

# **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 19 JANUARY 2013  
CAPITOL CAMPAIGN SPECIAL MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 1405 hours.

Board Members present were Ron Allen, Daryl DiBitonto, Matt Digangi, , Bill Kohler, Larry Knack, Chris MacMahon, and Barry Simcoe.

Other members present were Bryan Barry, Darlene Barry, Cristol Greer, Lee Hobold, Loren Jahn, Rick Kohler, and Russ Tanner.

**Grant Committee** - Ron Allen began the meeting by stating that a group of dedicated individuals was needed to research available grants and asked for volunteers. Daryl DiBitonto stated that he had prior experience in this field and was selected to the committee. Other members who volunteered were Bill Kohler, Rick Kohler, and Barry Simcoe.

Discussion was held about the possibility of hiring a specialist to seek out and manage any grants obtained. The item was tabled until completion of an audit and more information about fees associated with such services could be ascertained.

**Audit Committee-** Barry Simcoe pointed out that before any grants or donations could be sought the Friends needed to complete a thorough audit. Barry warned the fees for conducting such an audit could be several thousands of dollars.

Daryl DiBitonto stated that there were grants available specifically for non-profit organizations to complete audits. Ron Allen directed Daryl DiBitonto to look into such possible grants.

Larry Knack was asked when he would transition into the Treasurer position. Larry stated that he had already taken over the duties and had made arrangements to obtain the records from Bruce Armbrust.

Barry Simcoe, Larry Knack and Russ Tanner composed the audit committee.

**Other Business** - Bill Kohler pointed out that other organizations used a magazine publication to inform interested parties about capitol campaign projects and their goals and suggested the Friends adopt a similar publication.

It was mentioned that Todd Jennings had produced a calendar specifically for raising funds for candy canes at Santa Train and that a similar calendar could be created as an immediate means to start raising funds that could possibly help cover the costs of an audit. Cristol Greer stated she had already composed a rough draft of a calendar for 2013 using photographs from around the museum and would seek Board approval to publish the calendar at the February meeting.

Matt Digangi stated that a similar program to the "Lyon" rebuild project could be adopted where donors could "purchase" a piece for the project such as a boiler tube.

Ron Allen went around the room and gave each member present to voice any concerns or ideas for the project.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting for the Capitol Campaign was scheduled for Saturday February 9, 2013 at 0900 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1520 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris MacMahon". The signature is stylized with several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris MacMahon, Secretary