

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2010
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 Ron Allen, Darlene Berry, Ralph Elligott, Barry Simcoe, Stan Cronwall, Kurt Dietrich, Peter Barton, John Schilling, Chris MacMahon and Bruce Armbrust. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the February 2010 and April 2010 minutes. A motion was made by Stan Cronwall, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Berry reported 04/01/2010 – 05/31/2010 Treasurer's activity as follows:

Beginning Balance – \$8,304.24

Total Income – \$4,840.82

Total Expenses – \$8,398.90

Ending Balance – \$4,746.16

Money Market Account – \$18,490.49

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

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – None.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Barry Simcoe stated that the recommendation from the Audit Committee will be forwarded to the Auditor.

Brick Sales Committee – Laning Clifford reported that four bricks have been sold during the past two months.

Ron Dunlap requested that a brick be purchased in lieu of a \$76 reimbursement for expenses relating to the motorcar training BBQ. A motion to accept was made by Kurt Dietrich, seconded by Barry Simcoe. Motion passed.

Stan Cronwall asked if volunteers could handout brick applications with the 2010 operating schedule.

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries stated that an election notice was given to Frank Ackerman to publish in the Sagebrush Headlight.

Nancy stated that the terms for Chris MacMahon, Barry Simcoe, and John Schilling will expire this year.

Finance Committee – John Schilling stated that the draft budget will be presented at the October meeting, to be ratified at the December meeting.

Fund Raising Committee – No report.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn presented a photograph of a schedule board for the Wabuska Depot, in which he plans to recreate.

Loren presented a concept of murals that could be located within the museum. The murals depict the V&T in its beginnings in Virginia City, ending with its demise in Carson City. The murals could be funded with private donations.

Loren stated that another paint day for equipment will be in the near future.

Membership Committee – Susan Allen (not present) reported the following membership levels as of June 2nd:

Seniors:	219
Individuals:	132
Family:	278
Senior Couple:	244
Sustaining:	82
Contributing:	15
Patron:	3

Life Time: 4

Benefactor 1

Student: 5

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 983

Membership Fee Review Committee – Vacant.

Membership Recruitment Committee – Stan Cronwall stated that the Friends gained 9 new members during the steam up weekend. Stan asked that the volunteer and brick order forms be handed out with the membership forms. Stan asked for help with recruitment at the depot.

Operations – Motorcar – No report.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe stated that there were no mechanical issues during the Memorial Day weekend. Barry stated that the 25 may not run during the Fourth of July weekend.

Promotions and Publicity – Bruce Armbrust asked what types of museum activities should be submitted to the media. Ron Allen stated that the State has done an excellent job getting information to the Nevada Appeal. Ron stated that he would like to see more information in the Reno Gazette Journal. Ralph Elligott recommended providing information to the Record Courier.

Loren Jahn asked if the Friends could approach Washoe County School District to establish a program on Nevada Heritage. Ron Allen asked if Loren could contact the Director. Loren agreed.

Stan Cronwall stated that the Friends need to reach the membership, engage them, and retain them. Peter Barton stated that the State is currently working on an email blast system. Ron Allen asked if the Friends could gather email lists for marketing purposes. Chris MacMahon stated that email lists can be purchased from other companies. Kurt Dietrich stated that the State has done an excellent job with postings on Facebook.

Sagebrush Headlight – Peter Barton stated that the Sagebrush Headlight is almost ready to go to the publisher.

Website Committee – No report.

Youth Program Committee – Chris MacMahon stated that the Friends' younger members have done an excellent job.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – Peter Barton stated that \$9,745 of the allocated \$10,000 (FY) from the Friends has been spent by the Museum. Approximately 43% of the funding was spent on advertising. Other notable expenses include \$2,854 to the McKeen Motorcar event, \$900 to the Western Pacific caboose movement, \$1,600 to exhibits, and \$3,400 to a power washer.

Darlene Berry asked why the Museum charged the Friends comp tickets for the Santa Train. Peter stated that he will find out this information.

John Schilling stated that a visitor offered to paint a sign for the Museum.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – The Museum is requesting \$2,000 for the rebuilding of the dynamos, which include 3 sets of armatures and plates. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000 for the rebuilding of the dynamos. Bruce Armbrust asked if a cash flow problem would exist if the expenditure was authorized. Ron Allen stated that membership revenues historically increase over the summer. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events – The Fourth of July weekend will include the operation of V&T 22 and V&T 25, with the McKeen Motorcar operating on the 4th.

Jack & Marge Gibson will be celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary.

Other New Business – Bryan Berry stated that the Museum increased the handcar fees from \$25 to \$45 for schools, and \$75 for other organizations. Bryan stated that the handcar provides an excellent promotional activity, and the increase in fees is too much. Ron Allen stated that he will approach Peter Barton.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – Kurt Dietrich asked the Board to remain present for a photograph after the meeting.

General Comments – Nancy Humphries stated that NSRM pins were given to the Elderhostel.

Loren Jahn thanked Barry Simcoe for seeking a donation for oil.

Adjournment – Bruce Armbrust, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary