

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
Carson City, Nevada 89702



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2007
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Role Call – Present were Ron Allen, Bill Kohler, Russ Tanner, Mike Dunn, Jerry Barth, Jerry Hoover, John Shilling, and Kurt Dietrich were present. Stan Cronwall was absent and excused. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the October 19, 2007 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Russ Tanner, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion passed.

Correspondence – No Report.

Treasurer's Report – Russ Tanner reported funds ending November 30, 2007 as follows:

\$9,492.82 – Total Deposits

\$14,351.91 – Total Expenses

\$32,660.62 – Total All Accounts

Ron Allen stated that \$7,000 was transferred to Savings from Checking, and was not reflected in the November 30, 2007 Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept by Russ Tanner, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – Barry Simcoe reported that the operating season was very successful, and the upcoming Santa Train is the last operation of the year. A comment was made that two operations volunteers have health issues. Bill Kohler stated that he will send cards.

Ron Allen stated that 18 advertisements were taken out for \$900. Mike Dunn stated that the advertisements did not include the Museum Store information. Ron Allen stated that advertising the store is a State responsibility. Barry Simcoe stated that the advertisements made a big difference in operations, and recommended to continue to purchase advertisements next year.

Promotions and Publicity – No Report.

Bricks – Lanning Clifford reported that 68 bricks were ordered for 2006, and 79 bricks were ordered in 2007 to date. Mike Dunn stated that the current brick application is online.

Upcoming Events – Lanning Clifford stated that additional candy canes are needed, and requested funds to make a purchase. Bill Kohler made a motion to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$200 to purchase additional candy canes.

Symposium – No Report

Finance Committee – Russ Tanner, John Shilling, and Bill Kohler presented the 2008 Budget and the 2007 Budget compared to actual transactions. Russ Tanner made a motion to accept the 2008 budget, seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion passed. Kurt Dietrich accepted the report into archives.

Fundraising – Ron Allen stated that two new fundraising programs are in development. The Friends partnered with a company to allow for vehicles donations. The company will sell the vehicles and donate 80% of the sale proceeds. Scolari's Markets will establish a shopper card program to allow 3%-5% of shopper sales to be donated.

Membership – Susan Allen, through Ron Allen, reported as of November 30, 2007, the following membership levels:

Seniors:	223
Individuals:	162
Family:	362
Senior Couple:	250
Sustaining:	89
Contributing:	14
Corporate Regular:	3

Life Time: 2

Student: 2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,108

Newsletter – Ron Allen stated that the Frank Ackerman is planning to put out the newsletter next week.

Museum funding – None Requested.

Interpretive committee – Loren Jahn thanked Chris MacMahon and John North for donations. Repainting of locomotive and coaches will be scheduled for Spring. Bill Kohler asked about placing new signage around the depot. Loren Jahn stated that the signage must be cleared through SHPO.

NEW BUSINESS – Ron Allen stated that on January 31, 2008, the Nevada Appeal will release a regional activity guide, and asked if the Board has any interest in purchasing a 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, or full page advertisement. A discussion took place. Mike Dunn made a motion, seconded by John Shilling, to purchase a 1/4 page advertisement to publish our operating schedule. Barry Simcoe stated that the purchase would be 1/4 of our yearly advertising budget. Motion did not pass.

Board Comments – Mike Dunn suggested the Board establish a committee to review the by-laws. Kurt Dietrich suggested tabling this item until the Board reconvenes under new membership.

Ron Allen expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board.

General Comments – Loren Jahn and Barry Simcoe thanked Ron Allen for his service.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Reconvene – Meeting was reconvened at 7:00 PM.

Role Call – Present were Bill Kohler, Russ Tanner, Mike Dunn, Jerry Barth, Chris MacMahon, Barry Simcoe, John Shilling, and Kurt Dietrich were present. Stan Cronwall was absent and excused. A quorum was established.

Election of Executive Board – Bill Kohler asked the Board for Executive Officer nominations:

Russ Tanner nominated John Schilling for Treasurer. Nomination seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Nominations closed. John Schilling accepted as Treasurer.

Barry Simcoe nominated Kurt Dietrich for Secretary. Nomination seconded by Russ Tanner. Nominations closed. Kurt Dietrich accepted as Secretary.

John Schilling nominated Russ Tanner for Vice-President. Nomination seconded by Barry Simcoe. Nominations closed. Russ Tanner accepted as Vice-President.

Barry Simcoe nominated Bill Kohler for President. Nomination seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Mike Dunn nominated Stan Cronwall for President. Mike Dunn's nomination was not seconded. Bill Kohler accepted as President.

Executive Officers are: Bill Kohler - President, Russ Tanner - Vice President, Kurt Dietrich - Secretary, and John Schilling - Treasurer.

Meeting dates for 2008 – Bill Kohler asked the Board to accept the following dates for future meetings:

February 7, 2008

April 3, 2008

June 5, 2008

August 7, 2008

October 17, 2008

December 4, 2008

Barry Simcoe made a motion, seconded by Russ Tanner, to move the December meeting December 11, 2008, and to accept the remainder of the aforementioned dates. Motion passed.

Appointment of Standing Committee Chairmen – Bill Kohler appointed the following Committee Chairmen:

Lanning Clifford - Bricks

Nancy Humphries - Election Committee

John Shilling - Finance Committee

Ron Allen - Fund Raising

Loren Jahn - Interpretive Committee

Susan Allen - Membership

Stan Cronwall - Membership Recruitment

Frank Ackerman - Newsletter

Barry Simcoe - Operations--Steam Train

Paul Martineau - Operations--Motorcar

(vacant) - Promotions and Publicity

(vacant) - Symposium

NEW BUSINESS – A discussion took place regarding the current by-laws. Russ Tanner made a motion to establish a by-law revision committee. Russ Tanner presented a document to the Board titled “Motion to establish a By-Laws Revision Committee” giving the specifics of his motion. Motion seconded by Mike Dunn.

Roy Hargrave asked if individuals from the general membership could be on the committee. Russ Tanner stated the motion said that the committee members are to be appointed. A discussion took place. Barry Simcoe, Russ Tanner, and Mike Dunn were appointed to serve on the By-Law Revision Committee.

Kurt Dietrich stated that if any Thank You letters need to be written on behalf of the Friends, to please email him the specifics. Kurt Dietrich stated that he will send letters to the outgoing Board. John Schilling stated that he will send Kurt Dietrich information for a letter to be written.

A discussion took place regarding the \$2.00 charge that the State is charging for Santa Train rides. Barry Simcoe made a motion to donate \$1,000 for Santa Train rides. Motion was not seconded. Russ Tanner, seconded by John Shilling, made a motion for the Friends to donate \$600 to match the \$650 in previous donations to be applied for Santa Train fare. Motion passed.

Board Comments – Bill Kohler thanked the outgoing Board Members.

General Comments – None.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt M. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary