General Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2018

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Mike said Julie is acting Secretary for Gail today while she and Rick are taking time off this weekend.

**Treasurer’s Report** – John Gibbons

- **Total Cash Assets, May 6, 2018** $247,469.85
- **Deposits (Incl. Inv. Plus Dividend)** $255,054.23
- **Expenditures (Miscellaneous)** $9,726.04
- **Total Assets June 2, 2018** $245,328.19
- **Less Encumbered Cash** $120,240.00
- **Free Cash** $125,088.19

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

John said we’ve had lots of PayPal’s since January and especially in the past few weeks. Karla sent in the COROS report last Monday to the state.

Invoice received from Hinkle & Landers for our audit for $6665.00 and Karla will get that to John to pay.

**CMO Report** – Dr. Mike in Rick Kirby’s absence

Rick arranged for the static fire-up insurance with McRail. Our last quote was for the remainder of the current year, which was 50% of a whole year. We will be paid up through 2/28/19 after we vote for it today. The premium was double since our last discussion due to them quoting only the 50%.

Mark Magers was having trouble removing the bolster from the 2nd truck assembly, but has now been separated. He noted there was one broken inner spring so Rick sent him photos and measurements of what we had on hand. He said he would check the numbers once he gets everything sand blasted.

Bob D. – the special clips for the beam are on order (for the pit rebuild)

**Safety Officer’s Report** – Dr. Mike in Jon Spargo’s absence

As of the moment we still have not heard anything from the NMDOT regarding the Operational Safety Plan or the Test Run Plan. I have invited Craven & Fine for the steam up and they replied that they might be able to make it.
We had a new member class on May 12th with an additional one on the 19th. We have 5 new members. Please welcome, Ryan Murray, Annie Sanchez, Kippur Flax, Allen Metzger and Kevin Gravely who is the new BNSF Trainmaster for Albuquerque.

Lately we have received complaints about the condition or state of cleanliness of the Machine Shop. It took one of our members two hours to clean it up last Saturday before he could use it. This is unacceptable. If you use it your job is not complete until you have cleaned up after yourself!

We have also discovered that the condition and locations of our fire extinguishers leaves a lot to be desired. We have begun the task of inspecting them all and bringing them up to date. Seems folks like to leave them wherever they were spotted for fire watch duty. We also found a partially discharged dry chem up in the cab. This is also unacceptable. Put them back in their PROPER locations. If you discharge one, bring it to the Safety Officer as it can’t be put back in service until it is recharged!

**Fundraising Report** – Dr. Mike

1. Smith’s Community Reward card charity (Kroger) check $62.62 5-16-18. (2nd quarter)
2. SmileAmazon.com: We get 0.5% of qualified purchases. $72.46 on 5-15-18
3. Website parts sponsorship funding: ZERO since last report
4. Albuquerque Community Foundation: Next year
5. BNSF Foundation: $5,000 March 2018 for Testing costs with report due when $ expended.
7. Benevity since 1-14-1-18 $20 Morgan Stanley (Mary Williams),
8. Boeing Retirees Match: $100 May 2018 (CA member Benjamin Jones)
9. Tool Car GoFundMe campaign: >$120,000, currently stable. Should get more interest/donations when car is on site at 1833 8th St NW
10. Emery Rail Heritage Trust: May 2018 we got $20,000 restricted for use on anything EXCEPT PTC! This year, the trust distributed $212,500 to nineteen organizations, and in the past three years has distributed $422,500 to thirty one organizations. “NEW RULE” No more than 3 grants in 5 years unless the Trust has extra money (you might get some). We have 3 grants over 4 years (2015, 2016, 2018).

All future requests should be for General Fund when possible. This increases flexibility of fund expenditures.

We have many contributions for the derail through PayPal, Facebook and web site.

**Announcements**
We have lots of new members
Our new 2926 lapel/hat pins are in.

Wild Bill asks everyone not to overfill the trash cans as he can’t lift them.

July 21st is homemade ice cream day by Wild Bill and his wife!

We’ve got a new black cat on site

Clean up the machine shop if you’re using it and you make a mess.

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS

Notes taken by Julie Tiedemann for Gail