

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Minutes - April 14, 2012
NMSLRHS

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

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne. He reports that the minutes from March should be on the website soon. We have an offer from the Fifty Hundred (5000 Madam Queen) in Amarillo, TX to swap Honorary Memberships. By signing on the clipboard today with your name and email it will give Sam Teague authority to send us his emails. In turn he will provide us with members of his organization to receive our information on a weekly basis. Sam Teague is also in the process of publishing a book about the 5000 engine.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart for period March 10, 2012 to April 14, 2012

Beginning Balance on March 10, 2012	\$47667.36
Total Cash Assets, April 14, 2012	\$46430.69
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$ 3904.90
Free Cash	\$42525.79
*Grants and other monies	

NMSLRHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on March 10, 2012	\$26448.75
Ending Balance on April 14, 2012	\$25206.70
Deposits from 3/27/12 to 3/31/12	\$ 3386.72
Expenses from 3/12/12 to 4/12/12	\$ 4628.77

Miscellaneous expenses were for forklift alternator, core deposit, magnetic mount; T-shirts, hats, mugs; hard hats, brushes, outlet adapter; superheater tube expander; grinders; welding rod, oxygen fill; parts cleaning supplies for locomotive, website fee, software; casters for souvenir cart; monthly phone bill; monthly bill for diagnostics and service; newsletter copies and stamps; tool sharpening, taper tap, taper shank drill; gas for welders, hardware for tender safety rails; drinking water, canopy cover, wire brushes.

NMSLRHS Savings Account

Deposits on 3/31/12 - Interest dividend	\$5.38
Balance as of 3/31/12	\$21173.99
Cash Box	\$50.00

Safety Officer's Report - by Jon Spargo

Jon reported that on March 31, he held a New Member Orientation. Please join us in welcoming Richard Bugge (Rich) to our crew. In the meantime he is collecting names (2 so far) for another session. Please let him know if there are any others who might want to participate.

Bill McSweeney is progressing with a training session for Confined Space Rescue. There will be two sessions, one for the Wednesday crew and one for the Saturday crew. The Saturday session will be held on Saturday, May 5th. The session will include some class work and some hands on practice.

We are entering critical period for welding. Danny Rivera is nearly finished welding the stay rods on the outside of the wrapper sheet on the Fireman's side.

Once he completes it he will need to move inside. Once he starts welding inside the firebox, there will be a big push to get it done. Therefore, we need plenty of trained rescue people on site to make sure we always have enough. There must be at least four (4) trained rescue personnel available at all times while welding is taking place inside the firebox.

If you would like to participate please let us know soon so you can be included in the training.

Next New Member class will be held on 4/21/12

CMO Report by Rick Kirby

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First of all many of you have been inquiring about the summer hours. I normally change hours the first work session in May. So that puts it on Wednesday the 2nd.

Along with the early start times comes more exposure to the sun. Protect exposed skin with plenty of sunscreen and apply it as often as possible. Gail and I have found the Target store brand is very effective. Keep hydrated and take work breaks as needed. This big hunk of metal gets hot in the summer as well as tools, so protect your hands.

This past winter we have been hard at work preparing parts for paint. It's about warm enough to begin painting. Some parts will require high temp paint while others will need some rust bullet followed by a gloss black. Most brackets will require the latter while the steam insulated pipe will get the high heat. Part numbers will need to be cross-checked with work sheets and photos to determine their application. Dave Traudt and Warren Janke can be very helpful pulling up the photos.

The Bond Paint Co. has been donating the bulk of materials for our painting needs here on site. If any of you are planning to do any house painting this summer, you might try to do business with them.

We haven't heard anything concrete about the rod bearings but we are still anticipating their delivery by the end of the month. Bob DeGroft has been trying to read the "tea leaves" of emails received recently. We still haven't been given permission to publicize their involvement so refrain from any discussions regarding the company.

We received some rebuilt parts for the governor's this week. They are about ready to be reassembled. Some of you know my sister is in an assisted living facility here in ABQ. One of the administrators has been inquiring about our project here. She has invited us to be a part of their Health Fair on April 27th from 11- 4. All of the family members are invited so I anticipate a large crowd. I told her we had a Power Point, souvenirs to sell and a running model of the engine we are restoring. So I need volunteers with pinstripes to be there to meet and greet folks and talk about our project.

It's at Brookdale at Valencia Place at 300 Valencia SE, just east of San Mateo and south of Central. Free BBQ lunch will be provided to all participants. I requested a large corner in the lobby just inside the entry door. That day is a Friday so see me today so I can write you down to help us out.

I'd also like to announce our summer 2926 party is scheduled to be at our home on June 10th from 11 to whenever. So mark this date on your calendars and let Gail know that you will attend and how many to plan for. You can just email her with your reservations. We're giving you plenty of notice so hopefully you can plan to attend this year. We'll do our normal chicken breasts on the BBQ and you all can bring the fixin's.

Bob Kittel from 3751 says our craftsmanship looks great on our side sheet!

