

# 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 JUNE 5, 2008  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

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

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

**Minutes** – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Russ Tanner, seconded by John Schilling. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Schilling reported funds ending May 31, 2008 as follows:

\$22,135.00 – Total Deposits

\$3,010.70 – Total Expenses

\$30,543.23 – Total All Accounts

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Kurt Dietrich. Motion seconded by Stan Cronwall. Motion passed.

John Schilling presented a McKeen grant report.

**Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting** – Bill Kohler stated that a V&T clock was purchased for \$1,400, by unanimous Board consent.

## OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Brick Sales Committee** – Laning Clifford reported 18 bricks sold, and 45 bricks placed.

**Election Committee** – Nancy Humphries requested \$803.20 to cover election postage expenses. Kurt Dietrich made a motion to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$803.20 for postage expenses. Motion seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee** – John Schilling stated that the committee has not met.

The Board discussed investment options. Kurt Dietrich suggested the CD laddering method. Barry Simcoe advised against principal risk. John Schilling stated that he will present options at the next Board meeting.

Ron Allen stated that Mark Amodei donated \$1,000 for McKeen motorcar expenses.

**Fund Raising Committee** – Ron Allen stated that the Scolari's 5% awards program is in effect. Ron suggested publishing information in the next Sagebrush Headlight.

Ron Allen suggested the Friends develop a program similar to the Fourth Ward School calendar program. Barry Simcoe made a motion to pursue a calendar program. Motion seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion passed.

Ron Allen stated that Denny's has a similar program to Scolari's, and is currently working with Denny's on program specifics.

**Interpretive Committee** – Loren Jahn expressed thanks to those involved with the cleaning and painting of NSRM No. 8. Loren expressed the desire to move the WPA outhouse to the depot.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported as of May 31, 2008, the following membership levels:

Seniors:	220
Individuals:	165
Family:	362
Senior Couple:	252
Sustaining:	83
Contributing:	14
Life Time:	4
Student:	3

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,103

**Membership Recruitment Committee** – Stan Cronwall stated that this year will be a tough year for recruiting. Stan thanked the Steam Crew for their ongoing efforts. Bill Kohler asked the Board to assist Stan with recruitment activities.

**Operations – Motorcar** – No report.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe reported that volunteers spent five weekends working on NSRM No. 8. To date, there were three steam operation weekends. Barry stated that the Memorial Day weekend operations went well.

Barry Simcoe recommended bringing in an individual to assist in the marketing of our program. Peter Barton recommended that the person contact the state's public relations staff. Peter stated that the state is aggressively marketing the state museums.

**Promotions and Publicity** – No report.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – Frank Ackerman was not present. Stan Cronwall suggested that the specifics of the Scolari's program are included in the next newsletter. Ron Allen stated that he will follow up.

**Symposium Committee** – No Report.

**Website Committee** – Mike Dunn requested funding for updated antivirus and web authoring software. Kurt Dietrich suggested to the Board that the Website Committee develop an action plan for the implementation of the new website, before updated web authoring software is purchased. Barry Simcoe made a motion to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$100.00 for the purchase of updated anti-virus software. Motion seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion passed.

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

**By-Laws Revision Committee** – Russ Tanner presented proposed changes to the By-Laws, as recommended by the By-Laws Revision Committee.

- Proposed Change No. 1 – Article III, Section 2. NUMBER, TENURE, AND QUALIFICATIONS. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 2 – Article III, Section 3. REGULAR MEETINGS. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 3 – Article III, Section 5. NOTICE. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 4 – Article III, Section 12. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.

- Proposed Change No. 5 – Article IV, Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of rejection. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 6 – Article IV, Section 7. TREASURER. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 7 – Article V, Section 8. AUDIT COMMITTEE. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 8 – Article VII. FISCAL YEAR. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 9 – Article IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.
- Proposed Change No. 10 – Article X. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS. – Motion to uphold committee recommendation of approval. Motion passed.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – Peter Barton requested an increase of previously approved travel expenses for Pete Hansen to cover actual expenses. Barry Simcoe made a motion to approve actual expenses. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – Peter Barton tabled the discussion regarding the purchase of a public address system for the Interpretive Center. No action taken.

**Upcoming Events** – Bill Kohler stated that a July 18<sup>th</sup> steam operation will celebrate corporate donors. Barry Simcoe made a motion to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500.00 for event expenses. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

**Other New Business** – Ron Allen suggested changing the current artwork on the membership certificates. Russ Tanner made a motion to explore artwork options. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

**Board or Trustees Member Comments** – Chris MacMahon stated that there are currently no programs for minors. Chris stated that he would like to create a program for youth. Russ Tanner made a motion for the President to establish a youth program committee. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed. Bill Kohler appointed Chris MacMahon as committee chair.

Bill Kohler stated that the Nevada State Museums and History Board extend thanks to the Friends.

**General Comments** – Nancy Humphries thanks Russ Tanner for his work on the By-Laws Committee.

Peter Barton stated that the NSRM staff will have new email addresses shortly. Peter stated that the fire suppression project is still scheduled for July through October. Peter stated that the Tin Cup Tea is scheduled at the Governor's Mansion on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and the NSRM will have a presence.

**Adjournment** – Russ Tanner made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by John Schilling. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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