

# New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: November 12, 2011

Location: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM 87107

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike Hartshorne brought meeting to order. Minutes are approved and will soon be on the website

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robert

Ernie reminded everyone that the Society closed Wells Fargo account last month and opened a new one with US NM FCU.

Total Cash Assets as of 10/08/11	\$36044.17
Total Cash Assets, 11/12/11	\$36488.33
Checking Account Balance as of 10/08/11	\$14851.97
Ending Balance on 11/012//11	\$15290.74
Deposits from 10/17/11 - 11/07/11	\$3828.99
Expenses from 10/14/11 - 11/10/11	\$3390.22

Expenses were for: food and beverages for the October open house, 16 weeks portapottie rental, aluminum paint, table fee at train collectors show, drinking water, gasoline, adjustable hook spanner wrench, hole reamer, band saw repairs, brass pipe bushings, propane, monthly computer support, tools for stay bolt grinding, grinder die, and paintbrushes, wire brush wheels, costs to make corrections to one NM centennial display panel, one year rent for the post office box, and , monthly telephone and Internet bill, and various other miscellaneous tools for the site.

Savings Account Balance, including interest from as of 10/31/11	\$21147.59
Cash Box - Store Sales	\$50.00

Ken Dusenberry moved to accept this report, Andy Rutkiewicz seconded, and it was approved unanimously

Safety Officer's Report: Jon Spargo reported that a new member orientation was conducted on October 15 with three new members (Rich Garland, Jerry Gates and Richard Raburn) and one repeat who had missed the annual review. Jon noted that Richard Rayburn made it all the out here from North Carolina and took the Safety Orientation just so he could work with us for a week. Jon announced that the next new member orientation would be held on Saturday, November 19 beginning at 9 a.m. in the reefer conference area.

Jon pointed out the new eyewash station. Since the last report it had been installed and was now operational. It is hanging on the exterior wall of the BIA shop very near to the entrance of our tool container. It is set up so that it can even be used during cold weather. You have to turn on the main valve and then turn it off again after use. The line to the eyewash station also has a quick disconnect so that you can drain the line after use. If anyone has to use it, please report it to one of us or to whoever is on duty with the orange safety vest. We need to know what caused you to use it and to make sure that it is properly shut off.

Jon thanked Rick Kirby for getting the main water line installed and Randy McEntire for installing the station. Steve Bradford moved to accept this report, John Cekala seconded and it was approved unanimously.

CMO Report: Rick reported that progress continues in several areas.

Parts cleaning and painting: Rick pointed out that this is a very important aspect of the restoration, as the parts are cleaned we are able to see under the rust and old paint to determine if they are in need of repair or replacement.

By painting each item before reassembly, time and money are being saved down the road when major painting of the locomotive begins. Painting these parts now will also insure the parts are protected from future rust forming and weeping from areas where paint could not be applied if installed and painted later. This may seem like an unimportant mundane project but the gloss black paint is what the public will see.

Welding: Welding continues on the stay rods securing the large firebox patch. Rick said he expects the actual patch welding to begin in early December.

Domestic Water Supply: The domestic water system is complete including the eye wash station. Obviously it is not protected from freezing but provisions have been made to drain it quickly. After the meeting today we need to all gather around to brief you on its operation.

Pipe Swaging: Rick said that as most already know swaging of the flues is complete. The original estimate for labor only was in round numbers \$1800. This did not include the expense of transporting them to and from Georgia, fuel, lodging, trailer or truck rental and airfare. This project could have easily cost \$5000, but despite the man-hours spent on engineering and building our own equipment, we have spent around \$300. Rick recognized Dave Van de Valde, Carlos Osuna, Ralph Johnson and Eric Rave for their efforts and homegrown solution.!

Cab Removal Preparations: Rick reported that Randy McEntire says he should be ready to remove the cab in a few weeks. A temporary platform will be constructed for entry into the firebox.

Bob DeGroft has been working to locate some various parts and also communications with the rod bearing experts. He'll have a report momentarily.

Rick reported that Gail's recovery from knee replacement surgery is going very well after three weeks. She's just not ready to spend long periods of time sitting, but wishes she could have attended today. As long as she is paying a portion to have the CPM machine to work her knee back and forth, she feels it's necessary to use it. Her flexion of the knee is at 120percent and her extension is about 5 percent. They'd like that one to be 0; so one of her goals is met by a long shot. She should be back with us in a week or two.

#### Fundraising Report:

Continuing Efforts: In continuing efforts, Andy reported that Chuck Mangold is preparing the BNSF Foundation grant request for \$15,000.00. Andy said he expects it to be submitted by the end of November. Meanwhile the Trains Magazine preservation award for 2011 that was submitted was not approved. Trains suggested that we submit again in 2012. The New Mexico Tourism Department Coop Marketing Grant request submitted for \$4,500.00 has still not been acted upon by the state. This grant was submitted with the theme of "New Mexico Remembers World War II". The Nuclear and Holocaust museums are our collaborators and the Bataan Memorial Museum in Santa Fe is our partner. NMSL&RHS will be responsible for no more than \$750.00 and the state will be responsible for \$2250.00 of the cost.

Developing Efforts: In developing efforts, Andy reported that Creative Albuquerque

along with other cultural organizations in Albuquerque is leading an effort to put a Quality of Life Initiative (QOLI) on the ballot in Bernalillo County in 2012 or 2014. It could add a gross receipts tax of as much as 0.0025%. At that rate it would make \$10,223,758.00 available to non-profit cultural organizations in the county. The Society has received a survey requesting our participation in the initiative. Copies were distributed.

Centennial Panels: Regarding the centennial panels, Andy said that Subia, the fabricator of our Centennial exhibit panels has submitted an estimate for the fabrication of duplicate exhibits at the current size on suitable indoor exhibit substrate. The cost would be \$178.00 per framed panel for a total of \$1068.00 for the entire exhibit. These exhibits would be loaned to other railroad museums in New Mexico that have expressed an interest.

Andy reported that the Museum Cooperative Council of Albuquerque, to which the Society belongs, would hold a Museum Week in concert with "Savor Albuquerque", June 6 - 17, 2012. The City of Albuquerque will celebrate the state Centennial on July 14. Specific plans are not currently available. ABQRIDE will celebrate the state centennial at the Alvarado Transportation Center early in 2012. He said that we are also awaiting contact by FOX 2 "New Mexico Style" to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program. When they have unsold time we will be contacted.

Finally, Andy reported that he and Steve Bradford attended a meeting of the Rail Runner Sustainability Task Force at MRCOG. We spoke with Mr. Doyle the MRCOG Transportation Director and Mayor Larry Abraham of Los Ranchos (and Task Force chairman) about the Society, the timeline for completion of the restoration of #2926 and the Society's interest in NMRX and eventual steam train excursions. Mayor Abraham and other business interests under the aegis of the Northern New Mexico Cultural Corridor are developing plans to significantly increase ridership through tourism.

New Business: None

Move to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Mike, 2nd by Ed Strebe and was unanimous. Next meeting will be held on site on December 10th, 2011 at 8:00 am.

Prepared by Steve Bradford for Gail Kirby, Secretary NMSLRHS