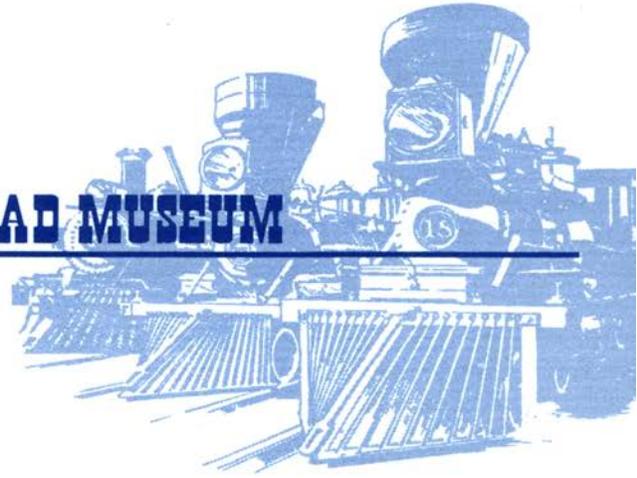


# **FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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## **VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION**

P.O. Box 1330  
Carson City, Nevada 89702



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015  
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** – Trustees present were Ron Allen, Ken Allen, Larry Knack, Rick Kohler, Kevin Owens, Bill Kohler, Berry Simcoe, Bill Curtis and Matt Digangi. Representing the museum were Greg Corbin, Adam Michalski, and John Walker

**Minutes** – Minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were approved. Motion made by Matt Digangi with second by Ken Allen.

**Correspondence** –

None

**Treasurer's report** – Larry Knack reported the period of November 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

See attached report for details

The treasurer's report was passed unanimously; motion made by Matt Digangi and Seconded by Rick Kohler.

Larry Knack presented a review of annual ongoing expenses for discussion and approval.

Annual payment in the amount of \$13 per membership to the Nevada State Railroad Museum was approved. Motion by Larry Knack, second by Matt Digangi.

Membership Chairman fees based on 15% of regular membership dues was approved. Motion by Kevin Owens, second by Ken Allen.

A decision was reached by the Board to formalize a description of the Membership Chairman's duties and responsibilities.

Discussion was held regarding the continuance of providing Railroad History Magazine to Friends members who are at the \$35 level and above. A decision was reached to discontinue this practice after the existing contract with the publisher has expired. This will happen after two more issues are provided. The decision was reached based on the improvements that are being made to the Sagebrush Headlight and the Board decided that the additional expense of furnishing the Railroad History Magazine was not justified. Motion made by Matt Digangi, second by Ken Allen.

**-Actions of Executive Committee:**

None

**-Actions of Board**

The Board approved to pay the Museum \$3500 as an advance on the regular quarterly payments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Audit committee-**

No report

**-Bricks** – Rick Kohler reports that there are 5 new sales so far for this year.

**-Election Committee-** N/A

**-Fund Raising** – Bill Kohler suggested that the Friends participate in an Amazon program that refunds a percentage of purchases to qualified non-profit organizations. A discussion was held and it was decided to participate.

A postal cachet will be issued to coincide with the first public operation of the Glenbrook.

**-Interpretative Committee -**

No report

**-Membership Committee** – See attached sheet.

## **-Motor Car Operations-**

No report

**-Steam Train Operations-** Barry Simcoe reports that the annual safety meetings are scheduled for April 11 and April 25. On April 11 the steam train will be available for training for those who would like to participate. This will be for members only and no public rides will be offered.

**-Sagebrush Headlight-** Adam Michalski reports the Sagebrush Headlight has gone through a major change of appearance and should be more appealing. The next issue should be mailed within a week of this meeting. John Hoepfer will investigate what is involved in getting past issues accessible through the Friends website.

**-Website -** Karen Arendes reports that there has been an improvement in communications she is receiving from the Museum and the Friends and would welcome the Friends setting up cloud storage for their documents.

**-Youth Committee -** Matt Digangi reported that the possibility of offering a Boy Scout Merit Badge in Railroading is being explored. The Youth Committee would also like to reestablish the handcar participation at local events. John Hoepfer offered to work with the committee to recruit new members.

**Other Old Business-** Kevin Owens reminded the Board that the minutes from the October, 2014 Board meeting still need to be approved. Bill Kohler will forward these to the board members.

Ron Allen suggested that the Friends motorcar training program be reinstated. There is a person who has paid for a past class but was unable to attend and now would be a good time to schedule a new class. It was decided to schedule a class for September 18, 19 and 20. Russ Tanner, David Squires, Bill Kohler and Larry Knack will participate in organizing and conducting the class.

**New Business-** Russ Tanner submitted a bylaw change for consideration. The change would formalize the ability to conduct official business by use of the telephone or email. Motion made by Ken Allen, seconded by Matt Digange to review and consider the change.

John Hoepfer proposed that the Friends have T shirts manufactured to sell for National Train Day and for the first public operation of the Glenbrook. He also expressed interest in producing limited edition posters for these events. The Board will consider these suggestions at the next meeting.

