

General Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2017

Meeting was brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, February 4, 2017	\$152,407.09
Deposits Checking	\$ 5,289.12
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 4,282.32
*Less Encumbered Cash	\$ 8,450.00
Total Assets, March 4, 2017	\$144,963.89

***Siemens bid price \$8,450.00:** For purchase of Automatic Train Stop (ATS) coil assembly with cable

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Over the past several weeks, volunteers have been preparing for another boiler pressure test. Last week was a bit of a surge week as various workers performed the finishing touches to make the various connections and monitoring the test. The test revealed still more areas needing attention, mostly original threaded joints and existing staybolts at their heads. No broken staybolts were seen.

Piping for the continuous blowdown device was being completed, painted and insulated.

The electrical crew and designers are still installing various electrical components in and around the cab. We have been procuring miscellaneous electrical components and are providing storage for them. We received three MU receptacles with Hoffman boxes. The jacketing crew are fabricating templates and installing those pieces as they are delivered. It is a tough job as most of the original pieces were wasted by the elements over the decades in the city park.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Amazon Smile reward program, check 2-06-17, for \$83.08

Various grants as 'ask fors' not yet received:

NRHS \$5,000

TOM E. DAILEY \$15,000

ABQ COMMUNITY FOUNDATION \$10,000

EMERY RAIL HERITAGE TRUST \$25,000

CANDELARIA FUND \$10,000

BNSF ? – Chuck is approaching them (outcome unknown)

All future requests should be for operating expenses when possible. This increases flexibility of fund expenditures.

If anyone knows of any people that have some money to donate to a good cause or a good grant process we can go to, please let us know through our website email.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

The second Annual Safety Refresher session was held on February 25, 2017 with 15 individuals attending. We want to give a special thanks to Quelabs for the use of their facility on 7th street. It proved to be an excellent venue for the session.

A new member orientation was held on March 4, 2017 in the Reefer Conference area at the locomotive restoration site. 3 new members attended as well as one member who missed the annual refresher sessions. Please join me in welcoming Martin Andazola, James Roy and Richard Borkovetz.

So far there are still 27 members from last year's Authorized Worker list that have not taken the annual refresher. Of that list there are also 35 members who have not paid their annual contribution for 2017. Members are reminded that the grace period for the annual safety training and annual contribution runs out at the end of March. After March 31, these members will have to sit in on a full new member safety orientation and/or make their annual contribution for 2017 before being allowed to work on the restoration site.

The workers were reminded of the need to use a safety harness if they are 6 feet or more above ground working on the locomotive.

Announcements

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Spring Banquet is March 17 @ 6pm, Courtyard by Marriott (Journal Center) \$48 per person. Dr. Mike Hartshorne will be presenting. Get your reservation in asap if you plan to attend.

65th TCA National Convention Rio Grande Chapter is June 23 – July 1, 2019 in Albuquerque.

Meeting Adjourned – **Next Meeting, April 8, 2017 at 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Julie Fiedemann

Substituting for Gail Kirby, Secretary, NMSL&RHS