

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

---

## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
Carson City, Nevada 89702



MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2007  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

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

**Minutes** – Bill Kohler made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting, seconded by Stan Cronwall. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – None.

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

\$13,671.54 – Checking

\$11,483.70 – Money Market

\$33.68 – Pay Pal

\$195.36 – Bankcard

\$25,384.28 – Total All Accounts

Kurt Dietrich made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by John Schilling. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Operations** – Barry Simcoe reported that the operating season is half way over with no issues and no accidents. The operating crew is conserving fuel. Approximately 2,900 gallons are needed to finish season.

Jerry Barth stated that he may have a fuel oil donation. Ron Allen referred Jerry to Chris Dewitt.

**Promotions and publicity** – No report.

**Bricks** – Lanning Clifford reported 22 bricks in the museum display and 11 bricks are on order.

**Upcoming events** – The Board discussed the possibility of hosting an extended two-night Halloween Train. Barry Simcoe stated that \$1,500 is needed for fuel costs. Chris Dewitt (not present) stated that he has safety concerns, and that he would like to hold a committee meeting to discuss. Peter Barton stated that he would like to see the event take place if safety and budgetary concerns are addressed. Ron Allen stated that he will gather information and poll the Board for a decision. John Schilling, seconded by Bill Kohler, made a motion to table the discussion.

**Symposium** – John Schilling stated that the brochures are expected August 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill Kohler stated that he plans to scout the Thursday bus trip

**Fundraising** – No fundraising programs are in place, other than the current efforts for the Halloween trains.

**Membership** – Ron Allen, reporting for Susan Allen, stated that membership is at an all time high of 1,115 total members.

John Schilling stated that the store inventory is in poor shape. Peter Barton stated that the store manager position is in reclassification.

**Newsletter** – Peter Barton stated that Frank Ackerman is currently working on the next edition of the newsletter.

**Museum funding** – No requests at this time. Chris Dewitt (not present) stated that he plans to rebuild the whistle for NSRM #8.

**Interpretive committee** – Loren Jahn will fax a bill for materials associated with the depot. Peter Barton stated that he would like to hold a meeting to discuss the depot's future.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Jerry Hoover resigned his position as Treasurer effective immediately. John Schilling offered to assume the duties of Treasurer. The Board discussed the transition period. Mike Dunn and John Schilling will seek to purchase a laptop computer for bookkeeping. Kurt Dietrich, seconded by Bill Kohler, made a motion to authorize the purchase of a laptop for a not-to-exceed value of \$1,000. Mike Dunn, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to authorize the purchase of antivirus software for a not-to-exceed amount of \$55.

Stan Cronwall presented information regarding the event banner.

A comment was made to add the Fourth of July Event for the December agenda.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – None.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** – Peter Barton stated that the State may not be interested in keeping the Santa Train free to the public. Ron Allen stated that Santa Train has always been a free event as a thank you to the community. Ron stated that he would like this event to remain free to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kurt Dietrich, Secretary