

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2006
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Ron Allen called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

Role Call – Ron Allen, Jerry Hoover, Bill Kohler, Geoff Brunner, Bob Pence, Russ Tanner, and Kurt Dietrich were present. Stan Cronwall and Mike Dunn was absent and excused. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Minutes of the February 2, 2006 meeting were presented to the Board. Kurt Dietrich, on behalf of Stan Cronwall, asked if he should remove the names of the Transportation Fair donors from the Minutes. The board agreed to leave the names in the Minutes, so that the donors are recognized. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Bob Pence, seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Alice Walker presented correspondence to Ron Allen.

Alice Walker asked if the board will consider providing increased incentives to the membership who pay for higher levels. Ron Allen stated that he would like to wait until the full board is present before making a decision. Bob Pence made a motion to take into consideration what members can receive at higher levels, Kurt Dietrich seconded. Motion Passed. Peter Barton provided the Nevada State Museum's membership grades as an example to the board. Bob Pence made a motion to table the discussion, seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion Passed.

The Carson City Elks Lodge donated \$100. Kurt Dietrich agreed to write a letter of gratitude.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hoover reported funds as follows:

\$14,847.30– Checking

\$8,475.99 – Money Market

\$120.65 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 - Bankcard

Jerry Hoover stated that more bills are expected from the Transportation Fair.

A question was asked during a previous meeting if the Bankcard fees are reasonable and if the account is necessary. Jerry Hoover stated that the fees have averaged about 8.7% per transaction since the account was opened. Barry Simcoe stated that being able to accept credit cards is necessary in this day and age.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Kurt Dietrich, seconded by Bob Pence. Motion passed.

Old Business and Standing Committee Reports

Operations – Barry Simcoe, Steam Crew Chief, stated that operations went well. Peter Barton stated that steam train revenue is up.

Promotions and Publicity – Bob Pence stated that more help is needed in promotions and publicity. Ron Allen stated that John Tyson was the only person from the television news media who reported on the event. Peter Barton stated that he plans to host representatives from the media to show the facility.

Peter Barton stated that he will be seeking funds from state sources to advertise in publications such as AAA, Sunset, Trains, etc.

Bricks – Ron Allen stated that Laning Clifford (not present) will assume the responsibility as committee chair, replacing Jack Gibson. Ron Allen stated that 13 bricks are in need of replacement. Laning Clifford offered to pay to have the bricks replaced. The board extended gratitude to Laning Clifford.

Upcoming Events – Bob Pence stated that the CSRM Fire Engine was very well received, and asked if we could invite CSRM to future events. A discussion took place. Bob Pence made a motion to invite CSRM to the Labor Day steam up, and provide a not to exceed amount of \$600 for expenses. Bill Kohler seconded. Motion passed.

Symposium – Russ Tanner stated that that the brochures have been ordered. Bob Church will not be able to speak. Charlie Siebenthal and Stephen Drew will make a joint 90 minute presentation. Keith Hall will be securing the plasma screens for the sessions.

Fundraising – Ron Allen has secured a \$1,000 grant for the Symposium education certificate. Bob Pence stated that Trains Magazine is offering a \$10,000 grant for preservation activities.

Membership – Alice Walker reported that the current number of members stands at 836, which includes 62 comps. Ron Allen suggested to Alice Walker to look at the membership records to see if the drop out rate mirrors other years.

Newsletter – Ron Allen stated that the Sagebrush Headlight is the responsibility of the NSRM, and the Volunteer Newsletter is the responsibility of the Friends. Ron Allen stated that Geoff Brunner is doing a great job with the Volunteer Newsletter. Ron Allen expressed how important it is to ensure the Sagebrush Headlight is on time.

Geoff Brunner stated that the Headlight was 10 days late, and that there was a problem with the mailing list. A discussion took place. Peter Barton recommended to mail out the Headlight again, as some members did not receive the publication. Russ Tanner made a motion to appropriate an amount not to exceed of \$750 to print and mail the current edition of the publication. Bob Pence seconded. Motion passed.

Special Reports – Alice Walker asks if the membership could clean out the Friends basket at NSRM. Geoff Brunner stated that he will publish a notice in the next Volunteer Newsletter.

Museum Funding – No Report.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn stated that the coach from Sparks is now on the property. Loren believes that the coach may be of Carter Brothers manufacture, and is relatively intact. Loren states that the move of the WPA outhouse to the NSRM is pending.

New Business – None.

Board Comments – Geoff Brunner suggested a fundraising program to adopt a piece of equipment. A discussion took place. Ron Allen reminded the board that a policy is in place not to impose special assessments on the general membership. Loren Jahn discussed options for repainting the Julia (V&TRR Coach #8). Russ Tanner warned the board not to over commit on projects.

General Comments – None.

Adjournment – Bob Pence made a motion for adjournment. Kurt Dietrich seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kurt M. Dietrich".

Kurt M. Dietrich, Secretary