

FNSRM Board Meeting 2/8/10

Call to Order 1801

Present: Ron Allen, Darlene Berry, Barry Simcoe, John Schilling, Stan Cronwall, Ralph Elligott, Bruce Amburst, Chris MacMahon and Peter Barton.

Absent: Kurt Dietrich

A quorum was established.

### Minutes

Darlene Berry made a correction to the spelling of her name from Barry to Berry. John Schilling motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Barry Simcoe. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

### Audit Report

Martin Jones of Martin Jones and associated presented the findings of the external audit to the members of the board. Copies of the audit were prepared for each member of the board as well as for record.

### Treasurer's Report

Darlene Berry presented the Treasurer's Report to the board. Stan Cronwall motioned to accept the Report seconded by Barry Simcoe. The motion passed.

### Correspondence

Darlene Berry stated she had received a letter from a C. Denlhimer who had inquired about making a donation for the restoration of Virginia and Truckee coach 14. Mr. Denlhimer later responded inclosing a check in the amount of \$150. Ron Allen asked whether the funds should be earmarked to coach 14 or whether they should be added to the general fund. Bryan Berry stated Chris DeWitt was looking for a project to do before moving to the *Glenbrook* and asked if coach 14 was a consideration. Peter Barton commented there was no plans to restore that coach. Loren Jahn suggested a list be drafted showing which pieces of equipment there were plans to restore or improve. Bill Kohler suggested the list be narrowed to three specific projects. Barry Simcoe added the museum was currently developing such a project list. Paul Martineau suggested that once complete the list be posted on the website.

Barry Simcoe motioned that an individual be designated to work with the museum to develop a list of priority projects which was seconded by Bruce Amburst. The motion was approved. It was further determined that Darlene Berry would explain to Mr. Demlhimer that there were no current plans to restore coach 14 and ask if he would like the donation to be earmarked for a current project list provided to her by the museum.

Peter Barton presented the plans for the McKeen Car's 100th birthday and completion of restoration celebration. Peter Barton requested \$1,500 from the Friends to assist with the celebration event.

Barry Simcoe motioned that an amount up to but not exceeding \$1,500 be given to the museum to assist with the McKeen Car birthday celebration. The motion was seconded by John Schilling and approved by the Board.

#### Executive Committee

No actions were taken by the Executive Committee.

#### Audit Committee

The audit committee set a date of 2/22/10 to meet to review the recommendations of Martin Jones and Associates.

#### Brick Sales

4 bricks have been sold since December

#### Election Committee

Nancy Humphrey mentioned that last year's article in the Sagebrush Headlight informing members how to submit their candidacy for the Board of the Friends was successful and requested we do so again this year.

#### Fund Raising

The committee chair was vacant. Ron Allen appointed Bill Kohler to chair the committee.

#### Interpretive Committee

Loren Jahn reported there were plans to clean and prep operating equipment following the planned safety meetings. He also reported the replica schedule boards for the Wabuska depot should be complete by May.

#### Membership Committee

971 Total members

#### Membership Recruitment Committee

Encouraged all members to talk to guests and visitors about the benefits of joining the Friends.

#### Membership Fee Review Committee

No change to report. Ron Allen discussed abolishing the committee. Bill Kohler noted that annual review of the membership fees were required per the bylaws.

### Operations - Motor Car

Paul Martineau discussed the Become a Motorman class and upcoming operations.

### Operations - Steam Train

Barry Simcoe stated he was awaiting dates for the safety meeting and would provide that information once the dates were set by Chris DeWitt. Barry also mentioned the steam train operation had received a commitment of approximately 400 gallons of fuel being donated every other month.

### Promotions and Publicity

Bruce Ambrust reported he was looking into media outlets in the Reno/Tahoe area to help publicize events. He also suggested enticements such as a free train ride for students with good grades or those who have donated blood. He suggested with the acquisition of the Western Pacific caboose, the museum again offer birthday parties. Bruce also suggested creating a social network page for the Friends.

### Sagebrush Headlight

No one present

### Website

Ralph Elligot asked that more information such as requests for volunteers to assist with certain activities be posted to the website instead of just sent out via email.

### Youth Programs

Chris MacMahon said he would work with Bruce on developing a social networking page as that was the means by which younger generations communicate and receive information. Chris also reported that youth members would be assisting with cleaning and prepping equipment for operations.

### Old Business

No old business

### New Business

A request was made to reimburse Chris DeWitt \$68.84 for supplies purchased out of pocket for the restoration of the McKean Car. Barry Simcoe motioned the Chris DeWitt be reimbursed \$68.84, Chris MacMahon seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Bryan Barry reported that tires for the handcar trailer had been purchased with a savings of \$284 from the anticipated cost.

Upcoming Events

Become a Motorman class April 16-18

McKeen Car Celebration May 9

Comments from the Board

None

Comments From the Friends

None

Barry Simcoe motioned the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Chris MacMahon. The motion was approved and the Board adjourned at 2007 hours.