Barry Simcoe suggested that a special Board meeting be held to consider items under consideration and to plan future activities. It was decided that this meeting would be held at the museum on Saturday, March 7 at 9AM.

John Hoepfer suggested that the Friends host their own Facebook page that would focus on volunteer activities and would be a draw to attract younger volunteers. The idea will be discussed at the next meeting.

The need for Cloud storage of Friends documents was discussed and will be explored before the next meeting. There is a possibility that the Friends would qualify for a Google Educational account free of charge.

### **Upcoming Events-**

None

### **Other New Business-**

None

### **GENERAL COMMENTS –**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT- 8:50 PM**

Motion to adjourn by Matt Digangi, second by Ken Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kohler, Secretary

# MEMBERSHIPS

February 1, 2015

## Friends of the NSRM Membership Report for January, 2015

MEMBERSHIPS		MEMBERS
Students:	4	4
Seniors:	195	195
Individuals:	89	89
Family:	90	175
Senior Couple:	137	271
Sustaining:	53	83
Contributing:	7	12
Patron:	4	7
Benefactor	1	2
Lifetime:	8	9
TOTAL:	588	847

In addition there are 38 Complimentary Memberships that receive the Sagebrush Headlight and 3 that receive both the Sagebrush Headlight as well as the Railroad History Magazine.

Respectfully,

Susan D. Allen  
Membership Chairman

### Memberships Purchased in JANUARY

18@\$20.....\$360

7@\$35.....\$245

3@\$40....\$120

5@\$60....\$300

2@\$100..\$200

35.....\$1225

### BRICKS

2@\$50...\$100

### DONATIONS

\$15

### TOTAL

\$1340

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**Beginning Balance** \$13,815.89

**INCOME**

Brick Purchases	\$ 100.00
Donations	\$ 33.00
Memberships	\$ 4,763.28
Photo Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Raffle	\$ 856.00

Total Income	<u>\$ 6,752.28</u>	<u>\$ 6,752.28</u>
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**EXPENSES**

Checking Printing Charges	\$ 20.79
Credit Card Fees	\$ 161.98
Membership Benefits - Railroad History	\$ 3,661.28
Membership Chairman	\$ 1,031.25
Membership - Postage	\$ 57.12
Misc. - Raffle	\$ 7.52
NSRM - Qtrly Pmt	\$ 1,914.25
NSRM - Glenbrook Project	\$ 3,500.00
Photographic Supplies	\$ 425.35
Santa Train	\$ 86.27
Secretary of State Filing Fee	\$ 25.00

Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,890.81</u>	<u>\$ 10,890.81</u>
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<b>Ending Balance</b>		<u><u>\$9,677.36</u></u>
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**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		\$12,043.72
Interest Earned - Nov/Dec 2014	\$ 1.97	<u>\$ 1.97</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<u><u>\$12,045.69</u></u>

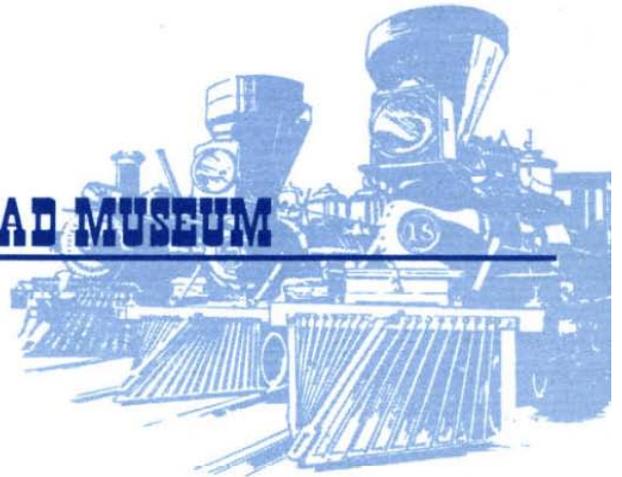
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Larry Knack, Treasurer

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

#### FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

Monday, February 9, 2015

### WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Status of the Website

Have bug in new website so we're still updating the old one for the time being

Am getting much more information from the Board and Adam Michalski so the home page is being updated almost every other week. Thank you!!!!

Updated the Friends book discount pages at the Museum Store. Thank you John Walker.

Updated contacts page to show new Board Members and Officers.

Updated the Minutes page. Am still searching for files of 2014 minutes. Bill Kohler is looking into this for me.

Answered Barry Simcoe's questions about a Facebook account – bottom line do it if you have someone local who is in the know and who is will to do daily posts for the long term without burning out.

Answered Bill Kohler's questions about cloud storage. He sent my reply to the Board. I would love it, but is the Board ready to use it?

#### Statistics:

	Today	Estimate	Yesterday	7 Days	Week avg	30 Days	12 Months	Total
Page views	37	54	69	362	54	1632	17422	142031
IP hosts	21	30	43	238	36	1067	9780	68100
Unique visitors	21	30	54	263	40	1177	11620	82469
Unique sessions	22	32	56	276	42	1223	13844	101150
Page views per visitor	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7
Sessions per visitor	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2
Visitors per IP host	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen Arendes

Webmaster