

# 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 27 MARCH 2012  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 1437 hours.

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Bruce Armbrust, Stan Cronwall, Matt Digangi, Chris MacMahon and Mark Owens. Ken Allen, David Brambley, and Ralph Elligot were absent and excused. Quorum was established.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Special Meeting called to review a list of items requiring funding throughout the museum. The list was prepared by NSRM Director Frank Ackerman and provided to the Executive Committee.

Ron Allen began by reading an email sent by Ken Allen who was unable to attend the meeting. Ken Allen's email stated that after reviewing the list, Ken Allen felt that capital improvement projects should be left to the State of Nevada and the Friends should focus on the remaining items. All present concurred that due to the complexity of capital improvement projects the Friends should not consider those items for funding. Matt Digangi suggested that the turntable repairs should not be removed because all operations were dependant on an operational turntable. All improvement projects were removed from further consideration with the exception of the turntable.

Ron Allen suggested that the remaining items be prioritized by the Board. The Board prioritized the items from highest priority to lowest as follows:

1. Locomotive Number 8 UT inspections and repair.
2. Repair the dynamo for Locomotive #25.

3. Restoration feasibility studies for narrow-gauge passenger cars.
4. Pour concrete shelf for turntable ring rail.
5. Rubber roof the coaches.
6. If feasible, restoration of narrow-gauge passenger car(s) for operation.
7. Restoration of Coach #14
8. Install jib crane on the north side of the shop.
9. Repair the windmill to the south side of the Nelson House.

Ron Allen suggested the Friends conduct a capital campaign and focus on no more than two items in order of priority.

Stan Cronwall expressed concern that previous capital campaigns had only brought limited funds. Ron Allen rebutted that previous capital campaigns were spread out over too many projects and only sent to the Friends membership once.

Matt Digangi suggested that a program be set up where individuals could "buy" part of the project, such as a tube for locomotive eight to encourage a personal connection to the project.

Bruce Armbrust suggested that a tier level of donors be set up in a public area showing Gold, Silver and Bronze level donors to a project.

Chris MacMahon suggested a progress chart be placed in various locations throughout the museum grounds so the public was able to track progress and encouraged to donate towards projects.

Further discussion was tabled until the April 4th Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Election Committee-** Ron Allen stated that a registrar of elections was still needed and the position needed to be filled soon. The registrar needs to be a member outside the Board.

Matt Digangi suggested Bill Kohler. Ron Allen stated that he had already talked to Bill Kohler and he was not interested. Ron Allen further stated that he believed Bill Kohler intended to run for election on the Board of Trustees.

Chris MacMahon suggested Dr. Rebecka Bevins. Ron Allen stated he would contact Dr. Bevins to see if she would be interested.

**Fund Raising Committee-** Chris MacMahon reported that Target Corporation has grant programs specifically for cultural education, but applications were due by April

30th. Ron Allen instructed Chris MacMahon to further look into the program and report back to the Board at the April 4th meeting.

**Membership Committee-** Ron Allen reported that NSRM Director Frank Ackerman had created a new museum policy that museum volunteers no longer had to be members of the Friends.

Concern was expressed that several current members would allow their memberships to elapse under this policy.

All board members present unanimously agreed that the policy should be revisited and that Friends membership should be a prerequisite to volunteering.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting was adjourned at 1550 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CM', written in a cursive style.

Chris MacMahon, Secretary