

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, THE VIRGINIA & TRUCKEE DIVISION

Call for October 7, 2024 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Nevada.

The meeting was called to order by President Squire at 6:01 p.m. Moore agreed to serve as Acting Secretary in the absence of Schlaifer. There were no objections.

Roll was taken. Directors present were Allen, Barbe, Bieniek, McClain, Moore, Satalick and Squire. Directors absent were Kohler and Schlaifer. The absences were excused. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was received. It was moved by Barbe and seconded by Moore to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed 7-0.

Bieniek requested approval to reimburse himself \$70 for the cost of a bandsaw blade and sandpaper for the reconstruction of shutters on V&T Combine #8. Moore moved to approve the request and Barbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0, with Bieniek abstaining.

Moore delivered a report as Acting Registrar of Elections. Only three candidates applied for three positions. Pursuant to the Bylaws, Schlaifer and Barbe were re-elected by acclamation. New board member Nathan Griffin was also elected by acclamation. Griffin was present and introduced.

Squire delivered the Administration Committee Report, the chairs of the committee being absent. Barbe moved to approve the Bylaws amendments introduced at the prior meeting. Allen seconded. The motion passed 9-0, with proxies exercised on behalf of Kohler and Schlaifer.

Barbe delivered the Fundraising Committee Report. Bieniek moved to approve the sale of "Santa Grams" and McClain seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Discussion was had regarding a possible special Santa Train run by the McKeen car. Moore moved to approve undertaking efforts to explore obtaining authorization for the run. Barbe seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The Events Committee report was delivered by Satalick. It was moved by Moore to approve expenditure of funds not to exceed \$100 to support museum Fall events by purchasing candy to be given out. The motion was seconded by Bieniek. The motion passed 7-0.

McClain delivered the Membership Committee report.

Squire delivered the Communications Committee report.

Old Business was addressed.

Barbe reported on preparations for an event celebrating the 150th anniversary of the construction of several steam locomotives.

Barbe reported on the status of preparing a new membership flyer. Curator Michalski distributed information regarding the new membership categories approved by the Board of Museums and History, effective July 1st. Three membership categories are permitted, but additional categories can be added with the permission of the museum director. Moore moved to employ the three categories. Allen seconded. Debate was had regarding adding a discounted Senior membership. The motion was tabled. Allen then left the meeting.

Administrator Thielen advised that all decisions regarding memberships need to be finalized prior to the March meeting of the Board of Museums and History.

Barbe delivered a report regarding the status of acquiring V&T Combine #20. Administrator Thielen indicated that the State has reservations regarding the transfer documents and the acquisition is still pending.

Squire delivered a report regarding the Motor Car Camp. The camp was not held and the pricing needs to be reconsidered.

Barbe delivered a report regarding the status of brakeman sheds.

Discussion was had regarding the acquisition of a dry erase white board for the museum annex. Barbe moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$150 to acquire and install the boards. McClain seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Discussion was had regarding renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FNSRM and State of Nevada. Administrator Thielen advised the Board to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter.

Discussion was had regarding the brick program, Civil War mortar, a book donation by Bernie Allen, a battery charger and Rail Camp ads. No motions were made.

The Museum made requests for the purchase of a chainsaw and money for repairs to a wood splitter. No motions were made.

Public comment was received regarding repairs to the 1931 Model A.

Administrator Thielen introduced Daphne DeLeon as the new Director of the Nevada State Railroad Museum. Ms. DeLeon was present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd Moore, Acting Secretary