

General Minutes - April 12, 2014

Treasurer's Report - Dr. Mike Hartshorne passed around the report as Ernie was away today. If anyone had any questions they were to see him. He stated there were corrections Ernie was to make some corrections to his report for bills he paid last week and Geo-Tech's expense was to go against the track repair instead of General Expenses. Mike also reported the SH Bundle sales are going well. It takes about \$1000 a month just to run the site in monthly expenses.

Total Cash Assets, March 8, 2014	\$173,800.02	
+Deposits	\$ 2,378.26	Checking
	\$ 3.61	Savings
	\$ 37.42	Investment Plus Account
-Expenses	\$ 20,679.77	
=Total Cash Assets, April 5, 2014	\$155,539.54	
(Encumbered Cash)	\$106,950.50	
(Free Cash)	\$ 48,589.04	

CMO Report - by Gail Kirby for Rick Kirby who was out of town
Gail reported that Rick and Bob D. were out of town in Ft. Wayne, IN as observers. The 765 engine is performing pre-season work including safety valve setting, inspections and steam-up. Rick reported that they will also be obtaining much information and photos regarding their electrical and braking systems.

Since they were away a project list has been put together for you and posted in the WHQ.

Rick also wanted to give you an update regarding the crossheads, safety valves and brake shoes.

Sam L. Informs us that one crosshead assembly is complete and the other is well on its way. He anticipates both should be finished by the end of the month.

Bob K. is overseeing the safety valve repair work there in California. Century Spring Co. is fabricating new springs which will then be delivered to Basin Valve Co. for final valve reconditioning and setting of the pressures.

We need to concentrate work on finishing sleeve grinding. We need to get all the wasted ones removed so we can bring in the Henderson welders to finish the work. All replacement sleeves need to be prepped for welding.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

On March 22, Bill McSweeney conducted a refresher training session on vertical rescue as we were about to get to work on the super heater bundles in the boiler. The session was well attended and the lesson has already been well applied.

On the 29th of March we held a new member orientation which was attended by 8 individuals. Please join me in welcoming Paul Baynes, Art Bostic, Harry DeLap, Richard Filemyr, Danielle Jack, Martin Matlack, David Savage and Michael Thompson.

Jon reported that we might remember Jeff Lamb. Jeff is now in southern California and involved with another steam locomotive restoration project. Recently he asked if he could have a copy of our confined space entry program. John Cekala emailed him a complete copy of the program that he had written for us. Kudos to John! This is now the second restoration group that has asked us for copies of all or part of our safety plan. The first was the New England Steam Corporation which plans to restore Maine Central 470.

Now that the weather is cooperating we seem to be busier than ever. There is lots going on and on any given day multiple projects seem to be competing for manpower. As well, we seem to have been rediscovered again and have had quite a few visitors lately. These factors combine to compel us to be ever more vigilant. In particular there is a lot of welding going on. If you are escorting visitors please make sure they are not exposed to welding arcs.

Also, temperatures are beginning to climb. Use of sun block needs to be considered, and we need to take breaks and drink water. There is an ample supply of water in the refrigerator in the World Headquarters building.

Plans & Fundraising - Ed Kibel, Steve Bradford

Ed reported we have new rack cards (30,000) being made. We found a box of the old rack cards which needs to be used so we can start with the new. The new complies with NM Tru requirements and we may get a grant to help with the expenses for those. Starline Printing is doing the printing and gave us a great deal. Try to use them when possible.

Steve B. reports four groups from home schools have come through (30-40) and we're doing lots of seminars and slide shows throughout the state. A calendar of events is going to be put together as soon as possible so everyone will know what's going on and where and if you want to volunteer you can put your name on the list.

Steve also reported the sale of the La Castañeda Hotel in Las Vegas has gone through. The Governess Martinez is to be in Las Vegas Monday for the celebration.

Dr. Mike reported the Harvey House in Belen has some upcoming events this summer.

We are not taking the tender to National Train Day this year (May 10, 2014) but we will be there with our store and historical panels will be displayed. Dr. Mike and Steve making a presentation for the ASHOME group at WHEELS coming up next weekend.

Las Cruces is having RR Days the weekend of 4/26. We will have a presence there.

Announcements & New Business

Frank G. says it's the last month to get your nomination paperwork in for the Board openings. May 12th is the last day.

Michelle Lujan-Grisham might visit the site sometime in the near upcoming months. Dr. Mike is in contact with her.

Our live steamer has been sold and will be sending that out when the check is received.

Dr. Mike had "Pit Rat" patches made for everyone to place on their dress uniforms. If you are a member that knows of someone or is a Pit Rat take one and put it on your uniforms for display.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - **May 10, 2014 at 7:30** - Also Train Day so be prompt!!!

Submitted by Gail Kirby,
Secretary NMSL & RHS