

General Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2014

Dr. Mike Hartshorne opened the business session as usual.

Treasurer's Report - by Dr. Mike in absence of Ernie Robart

We received the TRAINS Magazine Preservation Award of \$10,000.00 this month.

Total Cash Assets as of November 4, 2014	\$ 72,039.40
Deposits (Checking)	\$ 19,404.08
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 7,934.77

Total Cash Assets, December 8, 2014 **\$ 83,508.71**

Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash

TRAINS Magazine Grant for 26L Brake Stand Equipment \$10,000.00
Expensed - \$0

NMSLRHS Donations for Brake Shoes - \$10,000.00
Expensed - \$0

Dailey Foundation Grant - Brake Sub-System - \$ 7,500.00
Expensed - \$0

The Treasurer's report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

On October 11 there was a new member orientation. Please join me in welcoming Ron Stillman and also welcoming Rob Emons back into the fold.

There will be another new member orientation on Saturday, November 22nd at 9 a.m. in the reefer conference area. This will be the last new member orientation for 2014. The next new member will not be until late February 2015 as we have to get past the Annual Safety Review in mid-January and early February.

Plans for the interior boiler painting are on hold for the moment. However, we now have a safety plan ready and in place if and when it is decided to do the interior coating.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

First of all the site will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We will work the following Saturdays of each holiday.

The annual Safety refresher will take place in conjunction with the monthly meeting in January, which will be the 10th. We have arranged to hold it at Golden Corral on San Mateo north of McLeod NE. The meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. We can have a buffet breakfast while we have our meetings. The room will accommodate 70 people. You will need to email or let Gail know somehow if you plan to attend.

Rick received an estimate from Welch's Boiler to install the flues and tubes. He expects that work to begin mid-January. An official letter to the FRA is required to do so. We have had one other company come in for a look, but haven't received his bid. Dave V. has a company also interested. Chardan's Mechanical has also been invited to bid.

New Mexico Steam is now a member of the Private Railroad Car Association. Sam L. suggested this due to all the connections available through them. They also have a program which enables individuals to work on their own air brake equipment.

They will be having a convention in Reno late January. Gail and Rick will be attending and Rick would like to see others attend especially to get the brake equipment certification. If you are interested please see Gail for the particulars or go to www.rpca.com and sign up for the convention. There is a special code to enter for the hotel discount in Reno, but you have to make that reservation by today. Otherwise you'll pay a higher price for the room.

There are no less than three companies who have been contacted to provide pricing for air brake stand components and not one has yet to give a price.

Bob D. says the brake shoes will be here by the end of the month. He also ordered more staybolt plugs from Strasburg, just to have some extra on hand.

Wednesday we plan to take our old running boards over to Reliance so they can fabricate new ones. Many of the carriage bolts which attach them to the locomotive and support various piping systems have worn through completely.

BNSF Grant Request – by Frank Gerstle

Chuck M. and Frank worked on this request for the tube and flue installation to be done by a local boiler company. We have estimates and some are still in the works. The request has been sent and we should not hear from the grant until probably May or June 2015.

Announcements

Steve B. is in Santa Fe today at the Santa's Village selling our goods. WHEELS and Railrunner are also there.

Dr. Mike asked that if you have a VA card you can take it to any Railrunner for free train rides.

2015 Calendars are available for \$12.00 so get them while you can!

There's a New Year's Day open house at Scott Altenbach's home at noon, 531 Shirk Lane SW. He's got many steam powered items there and he's the guitar player with Holy Water & Whisky. He gave us the newest dynamo and they are worth about \$16,000.00 on the market today.

Pete Adair – wanted to let everyone know the Port Authority winter jackets are \$100 each, plus shipping and he has to order four or more at a time. It comes with your name on the front and our logo on the back.

Next Meeting - **January 10, 2015 at 7:30 AM, along with our Safety Meeting**

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby,
Secretary NMSL & RHS