

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: 02/14/09

Subject: Restoration of 2926

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Call to Order: 9:00 AM

OLD BUSINESS:

Call to Order: President Hike Hartshorne called the February General Membership meeting to order at 9:00 AM February 14, 2009 at the IPCC. Mike indicated that there were no minutes from the January meeting because there had not been a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Robart had previously e-mailed the treasurer report for January to the Board and a summary of it is being included in the February minutes. Ernie's report for January reported that the beginning balance on December 13, 2008 was \$5415.33 and the ending balance on January 10, 2009 was \$25,541.64. Deposits for the period totaled \$22,280.05. Of the deposits, \$10,000 was payment received from the Division of Cultural Affairs for services pertaining to Centennial Train planning while \$12,280.05 was from annual membership renewals, flue sponsorships and donations. Expenses were \$2,153.74, the most significant of which related to overhaul of the small forklift. The savings account balance was \$101.10 with net total petty cash of \$14.06, resulting in total cash assets of \$25,656.80

For February Ernie reported that the beginning balance on January 10, 2009 was \$25,541.64 with income of \$39,776.98 and expenses of \$3,874.50 leaving a balance of \$61,444.12 as of February 14, 2009. Major revenues received included: \$13,500 from Carlson Engineering for art project services, \$20,000 from Carlson to initiate pit construction, and \$3,600 from sale of the old flue tubes for scrap. The savings account balance was \$101.10 with net total petty cash of \$50, resulting in total cash assets of \$61,595.10. In addition, Ernie reported that the annual audit is underway. It will take a couple of months, automatically generate an IRS Form 990 and probably cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Finally, Ernie reported that new member Earl Rosner, who lives in Santa Fe is going to check with the Department of Cultural Affairs to see why the first NMSLRHS invoice for \$10,000 had not been paid, even payment for the second invoice has already been received. Frank Gerstle moved and Rick Kirby seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Safety Officer's Report: Jon Spargo had already submitted a written report, which he summarized. He reported that so far this year most of the safety action has centered on both refresher and new member safety training. To date we have had 35 members who have completed their Safety Refresher Training for 2009. We also have 4 new members: Jenny Anglen, Terry Bluhm, James Sering and Jeffery Vanclief. Earl Rosner received his New Member Orientation in late December. Jon pointed out that the site is receiving an increasing number of visitors and is busier with contractor work scheduled to begin by the end of the month. All this increased activity should serve to remind everyone that

now, more than ever, everyone needs to pay attention to what is going on around them and look out for the safety of others as well as themselves. With the number of visitors wandering in on any given work session increasing, members must pay attention to their presence and insure their safety as well. To assist our safety efforts, Pete Ormson is marking off areas surrounding our exterior and interior electrical panels. The National Electrical Code prohibits the placing of items within 36 inches of electrical panels. We have had some problems with this and the newly marked areas are a reminder that nothing should be placed within the borders of the marked areas. This is to allow quick and unobstructed emergency access to the panels. Ed Strebe moved and John Taylor seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report: Bob DeGroft reported the schedule is getting tight and equipment malfunctions threaten to cause delays. "Lurch", the car mover, will be to be available in a week to move the tender and passenger car. Its use at present its use is limited. Lawrence Harmon is working the car mover repair project and removed the carburetor to be fixed. However in the process of removing it he discovered that the water pump was failing and would have to be replaced. This pump is no longer produced and he is looking for a replacement. Meanwhile, Lawrence has also found the air pump is bad but he has located a replacement for \$565 plus shipping costs from Kansas. Lawrence is hard at work to get it online and fully operational. The contractor's office is in place but it needs to be wired and a computer line will be installed. "Nellie" the small forklift is fixed and Ralph Johnson and Randy McIntire are working to get the "Sally" the large forklift, reliably operational. Frank Gerstle moved and Steve Bradford seconded a motion to authorize Bob DeGroft to spend whatever amount is necessary to get Lurch and Sally operational. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Fundraising and Politics: Bob DeGroft reported that next Monday is the last day for submission of capital outlay requests with the legislature. All legislators have been sent an email package containing a request that each asks for \$7,800 in capital outlay for restoration of 2926. However, Bob pointed out that with the current economic situation and the state's large budget deficit, it is unlikely that this year's NMSLRHS legislative campaign will produce funding.

The Pit Project: Frank Gerstle reviewed the status of this program. Getting "Lurch" operational quickly is the first priority. Construction on the pit is due to start on Feb 23rd. Wilson has made changes to the pit design and sent drawings reflecting the changes. A problem exists with the 8th St crossing with the flasher crossing lights flashing continuously and not turning off when the passenger car is moved across the street. This problem needs to be solved or road guards will be necessary for extend periods during pit construction.

Gil Bennett Painting: Mike has received Gil Bennett's watercolor painting of 2926. Ten full size reproductions have been made of the original which we will sell for \$50 each, along with smaller sizes for \$20 each. We can sell the original for about \$3000 and retain rights to it for reproduction purposes.

Guest Bartender: Ken Dusenberry has arranged with O'Neills Pub to serve as the "guest bartender" for Friday night. He said it would be a good social event for the members as well as a fundraising event. The bar donates \$3 to the Society for everyone who comes in and fills out an email card.

Resignation of Bob Scott: Mike indicated that Bob Scott, a BoD member and current Vice President, has had to resign due to the extensive travel associated with a new job. Doyle Caton had reviewed the by-laws and determined that they allow the BoD to appoint a replacement by simple majority vote of the BoD, to serve out the remainder of Bob's term. Ed Strebe and Ken Dusenberry have indicated a willingness to be considered. The BoD will take a vote by email between the February and March meetings. A motion was made by Jon Spargo and seconded by Frank Gerstle that the two names be accepted for consideration. The motion passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Taylor reported that Ralph and Elizabeth Keyser of Far Horizons Studio are interested in doing a documentary film about the restoration of 2926. The group agreed that this would be good publicity and that the Far Horizons should have the first opportunity to do a documentary film.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next Membership Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on March 13, 2009.