

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society General Meeting NMSL & RHS

Date: December 11, 2010 Purpose & Location: Monthly meeting @ the AT & SF site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM.

Old Business

Introduction:

Mike Hartshorne opened the meeting by introducing Merle, our resident Electrical Engineer. Minutes for November have been approved.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of 11/13/10	\$32891.87
Total Cash Assets as of 12/11/10	\$33736.57
Checking Account Balance on 11/13/10	\$10915.49
Ending Balance on 12/11/10	\$13562.22
Deposits from 11/22 - 12/6/10	\$4759.95
Expenses as of 11/14 - 12/9/10	\$2113.22

Expenses for various items for use on the site, halogen bulbs, electrical tape, steel round rod, light bulbs, electrical parts , sharpen two auger bits, drill indexes, battery for welder, trash dump charge, unistrut items, cylinder hone, parts and accessories for Bridgeport mill, pipe stands, oil for locomotive driver bearing flush, ear plugs, glove clips, telephone bill, newsletter copies and other miscellaneous expenses.

Savings Account Ending Balance Including Interest as of 11/30/10	\$20124.35
Petty Cash On-Site	\$50.00

Report was read, moved to accept by Mike and 2nd by John Taylor so the report was accepted unanimously.

CSO Report: by Jon Spargo

There were no training sessions this month other than the annual refresher held at the conclusion of last month's general meeting.

This past month and thanks to John Cekala we have begun an in depth review of our hazardous materials, MSDS's, and their storage locations. We will also be purging our lists of items that we can no longer find on site. We will be adding a storage location to each of the hazardous materials we have in our inventory. Once these locations have been designated we will be insisting that hazardous materials be returns to their designated storage locations. With help from Tool Meister, Ed Strebe, we will be checking the status of our fire extinguisher making sure they are properly tagged, stored, inspected and tested. We have found a couple that need to have their periodic hydrostatic tests. If anyone finds an extinguisher without a current inspection tag John and I would appreciate it being brought to our attention.

New Safety Information: If you went to the New Member refresher course you don't have to go to the one coming up on 1/8/11 at 510 San Pedro SE which is the Pipefitter's Union Hall.

Ed Strebe moved and John Taylor 2nd the motion to accept the report as read and was unanimous.

CMO Report: by Rick Kirby

As most of you know we have been doing more infrastructure work as needs arise.

- This past month our newest container was wired for lights and power, the new welder received a plug to fit our outlet and the machine shop bench grinder was installed. The heated parts washer has been cleaned and re-plumbed to bypass the filters which the manufacturer said seemed to clog quite often.
- The two mechanical lubricator pumps have been disassembled, cleaned, dressed, packed and reassembled.
- I have been in contact with Sam Lanter from GCR and Bob Kittel from 3751 concerning our safety valves and hot water boiler feed pump check valve springs. Bob gave me the name of a company in CA that could do the safety valves and also several choices for the spring replacement. I had the springs checked to specifications and they were all over the map as to where they should be. Sam had theirs reworked in stainless and suggested we do the same. Been in communication with Timken experts regarding our rod bearings. Can fill you in on their findings.
- I received info regarding the pipe bending end fabrication shop in Woods Cross, UT. I'll be in contact with them concerning the work to be done and shipping arrangements.
- Danny Rivera passed the G-6 welding test and is now legal to weld pipe 2" and up and also plate welding. Congrats to Danny! Carlos Osuna is taking a small bore test today which will be good for the superheater piping.
- Looking ahead we will begin taking oil samples from the axel bearing cases over the next few weeks. Bob DeGroft has made a pump system to install new oil.
- I plan to do the final cut on the side sheet shortly. All stay rod hole beveling that can be done by our mag. drill is complete.
- I will be looking for another beveller with a shank to fit our large "L" head drill motor to complete the beveling.
- Work is progressing on the fireman's side sheet in the areas in need of repair. Bolts will be drilled out where possible and then the holes will be beveled inside. I am planning for a couple of patches and fill-welding the remaining areas.
- Bob DeGroft has informed me that our volunteer man hours to date have grown to some 56,938. That equals 1423 40 hour work weeks for one person or just over four years. Great job everyone!

New CMO Information: Bob DeGroft says we need at least another \$300,000 +/- in case we have problems with the side rod bearings and the driver axle bearings. Maybe half if we don't have problems with the rod bearings.

Bob DeGroft and Dave Traudt are working with a retired Timken Bearing person in OH and he is helping us through the processes. He might be able to make a trip out here to ABQ in the near future. In the meantime he's walking us through the process so far. We've been working on the fireman's side thus far, but he advises us that if we take one rod off all have to come off. Says to slow down and make sure they are properly removed.

McGill Bearings/Emerson Electric does make bearings, just not the ones we have, but felt no problem if we need them.

Steve Bradford moved to accept report and 2nd, report was unanimous.

Fundraising: by Andy Rutkiewicz

- Cooperative Advertising Grant; will resubmit as they are probably waiting for the new fiscal year. This was part of monies we spent for the Balloon Fiesta RV packets.
- Humanities Grant; working hard on that. Exhibit Designer for the State Centennial.
- Trains "grant denied"
- 2nd request to BNSF for \$20,000 +/-; no word yet.
- NRHS grant of \$5000 Bob D. will get it done online.
- North American Railway Grant - Jon S. is working on it. Open-ended on amount of money.
- Albert Leffler and Jon Spargo have submitted letter to the mayor of Hatch to Spaceport America for rail service to the Spaceport from anywhere in NM. They are looking at it very favorably.
- Article Albert Leffler and Jon Spargo wrote made it to BNSF site but not available to the public.

Motion to accept made by Steve Bradford and 2nd by John Taylor and was unanimous.

New Business: Frank G. regarding track. Make track secure from property line edge to the other. Cost not nailed down yet nor labor. (Approximately \$12,000 - \$26,600)

Clem Harris is working on putting our personnel files on paper and on computer. Paper files will be in a locked fire-proof file cabinet. Files will not be public except to the volunteers themselves and another person assigned for access. Need names, addresses, phone numbers, emails and emergency contacts.

Private car and outhouse got "tagged" again. Minor this time, able to get most of it off; some still left on the outhouse.

Motion made by Gail Kirby to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Dr. Mike, unanimous.

Next Meeting:

On January 8, 2011 at 510 San Pedro SE, ABQ, NM 87108 for our General Meeting followed by our first Safety Refresher class of the year.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary