

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2010
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the October 2010 minutes. A motion was made by Bruce Armbrust, seconded by Chris MacMahon, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Peter Barton sent an email thanking the Friends for their participation in the Santa Train event.

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Berry reported 10/01/2010 – 11/30/2010 Treasurer's activity as follows:

Beginning Balance – \$6,993.01

Total Income – \$5,661.67

Total Expenses – \$6,210.73

Ending Balance – \$6,443.95

Money Market Account – \$18,491.38

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

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – At a special meeting held November 20, 2010, the Trustees’ approved a cost increase for the Railroad History publication, and approved the Nevada Northern Railway’s request to host the 2011 Nevada Railroad History Symposium.

Friends and Director Discussion Session – A discussion took place regarding the scheduling of the Thanksgiving Train and the Santa Train. A motion was made by Barry Simcoe, seconded by Chris MacMahon, to approve the reestablishment of the Thanksgiving Train, and moving the Santa Train back to the weekend it was traditionally held. Peter Barton stated that he is not in the position to approve an operating schedule beyond July 1st, 2011. Bruce Armbrust stated that we should move forward, despite the State budget. Nancy Humphries asked if themed trains could be marketed. Barry stated that every steam up should be themed. Stan Cronwall stated we should move forward with the schedule. Motion passed.

Barry Simcoe stated that the Friends should host a legislative night. Peter Barton stated that he cannot support such an activity, as members have to report the event as lobbying. Russ Tanner asked Peter if hosting this event could be possible. Peter stated that the proposed event would have to be taken to the State Museum Board. Peter expressed that he is disappointed that the Friends would want to pursue a legislative night, rather than support Museum Day. The Friends pledged support for Museum Day. Chris MacMahon, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, made a motion to establish a Legislative Action Committee. Motion passed. Ron Allen appointed himself (chair), Chris MacMahon, Matt Digangi, Loren Jahn, Russ Tanner, and Barry Simcoe to the Committee.

Ron Allen expressed his desire to leave the children’s exhibits in place.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Barry Stated that the Committee has not met since the last meeting. Darlene Berry stated that she has not met with the Auditor.

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

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries stated that she will explore the possibility of using the Sagebrush Headlight publication for announcing election information.

Finance Committee – John Schilling presented an amended budget to the Board. Ron Allen stated that he does not wish to use funds out of the money market account. John stated in avoiding these funds, the budget shows a deficit. Bruce Armbrust, seconded by Barry Simcoe, made a motion to accept the budget as amended, with the Finance Committee returning to the Board within four months. Motion passed.

Ron Allen asked the Board if it desires to solicit the membership for donations. A discussion took place. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to appoint a committee to send out a solicitation for donations, and provide a posting to the Friends’ website. Motion passed.

Fund Raising Committee – No Report.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn stated that the SP bulletin boards are being created.

Loren stated that Wendell Huffman has acquired a Grampus track laying car, and that he may need assistance.

Loren asked the Board if they have interest in creating a calendar for 2012. Ron Allen stated that he will check with local printers for a possible donation.

Membership Committee – No Report.

Membership Fee Review Committee – No Report.

Membership Recruitment Committee – No Report.

Operations – Motorcar – No Report.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe stated that he would like to theme future steam train operations.

Promotions and Publicity – Bruce Armbrust asked to be kept in the loop if there are promotion and publicity issues that come up.

Sagebrush Headlight – Ron Allen stated that the next edition of the Sagebrush Headlight will be available the first of the year.

Website Committee – No Report.

Youth Program Committee – Chris MacMahon stated that he is gathering youth program volunteer hours to be submitted to the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Symposium Committee – Ron Allen stated that through a Special Board Meeting in November, the Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, Nevada, will be hosting the 2011 Nevada Railroad Symposium.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – Russ Tanner requested funding for the printing of operating schedules. John Schilling, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, made a motion to have 1,500 copies of the operating schedule printed. Motion failed. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Ralph Elligott, made a motion to have 1,000 copies of the operating schedule printed. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events – Ron Allen stated that Museum Day is coming in March. Peter Barton will give specifics closer to the event.

Other New Business – None.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – Barry Simcoe stated that better communication is needed for the Friends.

Kurt Dietrich stated that he will send thank you letters on behalf of the Board, if he receives requests via email.

Chris MacMahon thanked the outgoing Board for their service.

General Comments – Terry Ward stated that Mazie writes a column, and could thank museum donors in an upcoming edition.

Adjournment – John Schilling, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:40 PM.

Role Call – Present were Darlene Berry, Ron Allen, Bruce Armbrust, Ralph Elligott, Matt Digangi, Stan Cronwall, David Brambley, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused was Peter Barton. A quorum was established.

Election of Officers – A motion was made by Chris MacMahon, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, to retain the current Executive Board. Motion passed. The Executive Board is as follows:

President – Ron Allen
Vice-President – Stan Cronwall
Secretary – Kurt Dietrich
Treasurer – Darlene Barry

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

New Business – David Brambley asked if a questionnaire can be sent to the membership asking for their feedback regarding the Railroad History publication.

Adjournment – Chris MacMahon, seconded by David Brambley, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary