

General Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2017

Call to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, April 1, 2017	\$152,026.20
Deposits	\$ 27,346.97
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 15,500.78
Total Assets May 6, 2017	\$163,872.39

An anonymous donor sent us a check for \$8450 for the Automatic Train Stop (ATS). A big thank you to that donor!

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Last week the Board of Directors voted to hire a painter to rework the tender and paint all the individual jacketing panels. Rick expects the contract to be on site today.

Rick procured the electrical conduit for the MU cable down the tender. The supply house was out of the flex pipe we need. They said more should be in by next week.

We need to drain the boiler today so welding can be done and the stud leaking bolts can be checked and fixed. Scott A., our staybolt whisperer, has closed most if not all the rigid staybolt leaks.

Rick spoke with Curt P. who owns our future tool car and is still working on the floating price of the repairs and examination required by Amtrak. He drew the short straw to repair a deceased relative's house prior to sale. He thinks he will have a working number by June 15th +/- . We can begin another GoFundMe program once we have the figures. It would be nice to have a direct sponsor for that car.

As many of you know, Carlos has been having some health and well-being issues for several years now. It has come to the point where he will not be available to us in the immediate future. He has several medical tests yet to be done in the coming weeks. He told Rick he'll still come around from time to time, but probably no work until further notice. Rick knows we all will miss his help and presence around the site. Rick stated he'd known each other since apprentice school back in the early 70's at Local 412.

Without his help over the last several years we wouldn't be as far along as we are today. We owe him a great deal of gratitude for hanging in there as long as he has. Rick, "I wish you the best of luck, my friend". There is a cake here, so please enjoy it and have a few words with Carlos while he is here today.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

As you know, a contract is to be signed with “A Real Body Shop, LLC” to paint our engine and tender. The pieces of the engine skin will be sent to them and painted in their shop. Along with this they will be repainting the tender. This will be done in the engine shed under very controlled conditions.

However, we do have some safety warnings based on the type of paint they will use. Specifically they will be using DuPont Imron 5000 Polyurethane Enamel. Imron is a complex chemical formulation that, in some cases, has proven to be an extreme skin and eye irritant. Therefore, during the time that painting is going on inside the shed, doors will be closed and the exhaust fans will be running. The paint crew will be wearing proper protective clothing. Our volunteers should not enter the building until the contractor says it is safe to do so. A detailed MSDS is now on file in the MSDS book in the World Headquarters Building.

Election to Board of Directors – Frank Gerstle

Today is the end of the nominations and as of today we have only four and I understand we have a fifth to come. Nominations are now closed as of today.

Election ballots are to be emailed &/or mailed to members. You have one vote if you have an Individual, one if you have a Family and one if you have a Lifetime Membership. They must be in to us no later than July 1, 2017. We then have to validate the membership. There’s a box in the Reefer office. Committee members are Frank G., Pete A., Nate P. or Ernie R. and Gail K. Instructions on the ballot are to vote for only three of the five.

Announcements – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

The Altenbach’s steam-up at their home for Scotty’s birthday is 5/28/17 from 11 – 4.

Open House this year is September 23rd from 9 AM – 5 PM which is between our State Fair and Balloon Fiesta.

Tom E. Dailey Foundation is a “no” for a grant this year.

Dr. Mike is going to the ABQ Community Foundation and give his presentation.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – June 10, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS