

## General Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2020

**Call to Order** – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

**Treasurer's Report** – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, January 4, 2020	\$232,871.65
<b>Total Assets February 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$218,820.88</b>
<b>Less Encumbered Cash (Tool Car)</b>	<b>\$ 28,383.14</b>
<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>\$190,437.74</b>

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

**CMO Report** – Rick Kirby

As usual Rick begins with the tool car.

The car is only lacking a good air brake test. Mark has been working on replacing one of the end cocks and repairing the other with a repair kit. He also has found a copper line leak at one of the trucks.

Over the past week Rick has again been in contact with Norfolk Southern ironing out the requirements for "Ticket to Ride" or commonly known as a waybill. Rick sent the first draft to NS which will be reviewed on Monday.

Rick also has been in contact with our insurance company regarding the change-over to a full steam rolling test locomotive. They are looking into whether or not we will be able to rollover our upcoming renewal policy expense to a test policy.

Rick has been in contact with Sam L. from GCRY. He has agreed to be here to assist us with the installation of the pistons. We have some preparations to be made prior to his arrival. Once they are installed everyone here knows what will be next.

**CSO Report** – Jon Spargo

The makeup session for the Annual Safety review will be today, February 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 09:00 in the Reefer Conference Area.

The first quarter New Member Orientation will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020 beginning at 09:00 in the Reefer Conference Area.

During the last steam up, we had to discharge several of our CO2 fire extinguishers to put out a fire related to oil from the burner dripping onto the spill pan underneath the engine. A new piece of metal is being fabricated to prevent this from happening again. In the meantime, we have taken 5 of the expended CO2 extinguishers to be tested and refilled leaving only two on site that are fully charged. They are now located on either side of the engine pit.

A punch list of items to be repaired, as a result of the January 14 steam up, has been generated and is now with the maintenance log book on Rick Kirby's desk in the WHQ. As items are completed, they need to be signed off by whoever completed the item plus an inspection by the CMO. The list needs to be completed before the next steam up. The list will be permanently filed with the steam up checklist and made available should the FRA wish to inspect it.

We are still working on setting up CPR and First Aid training.

There was a serious oversight regarding our propane tank outside the engine shed. Since the permanent propane piping inside the shed is not complete, a rubber hose has been installed to deliver propane inside the shed. When the shed was entered on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a strong odor of propane. The rubber hose had leaked! The more serious problem was that someone FORGOT to turn off the gas at the tank! THIS IS QUITE SERIOUS! There was probably enough propane in the shed to cause a very big explosion if ignited. Apart from flying shrapnel we could have seen years of our restoration work go for nothing. The leaking hose has been removed, but we still need to finish the permanent plumbing, test it, and then develop a fail-safe method for turning the gas on and off at the tank.

CMO Rick Kirby gave an explanation as to how this happened, and no one is to do anything with hoses or regulators unless it's Rick himself.

**Fundraising** – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

It's the season to start writing requests for money.

NRHS has been in for some time.

Candelaria Fund can be done.

Christmas card renewals is going great and is still on-going.

### **Announcements**

John T. – Close to finishing up the history of restoring 2926. If anyone doesn't want their photo in the book you need to let John know.

**Meeting Adjourned** – **Next Meeting March 14, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. on the site.**

Submitted by,

*Gail Kirby*

Secretary, NMSL&RHS