Plans & Funding by Andy Rutkiewicz

Steve Bradford says plans for the Mayor visiting our site are ongoing for his busy schedule.

CONTINUING EFFORTS

The NM Tourism Dept. Coop Marketing Grant request for \$4,500.00 has been awarded to us. This grant was submitted under the theme of New Mexico Remembers World War II. The BlogSpot is currently available. Check it out. The BlogSpot links to the NMSLHRS website and the sites of the other museums. The application process for the 2013 program has started. It is likely we will propose the same approach we used for this year but with an increased budget to expand advertising.

The committee is considering the use of a developing fund raising process that is being called CROUD FUNDING. This process uses the web to solicit funds from a large number of individuals for a project that piques their interest and they would be interest in supporting. The major web site in this area is KICKSTARTER .com

COMPLETED EFFORTS

The BNSF Foundation Grant request for \$15,000.00 was prepared and submitted by Chuck Mangold. We await their decision. A presentation to the State Secretary of Tourism, Monique Jacobson, on our history and future operating goals, was effectively made on March 14 2012. Representatives of the Santa Fe Southern Railroad visited the site to explore ways for us to collaborate. The chairman of our Advisory Council, Albert Leffler, was the presenter. The team of Steve Bradford and others will report on further presentations

DEVELOPING EFFORTS

Bob DeGroft will resubmit a Railway Heritage Grant request to the National Railway Historical Society for additional Cab work or purposes TBD. Jon Spargo will resubmit an Application for Direct Project Funding request to the North American Railroad Foundation for siding trackage replacement or other purposes. The Museum Cooperative Council of ABQ to which we belong will hold a Museum Week in concert with Savor ABQ and ABQ Centennial Celebration on June 16, 2012. ABQ will close Central from 1st Street to 10th street for the day of the 16th. We will be able to display our Centennial Exhibit in a Robinson Park pavilion on Central. We will also have information and possibly a vendor table at that location.

The Society will very actively participate in National Train Day on May 12 at the Alvarado Transportation Center. We will have two and possibly three tables at different locations on the National Train Day site, thanks to Clem's efforts. Additionally, Clem, representing MRCOG, is coordinating all aspects of the planned tender move to the Alvarado for display on the 12th. He is in charge of the move. The Society has agreed to Assist MRCOG with set-up manpower beginning Saturday morning the 12th of May. If they need any help earlier than that we will find out at a meeting on Wednesday April 11th.

We will have our Centennial Exhibit, the 2926 Tender, information on us, the restoration and directions to our site, art work on display, and information on the locomotive and tender available for the public. We need volunteers to help MRCOG with all of the set-up (ours and other organizations) Saturday morning. We will need volunteers to man the different NMSL&RHS locations at the Alvarado from 12:30 to 5:30. The event time is 1-5 pm, but we will need folks available both before and after as there will be set up and take down activity. If you have our "dress uniform" bib overalls; wear them. It will be necessary to supply 8-12 volunteers for this event. See Dave Traudt to sign up.

The New Mexico Association of Museums will have their annual Meeting in ABQ on the 7th to 9th of November. We need to consider a group site visit during that time period. We are awaiting contact by FOX 2 "NM Style" to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program. When they have unsold time we will be contacted.

The Society will host a visit from the Jubilee Retirement Community from Los Lunas on April 14th (Saturday) from 10-1:30. Steve and John Taylor are POCs for this event.

New Business

Frank Gerstle discussed the "sinking" of our track on the east side of our site. As we add weight it can only get worse. Don MacCornack has a plan to use reinforced concrete slab with embedded steel plates and clamped into place. Frank got four (4) bids. The cement and concrete will be donated. The steel bids are being worked on at this time. We're requesting funding from the North American Railroad Foundation (NARF). We can't do this until our bearings are back on to move the engine. Nice work on the bids, Frank!

Frank also discussed our upcoming Election.
Our Election Committee consists of the following persons:
Frank Gerstle, Chair Doyle Caton
Nate Phillips Gail Kirby

We have two openings for the Board this year and they are Rick Kirby and Dave Traudt. We need the names to be in by May 12th, two months prior to the election in July. In order to run you must have at least 500 hours of onsite work or by Board approval of 2/3rd majority. Persons that are allowed to vote are Current Members, Lifetime and one of Family Memberships. You must sign your ballot, put in an envelope and sign on the sealed envelope and must be in by 7/7/12. We'll have ballot boxes in the Reefer Office and the WHQ Office. You can download your ballots online or we'll have some printed and left in each office for your convenience.

Dr. Mike announced the 3751 steam trip to the Grand Canyon is a go and will happen May 14th - 19th. Albert Leffler was able to get us four (4) VIP passes. Albert, the Kirby's and Dave Van de Valde will be attending this event to represent us. They will hopefully be learning the ropes of how to put a steam trip together for us one day.

Pete Adair would like our signs around the site to be spruced up as they have faded or are not even there any longer. He will check with our resident sign person for more information on that.

Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is on May 12, 2012 at 9:00 AM, which will more than likely be very brief as that is our Train Day celebration.

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby, Secretary
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