

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE 8 APRIL 2013
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NV

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 1804 hours.

-Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum – Present were Ron Allen, Ken Allen, Daryl Dibitonto, Matt Digangi, Bill Kohler, Larry Knack, Barry Simcoe and Frank Ackerman. Excused were Chris MacMahon and Mark Owens. Quorum was established.

Minutes – The minutes of the 4 February meeting were amended to show that Bill Kohler was absent but excused. On a motion by Barry Simcoe and second by Matt Digangi the amended minutes were approved by voice vote.

-Correspondence – There were four articles of Correspondence:

1. A letter was received from Peter Barton reporting that Public Train Rides are a priority for the museum for the coming years. This is true at least for the term of the present administration.
2. Michael Abel donated a Lionel Train set to the Friends and requested that a receipt for this gift be sent to him. Ron Allen will send an acknowledgement of the donation to him. The letter will not show any dollar value.
3. Chris MacMahon wrote to resign his position as a member of the Board of Trustees, as Secretary and as Youth Program representative. He is moving to Santa Barbara, California to continue his education and will be unable to regularly attend board meetings. The board regretfully accepted his resignation. Ron Allen will write a letter to him to thank him for his service.
4. Bill Kohler received an E-Mail from Mike Dunn who for some time was the liaison for the board to the webmaster. He still retained the laptop computer from that job. He will return the computer to the Friends at some time during the week. Bill will contact him as needed.

Treasurers Report – The Treasurer’s report was presented by Larry Knack for the period of February 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013.

- **Checking:** The beginning balance was \$9,840.15 with income of \$1,380.41 amounting to a total of \$11,220.56
- **Expenditures** were \$1,5171.82 with a balance of \$9648.69.
- **Money Market:** Beginning balance was \$12,034.15 with interest of \$0.18 to produce an ending balance of \$12,034.33.

A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Kohler and seconded by Matt Digangi. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting

- Actions of the Executive Committee

\$ 70.00 was approved for a table at Winterail 2013. This amount will be subtracted from the amount budgeted for the Museum.

- Actions of the Board of Trustees

None

Old Business

-Standing Committees’ Reports:

-Audit Committee: **Barry Simcoe (Committee Chair), Larry Knack, Ron Allen & Russ Tanner**
This Committee now has the latest audit report and will meet on April 16, 2013.

-Brick Sales Committee: **Cristol Greer (Committee Chair)**
Cristol reported sales of two bricks since the last board meeting. Certificates are yet to be printed for these orders.

-Fund Raising Committee: **Bill Kohler (Committee Chair)**
No progress has been reported on the design for a cachet envelope to be sold commemorating the 100th anniversary of V&T locomotive #27. Since there will be no steam operations on Memorial Day weekend the cachet sales will be done on Independence Day weekend with a stamp showing that the cancellation was made on board the locomotive.
Bill noted that there are some businesses in town who might partner with the Friends in fund raising.
The Become-A-Motorman class will be on April 19, 20 & 21, 2013. This is the tenth year of this program that raises money for the Friends.

-Interpretive Committee: **Loren Jahn (Committee Chair)**
No Report

-Membership Committee: **Susan Allen (Committee Chair)**
Ron Allen presented the membership report on behalf of Susan Allen.

Membership totals are:

Students	2
Seniors	211
Individuals	108
Family	278
Senior couples	263
Sustaining	76
Contributing	19
Patron	6
Lifetime	<u>6</u>
TOTAL:	969

-Operations (Motorcar): **Paul Martineau (Crew Chief)**
No Report

-Operations (Steam Train): **Barry Simcoe (Crew Chief)**
The Safety Training meetings continue through this week. There will be no steam operations until July.

-Sagebrush Headlight: **(Museum Staff)**
Frank reported that the latest issue is at the printers.

-Website: **Karen Arendes (Webmaster)**
No Report – Chris MacMahon has been liaison between the board and Karen Arendes and will need to be replaced.

-Youth Program Committee: **Chris MacMahon (Committee Chair)**
Need to fill the chairmanship, since Chris is leaving. Tod Jennings has been contacted but has not made a commitment to this position. There was general agreement that he would be a real asset in this role.

-Other Old Business
None

-New Business

Dues Structure:

The other support organizations for the Nevada Museums have raised their dues for Family Membership. The Friends policy is to be consistent with these other groups. Ken Allen moved and Bill Kohler seconded a motion to bring our dues structure into alignment with these other organizations. The only category affected is the Family Membership which will be raised to \$60.00 per year. The motion passed on a voice vote. The raise will go into effect as soon as the membership applications can be changed to reflect the increase.

Vacancy created by the resignation of Chris MacMahon:

Barry Simcoe moved and Matt Digangi seconded a motion to appoint Kevin Owens to the remainder of Chris MacMahon's term. . The motion passed on a voice vote. Kevin agreed to take Chris' position as secretary as well.

Capital Campaign

Now that the board has confirmation of the Museum's commitment to continuing public train rides planning for fund raising for repair of NSRM locomotive #8 can resume. The Audit committee will meet next week and will then meet with the auditor. This committee will report to the Capital Campaign Committee.

Considerations to be emphasized initially will include 'Start-Up Expenses' as well as "Continuing Audit Expenses."

Upcoming Events

National Train Day (May 11, 2013): The museum will operate the Edwards Motorcar in lieu of the McKeen Motorcar.

Memorial Day Weekend: The McKeen Motorcar will operate on all three days because V&T locomotive #25 will still be under repair.

Carson City Rendezvous (June 2013): The Friends Youth Volunteers will return to Rendezvous with handcar operations as they have in previous years. Matt Digangi will coordinate and direct the event.

Other New Business

Larry Knack asked if other Non-Profit groups could conduct fundraising activities at the museum during events. Frank Ackerman noted that they cannot take donation nor have items for sale at the museum.

Frank Ackerman provided an accounting of the use of the \$10,000.00 from the Friends to the Nevada State Railroad Museum during 2012:

FY12 Budget 5037 CAT. 46 EXPENDITURES	
Ultrasound test of firebox, locomotive #8	\$900.00
Diamond plate for track pit in JIC	\$592.00
Volunteer Uniforms	\$1,816.00
<i>Sagebrush Headlight</i>	\$1,317.00
Exhibit Materials	\$927.00
Advertising and promotion	<u>\$4,448.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

Comments from members of the Board of Trustees

Kevin Owens was welcomed to the Board of Trustees.

Barry Simcoe asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Chris MacMahon.

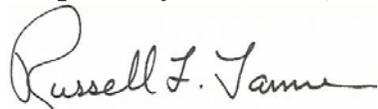
Comments from other members of the Friends of NSRM

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1855 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Russell F. Tanner, Acting Secretary