

# 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2008  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

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

**Minutes** – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Chris MacMahon, seconded by Jerry Barth. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – Kurt Dietrich stated that appreciation letters were sent to the outgoing Board. Kurt stated that he had also sent a letter to member Charles Dargan concerning By-Laws.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Schilling (not present) reported funds ending December 31, 2007 as follows:

\$2,685.75 – Total Deposits

\$10,559.97 – Total Expenses

\$27,493.96 – Total All Accounts

John Schilling requested that the Treasurer's report be delayed one month, so that he can properly reconcile accounts. No exception taken by the Board.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Stan Cronwall, seconded by Russ Tanner.  
Motion passed.

**Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting** – Russ Tanner reported that no actions were taken.

## **OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Brick Sales Committee** – Laning Clifford reported 7 bricks were sold.

**Election Committee** – No Report.

**Finance Committee** – No Report.

**Fund Raising Committee** – No Report.

**Interpretive Committee** – No Report.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported as of January 31, 2007, the following membership levels:

Seniors:	225
Individuals:	166
Family:	359
Senior Couple:	247
Sustaining:	85
Contributing:	14
Corporate Regular:	3
Life Time:	3
Student:	4

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,106

**Membership Recruitment Committee** – Stan Cronwall reported that the membership levels are not far from peak levels. Stan stated that Susan Allen has done a great job with lapsed memberships. The membership goal for this year is 1,200-1,250. The committee is planning to meet next week to discuss corporate membership levels.

**Operations – Motorcar** – Russ Tanner reported that the Motorcar Training is scheduled for April 18th, 19th, & 20<sup>th</sup>. Currently 3 people have signed up. The training is limited to 8 people. Dick & Bev Harding will be providing the barbeque for the event. Russ stated that 3 people are needed to break even.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe reported that a wedding may occur on the steam train, June 14th. Ron Allen stated that we might want to notify the press that the NSRM does these types of events, as well as other facility rentals.

**Promotions and Publicity** – Jim Lohse was appointed by Bill Kohler as committee chair. Jim accepted the position. Mike Dunn stated that Laning Clifford had a few event ideas, such as a Civil War Weekend, etc.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – Frank Ackerman reported that the material deadline for the upcoming publication is in 3 weeks.

**Symposium Committee** – Frank Ackerman reported that he will discuss the Symposium Committee with Bill Kohler. Friends' involvement is expected in March.

## **OLD BUSINESS – SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**By-Laws Revision Committee** – Russ Tanner reported that the committee will hold a meeting for the general membership on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Restoration Shop. The meeting will allow the membership bring issues to the committee's attention. Barry Simcoe proposed the establishment of an Audit Committee, and a Parliamentary Authority Article.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – Bill Kohler stated that he would like to establish a website committee, and appoint Mike Dunn as committee chair. Mike accepted the position. Mike stated that he would like participation in the committee so that he is not the only one who decides what is placed on the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – Bill Kohler stated that Chris DeWitt requested \$900 for the purchase of a Baldwin gauge lamp, appropriate for the "Inyo" or "Glenbrook" locomotives. Russ Tanner made a motion to appropriate \$950 for the purchase price and shipping costs of said item. Barry Simcoe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Kohler stated that a Tonopah & Tidewater lantern became available to the NSRM for \$1,600. Barry Simcoe made a motion to purchase the lantern, seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

**Upcoming Events** – Bill Kohler stated that the volunteer appreciation night will be held March 14th.

**Other New Business** – None.

**Board or Trustees Member Comments** – Kurt Dietrich asked the Board if it would be more appropriate to combine the website and promotion & publicity committees. Barry Simcoe recommended against this action.

**General Comments** – Jim Lohse stated that he is willing to sell one of his videos to the Friends through the gift shop at a reduced fee as a membership benefit. Jim requested the Friends to provide stock images for this production.

Russ Tanner stated that Articles of Incorporation are available for Board Members.

Stan Cronwall asked what can be done to mitigate fuel costs. Barry Simcoe stated that he has discussed this issue with Chris DeWitt. Barry stated that fuel mitigation measures should be at discretion of Chris. Bill Kohler suggested that the Board approach oil companies for grants. Ron Allen stated that he will head this campaign.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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, prominent initial 'K'.

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary