New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: October 9, 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 a new member from the Open House, Dave V. Welcome Dave and he is awaiting his safety class.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart:

He reports:

Total Cash Assets as of 9/11/10 $22446.23
Total Cash Assets as of 10/9/10 32891.67
Checking Acct. Balance on 9/11/10 2273.88
Ending Balance on 10/9/10 12718.66
Deposits from 9/20 - 10/5/10 16311.24
Various AAPRCO donations, flue sales, member and non-member donations and sales, sales from Open House, New Memberships and donations from Open House. Expenses as of 9/15 - 10/7/10 5866.46
Tool repairs, Open House RV flyers into their packets, printing of Open House posters and flyers, radio spots for Open House, return bends from Strasburg and various other expenses.
Savings Acct. Ending Balance Including Interest as of 9/30/10 $20123.01
Petty Cash 50.00
Ernie and Karla are to explore possibility of checking into moving our monies into a credit union.

Report was read, Ken D. moved to accept and 2nd by Steve B., unanimous vote.

CSO Report:

Jon was absent for prior commitment so the emailed report was read by Mike Hartshorne.

He reported how successful our Open House was and snagging a few new members including our 500th new member. There will be a new member safety orientation Saturday, October 16th at 9 am in the Reefer. Contact anyone that you know that might need this class to attend. Also members who need their annual refresher, this class will serve as their class to clear them to work next year.

Report moved to accept by Steve B. 2nd by Ed S. and was a unanimous vote.

CMO Report by Rick Kirby:
- Now that entertaining is over, it's time to get back to work.
- Winter hours have begun as of today. Our new hours will be 9-4 as weather permits; lunch at 11:30 am.
- Our superheater bends have been shipped as of 10/8/10 and should pick them up next week. Continue work on interior side sheet preparation. Remaining holes and beveling is yet to be finished.
- Some 20 plus superheater header ends remain to be finished. Once they are completed they need to be moved into the new container; short ones in first.
- More pipe repair or replacement on tap for our 412 friends.
- We have positioned two of the locomotive's drive wheels over the pit. Cleaning of the bearing boxes needs to be done for future inspections.
- Dave T. is checking with his Timken reps. for recommended oil replacement. It needs to be on site before any inspection work begins.
- The electric compressor has been tagged “Out of Service.” We will need to make do with the gas driven one. Possible one of our future grant requests should be for a rotary style compressor. We will need one anyway in the future for engine start-up.

Bob D. added he ordered tubes longer for welding purposes.

Report moved to accept by Steve B. and 2nd by Ed S., unanimous vote.

Fundraising (aka Plots and Plans Committee):

Mike H. announced the resignation of Ed S. as chairman of this committee due to personal reasons; it was accepted and Andy R. has agreed to take over as chairman. (Committee now aka “Andy's Gang”) Mike continued in that the committee needs to re-organize its members and Andy will be in charge of this process.

Much discussion was the pros and cons of how the society and the committee approached the Open House. Other items discussed were grants we've applied for and ones we need still need to apply for.

Report moved to approve by Steve B. and 2nd by Ed S., unanimous vote.

New Business:

- Frank G. talked about the BoD decision to sell our little steam engine we acquired some time back and also our Christmas Train given by Wells Fargo. Rick was going to check with an officer of Wells Fargo to make sure our agreement with them was alright to sell the train. Since our meeting Rick has talked to him and they gave approval to sell the train as a donation to NMSL.
- Mike H. discussed the Open House in detail. How effective our various tactics were to promote the event. John T. did an excellent overall compilation of the statistics he acquired as greeter that day. Next the Fundraising (Plots and Plans) Committee will determine the best way to handle our Open House next year.
- There was discussion about the Wheels Bene fit Banquet to be 11/13/10 and the Embassy Suites Hotel. Mike will buy a couple tables and we need people to attend in our RR attire to interact with the people attending.
- John Plath has been working on making our signage more attractive to replace old ones on site. Looking forward to seeing them soon.
- We discussed the possibility of repair/replacement of the deteriorating track on site.
- Security system is here, thanks to Lida Crooks (Mike's wife). Marlin is to begin work and preparation to get these cameras mounted and working. We'll be able to monitor all from our homes or phones.
- Frank G. was able to attend the downtown shop tour on 9/25/10 with AAPRRO group when they returned from their convention in Pueblo, CO.
- Ken D. asked if we had any dollar figures for the downtown blacksmith shop development plans.
Mike is to call Don Mc. To see if he'd team together with sub-contractors to get dollar cost figures to refurbish the shop.

Frank called for the adjournment and it was so moved to adjourn.

Next Meeting:

On NMSL site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM @ 9 am

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary