

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE FEBUARY 1, 2007  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Geoff Brunner, Stan Cronwall, Russ Tanner, Jerry Barth, Bill Kohler, Mike Dunn, Kurt Dietrich and Jerry Hoover. Quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Russ Tanner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting, seconded by Jerry Barth. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – No Report.

**Treasurer's report** – Jerry Hoover treasury funds as follows:

\$15,424.82 – Checking

\$11,478.73 – Money Market

\$24.83 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 – Bankcard

\$26,928.38 – Total All Accounts

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bill Kohler, seconded by Russ Tanner.  
Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Operations** – Barry Simcoe reported that there are currently no operations. John Frink will be setting up this year’s safety meeting shortly.

**Promotions and publicity** – Ron Allen stated that there are no active promotions or publicity activities this time of year.

**Bricks** – Lanning Clifford stated that Brian Sheldon will be setting up the Bricks Display. Lanning stated that there are 12 applications pending for brick orders.

Ron Allen stated the Friends of the NSRM is seeking a contractor to have the bricks installed as soon as possible.

**Upcoming events** – Russ Tanner stated that the motorcar training program is sold out (8 participants). Ron Allen asked if we can add additional participants. Russ stated that it is not recommended, to ensure enough time for hands on training for the participants already signed up.

**Symposium** – Frank Ackerman stated that the symposium committee will be meeting this month.

**Fundraising** – Ron Allen stated that there are no active fundraising activities this time of year. Ron stated that grant funds are limited at this time.

**Membership** – Ron Allen reported for Susan Allen as follows (January 31, 2007):

Students:	4
Seniors:	210
Individuals:	174
Family:	369
Senior Couple:	227
Sustaining:	69
Contributing:	16
Corporate Regular:	9
Life Time:	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1080.

Ron Allen congratulated Stan Cronwall for his hard work toward the membership committee.

Stan Cronwall presented a report critiquing the 2006 program and outlined the 2007 program. The membership goal for the December 2007 Board Meeting is 1,200 members.

A discussion took place regarding the corporate membership benefits. Ron Allen stated that a benefit package is currently in development.

**Newsletter** – Geoff Brunner stated that there is no material to present in the Volunteer Newsletter. Ron Allen suggested suspending the publication until activities picks up. A discussion took place regarding options. Kurt Dietrich suggested setting up an online newsgroup as a replacement. The Board decided to take no action on this item and to continue the Volunteer Newsletter.

Frank Ackerman stated that March 1 is the deadline for the Sagebrush Headlight. Frank is requesting photos of Eureka and Palisade #4 “Eureka” at locations other than the NSRM.

**Museum funding** – No Report

**Interpretive committee** – Ron Allen stated that Peter Barton would like us to continue to develop the ticket office area of the depot. Ron Allen stated that we can place the baggage carts on the platform during steam-ups, crowd permitting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Bill Kohler stated that we currently have only 7 rulebooks for sale. A discussion took place whether Friends of the NSRM should reprint the rulebook at the current time, or wait for a pending revision. Peter Barton recommended (not present) to print a small quantity of rulebooks. Russ Tanner, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, made a motion to have 100 rulebooks reprinted. Motion passed.

Stan Cronwall stated that many organizations have annual giving programs, and asked the Friends of the NSRM to explore this option. A discussion took place. Jerry Hoover stated that he would not want phone calls or follow-ups. Bill Kohler stated that he is concerned that the return may not cover postage. Stan recommended that we run a test to determine if returns generate a positive cash flow. Barry Simcoe recommended seeking additional donations from corporate members, rather than the general membership. Kurt Dietrich had concerns whether the Friends of the NSRM by-laws prohibited soliciting additional donations from the membership. Ms. Brunner stated that by-laws did not prohibit such action. Stan Cronwall made a motion to solicit the membership for an additional donation, not to exceed once per year, enclosed in new member and renewal packets. Jerry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

A discussion took place whether we should release our membership lists to other organizations with similar interests. Kurt Dietrich made a motion not to disclose our membership records to third parties. Russ Tanner seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – None

**GENERAL COMMENTS** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Russ Tanner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Geoff Brunner. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kurt Dietrich, Secretary