

General Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2017

Dr. Mike Hartshorne called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, September 9, 2017	\$156,943.03
Deposits	\$ 23,694.14
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 3,098.34
Less Encumbered Cash	\$ 61,254.69
Total Assets October 7, 2017	\$116,284.14

Report received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Wednesday Rick spoke to an electrician regarding performing the electrical wiring we need done. He hasn't heard anything from them yet. They installed all the electrical work on the Acoma car.

Today we will yet again test the turret main valve bonnet for leaks. If it holds Rick wants it installed today so we can install the saturated steam lines.

Good progress is ongoing with the small bore piping pertaining to the stack lifter and sander check valves.

The tool car GoFundMe site is up and running. If you can pass the word to everyone you know and on any of your social media outlets we can hopefully reach our goal. Rick will be leaving next Saturday through Wednesday to meet the team who will be preparing the car for Amtrak certification. Thanks to a few large donations we are at about \$80,000 and change.

We need to find all the old backhead jacketing to get it fabricated prior to the electrical work going forward. Any small piping that was under the jacket needs to be installed ASAP. Pete A. and Warren J. can help with those pieces.

Winter hours begin next Wednesday, 10/18/17 at 0900.

Lastly, if any of you have any old brass valves or anything made of brass bring it in so we can melt it down for the radial buffer repair.

Bob D. – Went online found company in Farmington to test our draw bar. He also checked with Mesa Oil and they have no idea the cost to charge us for oil. They will be getting back with Bob to discuss.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, October 14 beginning at 0900 in the reefer conference area. This will likely be the last new member orientation for 2017. As a reminder persons taking the orientation safety lecture in the last quarter of the year are not required to take the annual safety refresher in January and February.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike

Kroger/Smith's has a new rewards program. Everyone will have to go back in and reselect the organization on their rewards card or JK328.

Smile.Amazon is still making us lots of money to help out where needed. Please use that and select your organization to have a percentage of your purchase go to our organization.

Christmas cards are being printed as we speak to go out first part of December.

Piñon Express with the Albuquerque Tourism & Sightseeing Factory (Trolley people) want us for seven nights. Dr. Mike is asking for people to sign up for these nights. The nights are as follows:

Friday, November 24, Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26

Sunday, December 3, Saturday, December 9, Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, December 17

All times are 5pm, 6pm and 7pm

We need at least four people to bring the engine out and back in and showing people to and from the trolley from 8th St. to the locomotive site.

T-shirts coming, black and white from the Steve Bradford black and white sketch

Open house netted us about \$5800.

Chuck M. has submitted a grant request from BNSF for \$40,000 which includes, fuel, water, etc.

Announcements

Frank G. – He met with Daniel L., our FRA inspector and they reviewed the paperwork on the Form 4's. Frank asked Dan if we would be able to go ahead with a steam up. He said "yes" and he'd like to be here when we decide to light the first match. He also sent a copy of the Form 4 book to DC and Frank also sent a copy to our Regional FRA person in Ft. Worth along with other info about us, since he didn't know what we were about.

Dave T. – Announced that the Santa Fe Railway Historical Society convention has chosen Albuquerque as their 2020 site. It usually lasts 4 ½ to 5 ½ days. The first part of their days are spent taking excursions to our various sites and would like to try and put an excursion together with 2926 if possible. The Board gave their blessing to Dave to work with Bob D. to try and work out the details.

Bob D. and Karla report they went to Las Vegas last Thursday and met with Mr. Affeldt at the La Castañeda Hotel that is undergoing a major remodel. He's willing to entertain ideas with us about excursion there and back and also to link us with his website to ours. He acquired the dome car from Santa Fe Southern Railroad.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – November 11, 2017 15 8:30 AM

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS