

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
Carson City, Nevada 89702



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2009  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Darlene Barry, Jerry Barth, Bill Kohler, Barry Simcoe, Stan Cronwall, John Schilling, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused were Peter Barton and Chris MacMahon. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the October 16, 2009 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Ron Allen, seconded by Stan Cronwall. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – Ron Allen stated that he received a letter of donation from Mike Collins for \$100 to the Friends of the NSRM. Ron stated that he will follow up with Frank Ackerman for the donation.

Kurt Dietrich stated he will send a letter to Economy Speed Press, thanking them for their donation of services.

Bill Kohler received a letter from Peter Barton. Peter thanked the Friends for their efforts on the Thanksgiving Train. Despite promotion activity, the trains suffered double digit losses from the previous year. The Museum is promoting the Santa Train, and will be partnering with the Carson City Arlington Square Ice Rink. Peter asked for Friends' assistance in rebuilding the turntable, which will commence in 2010.

Peter Barton (not present) provided information on train discounts for armed services personnel for the current fiscal year.

Kurt Dietrich stated that he will send out thank you letters if information is provided to him.

**Treasurer's Report** – Darlene Berry reported funds as follows:

\$10,913.87 – Checking

\$18,489.45 – Savings

\$29,403.32 – Total All Accounts

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

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

\$150.00 – Santa Trail ride vouchers to those who donated goods and services.

\$849.00 – Printing of 7,500 copies of the 2010 operating schedule.

\$855.00 – Advertising for Santa Train.

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

**Audit Committee** – No report.

**Brick Sales Committee** – Laning Clifford reported that 10 bricks have been sold since the last meeting.

**Election Committee** – No report.

**Finance Committee** – John Schilling presented the 2010 Budget. The budget consisted of \$35,800.00 of income and expenses.

Ron Allen, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to accept the 2010 Budget as presented. Motion passed.

**Fund Raising Committee** – No report.

**Interpretive Committee** – No report.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported the following membership levels as of November 30<sup>th</sup>:

Seniors: 219

Individuals: 141

Family: 296

Senior Couple: 242

Sustaining: 73

Contributing:	17
Patron:	3
Life Time:	4
Benefactor	1
Student:	7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,003

**Membership Fee Review Committee** – No report.

**Membership Recruitment Committee** – Stan Cronwall stated that he would like the Santa Train crew to hand out the 2010 operation schedules.

**Operations – Motorcar** – No report.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe stated that the Santa Train is scheduled for this weekend, and that the locomotive will be fired tomorrow.

Barry stated that a new operating bulletin was issued concerning weather, ice, and the wig-wag crossing.

**Promotions and Publicity** – Bill Kohler asked if one of the members of the new Board could serve as Chairman.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – The latest issue will be off to the printer soon.

**Website Committee** – The crew schedule and rule book is online. Stan Cronwall asked if the 2010 operating schedule could be posted soon.

**Youth Program Committee** – No report.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – No report.

**Upcoming Events** – Santa Train is this upcoming weekend.

A work party will be scheduled to repaint and repair the roof of the new WP caboose. Bill Kohler stated that the caboose will be used in an upcoming interpretive exhibit. Bryan Berry recommended information to be included in the upcoming Sagebrush Headlight regarding the work parties.

**Other New Business** – Bryan Berry stated that the handcar trailer received a flat tire. Bryan asked the board if certain equipment could be provided for the trailer. Ron Allen stated that he is willing to donate certain items. Ron Allen, seconded by Barry Simcoe, made a motion to appropriate an amount not-to-exceed \$250 for handcar trailer tooling.

**Board or Trustees Member Comments** – Kurt Dietrich stated that if any “thank you” letters need to go out on behalf of the Board, please email him specifics.

**General Comments** – None.

**Adjournment** – Kurt Dietrich, seconded by Ron Allen, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM.

**Role Call** – Present were Darlene Berry, Ron Allen, Bruce Armbrust, Ralph Elligott, Barry Simcoe, Stan Cronwall, John Schilling, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused were Peter Barton and Chris MacMahon. A quorum was established.

**Election of Officers** –

Bill Kohler requested nominations for Treasurer. John Schilling, seconded by Ron Allen, nominated Darlene Berry for Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Bill Kohler asked the Board to close nominations. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, moved to close nominations. Board accepts Darlene Berry for Treasurer.

Bill Kohler requested nominations for Secretary. Ron Allen, seconded by Stan Cronwall, nominated Kurt Dietrich for Secretary. Hearing no further nominations, Bill Kohler asked the Board to close nominations. Barry Simcoe, seconded by John Schilling, moved to close nominations. Board accepts Kurt Dietrich for Secretary.

Bill Kohler requested nominations for Vice President. Ron Allen, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, nominated Stan Cronwall for Vice President. Hearing no further nominations, Bill Kohler asked the Board to close nominations. Barry Simcoe, seconded by John Schilling, moved to close nominations. Board accepts Stan Cronwall for Vice President.

Bill Kohler requested nominations for President. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Stan Cronwall, nominated Ron Allen for President. Hearing no further nominations, Bill Kohler asked the Board to close nominations. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, moved to close nominations. Board accepts Ron Allen for President.

The aforementioned executive officers are authorized by the Board of Trustees to conduct business with the US Bank accounts of record.

**New Business** – Ron Allen asked Barry Simcoe if he would remain in the Audit Committee. Barry stated he would remain. Ron Allen introduced Martin Jones as the retained Auditor. Martin provided a brief introduction.

Bruce Armbrust volunteered as Chairman of the Promotions & Publicity Committee. Ron Allen installed Bruce Armbrust as Chairman. Ron stated that he is available to assist.

Ralph Elligott stated that Yerington's Peri Family donated "Wasbuska Woppers" onion bags for use at the Wasbuska Depot. Ralph stated that an article about the onion bags was published in the Nevada Appeal. Kurt Dietrich stated that he will write a thank you letter to the Peri Family.

John Schilling asked the Board what will be done if the Museum experiences further layoffs. Ron Allen stated that the Board will do its best.

Darlene Barry asked who will be filling the list of officers. Ron Allen stated that he is the resident agent, and will be taking care of the paperwork.

**Adjournment** – Barry Simcoe, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary