2104 we had a new member orientation. Please join me in welcoming Gordon Miller and Todd Ashely.

On Saturday, March 22, Bill McSweeney will conduct a refresher course on vertical confined space rescue. We will soon be in the boiler test fitting flue tubes and super heater bundles. We need to be ready for this activity.

On Saturday, March 29, we will hold another New Member Orientation. We have four newbies already signed up. If you know of anyone wish to join and work please tell them about this session.

Elections - Frank Gerstle

Frank reported that BoD elections will be coming up soon and that according to the By Laws he (as immediate past president) will chair the elections committee. The other committee members will be Doyle C and Pete A, with Nate P as an alternate. As BoD secretary, Gail K will support.

Frank explained that the BoD members serve 3-year terms and the terms are staggered so that all members are not up for election in the same year. This year there are three members whose terms are expiring: Mike H, Ernie R, and Don M (who is serving out the balance of Andy Rukiewicz who died last year.

Frank said that normally nominations are usually open in April, but since he will be unavailable in April, he is announcing that nomination petitions will be accepted beginning today. Nominations must be received two months prior to the July Annual meeting on July 12th. That means nominating petitions must be received by a committee member by 12 May. Petitions must be signed by two members in good standing and include a narrative statement explaining why the petitioner wants to be a BoD member. To be eligible for to serve on the BoD a member must have worked on the project for at least 500 hours. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the BoD. If the number of nominees equals the number of open positions, an election is unnecessary.

Frank also reported that current BoD member Dave T had resigned his position. The BoD will appoint a replacement to serve out his term in accordance with the By Laws.

Plans & Funding Committee - by Steve Bradford

Steve B reported for Ed K who was absent. Steve reported on the recent Rail Yards Advisory Board and Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee (LUPZ). He provided a short update of the Rail Yards, the status of the Master Development Plan (MPSO) and the Master Development and Disposition Agreement (MDDA) process

Engine House and Siding Track Repair - by Frank Gerstle

Frank reported that soil samples were taken in three locations and analysis is ongoing. The results of this analysis will determine the load-bearing characteristics

of the soil, which, in turn will drive the amount of ballast and fill needed for the track work.

Announcements

Dr. Mike will make a presentation to ASHOME at their April meeting

National Train Day: Mike reported that the BoD had decided not to move the tender down to the Alvarado as we have done for the last two years. This is because the track work will likely interfere with such a move.

Next meeting - April 12, 2014 - 8:30 am

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL&RHS