

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 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, Peter Barton, and Kurt Dietrich were present. John Schilling was absent and excused. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the August 14, 2008 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Russ Tanner, seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report – Barry Simcoe reported funds as follows:

\$18,487.50 – Money Market

\$22,432.37 – Checking (less October 17th disbursements)

Barry stated that the 2007 books are complete, and he is currently working on 2008. Barry recommends seeking a better rate of return for the money market account.

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Kurt Dietrich. Motion seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion passed.

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – Bill Kohler stated that the following purchases were made under Board consent:

\$200.00 – Plating materials for the McKeen motorcar.

\$100.00 – Stove for the McKeen motorcar.

\$110.00 – Glyptal for the McKeen motorcar.

\$1,211.56 – Public address system for the interpretive center.

\$3,400.00 – For the movement of a tank car to the NSRM.

\$2,000.00 – For the “Your Hand is on the Throttle” program.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – No report.

Brick Sales Committee – No report.

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries stated that she has received 9 résumés from candidates, and reported the election results as follows:

Kurt Dietrich – Elected to his third three-year term.

Darlene Berry – Elected to her first three-year term.

Ron Allen – Elected to his first three-year term.

The Board thanked Nancy for her efforts.

Finance Committee – No report.

Fund Raising Committee – Ron Allen stated that Save Mart has a card program to accept donations on behalf on non-profits.

Ron stated that the museum is partnered with an organization to accept vehicle donations, and that any questions relating to the program to be directed to him.

Mike Dunn asked if the Friends’ partnership with Scolari’s is still ongoing in light of the Carson City store closure. Ron stated that to the best of his knowledge, the card program is still valid at their other stores.

Bill Kohler stated that there is current discussion regarding a giving program that would fund specific museum projects such as an ore car reconstruction, loading dock, electronic sign, etc.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn stated that committee has worked on various projects throughout the year, including the WPA outhouse and the painting of the steam train.

Membership Committee – Susan Allen reported as of September 30, 2008, the Friends have 1,097 members. The membership is up by two, compared to the previous year.

Membership Fee Review Committee – Jerry Barth reported no changes to the fee structure because the state desires to have the same fees for all museums.

Membership Recruitment Committee – Stan Cronwall stated that he is pleased, but not satisfied, with the membership levels and thanked everyone for their participation.

Operations – Motorcar – Paul Martineau stated that the motorcar crew is reliable and takes good care of the equipment. Paul thanked everyone for their support.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe reported a successful year and stated that nothing was damaged. Barry stated that he has a good crew and has never been short-handed.

Barry stated that he believes the “Your Hand is on the Throttle” program will bring good exposure to the steam program.

Promotions and Publicity – No report.

Sagebrush Headlight – Frank Ackerman stated that the deadline for the next edition is the first week of December and that he is always looking for material submission.

Symposium Committee – It is anticipated that the 2009 program will feature notable passenger trains of Nevada.

Website Committee – Mike Dunn stated that the redesigned website is currently online and that any concerns or criticisms should be directed to the webmaster.

Youth Program Committee – No report.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – None.

Upcoming Events – Russ Tanner stated that the next motorman program is in April, and he has received one application.

Russ stated that the “Your Hand is on the Throttle” program is expected for next year. The proposed program includes a safety test and one hour of steam locomotive instruction. The proposed price is \$500. Russ stated that a trial run is scheduled.

Other New Business – Bill Kohler stated that an annual pin program has been proposed. Bill stated that the cost would be \$1.60 to \$1.70 per member. Russ Tanner, seconded by Mike Dunn, made a motion to authorize the annual pin program for a not-to-exceed cost of \$1.70 per member. A discussion took place. A comment from the membership suggested that the pin program be optional. Barry Simcoe suggested only providing pins at certain intervals, such as 5 year, 10 year, 20 year, etc. Stan Cronwall stated that he would be interested in the rate of return for such a program. Bill conducted an informal poll of the membership present, and returned a split opinion. Stan Cronwall

made a motion, seconded by Chris MacMahon, to table the discussion, so that additional information can be provided. Motion passed.

Chris MacMahon requested \$1,000 funding for the rebuilding of a motorcar, as part of the youth program. Chris made a motion, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, to provide a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000. A discussion took place. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Russ Tanner, made a motion to table the discussion until the December meeting, so that additional information can be provided. Motion passed.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – None.

General Comments – Ron Allen thanked the membership for their vote of confidence.

Bill Kohler thanked the outgoing Board.

Adjournment – Kurt Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Russ Tanner. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kurt Dietrich,
Secretary