

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2007
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

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

Minutes – Russ Tanner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2007 meeting, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None.

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

\$9,217.96 – Checking
\$11,487.87 – Money Market
\$0.00 – Pay Pal
\$0.00 – Bankcard
\$20,700.83 – Total All Accounts

Kurt Dietrich stated that the Pay Pal account is owned by Geoff Brunner, and suggested to eliminate the account rather than to create a new account. Kurt stated that for membership applications, we accept cash, check or credit card. Kurt believed that the Pay Pal account is redundant. Mike Dunn stated that many online users are more comfortable using Pay Pal, and would like to see the account continued. Kurt suggested

Mike to manage the account, since Kurt has limited experience with Pay Pal. Mike agreed to manage the Pay Pal account. Bill Kohler made a motion to abandon the existing Pay Pal account, and to create a new account. The motion was seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – Barry Simcoe reported that the operating season is going well, and that he has plenty of crews.

Promotions and publicity – Ron Allen stated that the Museum’s brochure distribution contract needs to be renewed, and \$5,000 is needed to continue the contract for another six months. A discussion took place. Russ Tanner made a motion to authorize Ron to discuss the issue with Peter Barton, and to come to a mutual agreeable decision to continue the contract or not. Seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion carried.

Bricks – On May 1st, all of the bricks received by the museum was installed by Keystone Masonry.

Stan Cronwall stated that the brick order forms are running low, and that we will need to print another run shortly. A discussion took place. Lanning Clifford asked the Board if we would accept forms that requested the bricks to be installed in a specific spot. The Board agreed that we will not take requests for specific placement. Loren Jahn offered to create new artwork for the new application. Loren, Lanning, Ron, and Bill stated that they will get together and work on the new application.

Lanning also reported that there was a misspelling on one of the bricks, and that the purchaser was not happy. The issue has been resolved.

Upcoming events – Ron Allen stated that there is the Father’s Day steam-up, and the Fourth of July coming up shortly. Ron stated that the Fourth of July will have motorcar operations, no trains will be in operation.

Symposium – Frank Ackerman stated that the museum plans to operate the Inyo during symposium weekend. Frank also stated that he is looking into a train trip across the Sierra, via Amtrak, as an activity.

Fundraising – No report.

Membership – Ron Allen reported for Susan Allen as follows (May 29, 2007):

Students:	4
Seniors:	217
Individuals:	172
Family:	359

Senior Couple:	223
Sustaining:	79
Contributing:	16
Corporate Regular:	8
Life Time:	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1080.

Stan Cronwall stated that we will run out of applications in 4 to 6 weeks. Russ made a motion to have 5,000 applications to be produced, seconded by Stan. Motion carried.

Stan asked the Board if the Friends could purchase copy paper to reimburse the state for paper used in Friend's business. Ron Allen stated that the Board will not reimburse the state for normal operating expenses.

Stan stated that there needs to be more of a showing of volunteers at the membership booths, to keep membership from dropping. Ron stated that the membership levels have been down this year statewide, the drop in membership is not unique to the NSRM.

Stan stated that the media has been incorrectly reporting activities at the museum. Frank Ackerman stated that the press releases have been correctly prepared. Ron stated that all press releases must go through the state PIO. Mike Dunn stated that he would like to hand deliver the press releases. Russ stated the Mike and Frank should get together.

Russ stated that he would like to see the banner placed in front of the depot during special events. Ron stated that one of the panels is damaged. Loren stated that the panels should be made of canvas, which will last longer. Jerry Barth and Russ stated that they will see that the banner is placed during special events.

Stan presented a new version of membership form. Russ made a motion to approve the text change, seconded by Stan. Motion carried.

Newsletter – Frank Ackerman stated that he just received the last piece of the Sagebrush Headlight, and will send it to state printing shortly.

Mike Dunn stated that the new Volunteer Newsletter will be online, and password protected.

Museum funding – No report.

Interpretive committee – Loren Jahn presented a report on the status of the Wabuska Depot. Loren stated that he is in need of hardware and green roller shades. Loren also stated that the sash cords are in need of replacement. Ron Allen stated that this is a maintenance item that should be performed by the museum. Loren stated that he will get roller shade information and prices to the Board.

Loren stated that he noticed that the depot at times is not properly secured by the train crew. Ron suggested that the conductor walk through the depot after the last train.

NEW BUSINESS – Ron Allen stated that the whistle on Engine #8 is in constant need of maintenance, and is in need of replacement. Kurt Dietrich recommended that the museum purchase a newly manufactured whistle. Russ Tanner, seconded by Kurt, made a motion to authorize \$1,000 to procure a whistle.

Mike Dunn stated that the Kel Aiken collection consists of approximately 175 locomotives and 500 pieces of rolling stock, valued at approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. Frank Ackerman stated that there are two collections. One collection was donated into the museum collection, the other to be disposed of as income to the Friends. The Board discussed options on selling the collection. Barry Simcoe recommended that an appraisal be completed before the collection is disposed. Frank Ackerman stated that an appraisal will need to be done anyway for the donor's IRS deduction.

BOARD COMMENTS – None.

GENERAL COMMENTS – Dan Markoff stated that Ron Allen made an excellent presentation at the Department of Cultural Affairs meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich, Secretary