

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: 03/14/09

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 March 14, 2009 at the IPCC. Mike indicated that the February minutes were posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Robart had previously e-mailed the treasurer report for March to the Board and a summary of it is being included in the March minutes. Ernie's report for March reported that the beginning balance on February 14, 2009 was \$61,444.12 and the ending balance on March 14, 2009 was \$31,892.40. Deposits for the period totaled \$11,614.86. Of the deposits, \$10,000 was payment received from the Division of Cultural Affairs for services pertaining to Centennial Train planning. Expenses were \$21,166.58 the most significant of which were 17,556.59 related to the costs of construction of the inspection pit. In addition, \$20,000 was transferred from checking to savings. The savings account balance was \$20,101.19 with net total petty cash of \$50.00, resulting in total cash assets of \$52,043.59. Ernie reported that the fundraiser at O'Neill's Pub "Bartender for a Night" activity raised \$295.31. Bob DeGroft added that the audit is underway and that Karla is feeding information to the auditors. She estimated that the audit was about 20% complete. Frank Gerstle commended Ernie for the high quality of his financial record keeping. Frank moved and Rick Kirby seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Safety Officer's Report: Jon Spargo

Jon Spargo presented a short safety report. He explained that the following Wednesday he will hold a short refresher safety training for the Direct Dimensions personnel who will be working on site. In addition, a new member safety orientation will take place at the site on March 28th. 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 construction for the pit is staying on schedule. Jim Hills and Rick Kirby are working welding issues and the H-beams that will be part of the rail support structure are on order and due to arrive next week. In addition backfilling of the pit will begin next week. He announced that there would be a meeting at the end of the membership meeting of all the volunteers who will be helping with engine measurements and reconciliation of records of stored items removed from the locomotive. This will take place on an 8-5 schedule with Saturday being a regular workday at the site. Bob reported the previous Board of Directors approval of the purchase of a magnetic drill. He said he had recommended that the

society make the purchase because the drill will be used for pit construction such as drilling for rail joints, but later will see extensive use in boiler work relating to staybolt replacement, drilling for stud replacement etc. Unfortunately they are not cheap and the best deal he could find was for \$2,750.00. In addition to the drill bits will need to be purchased.

Pit Construction Update: Frank Gerstle reviewed the status of this program. Pit ballpark costs are coming in at or under estimates. The construction, digging and concrete work are just under \$20,000. Adding in steel purchased, soil samples, bolts, gauge rods, etc the cost rises to less than \$30,000. He explained that the cure time for the concrete will bring it up to its authorized 95% full strength right on schedule on April 4th. Frank recognized Randy McIntyre for the strong and excellent role he has played as “our general contractor”. He also singled out Dave Traudt, Jim Hills, Rick and Gail Kirby, and Don McCornack “our engineer” for their invaluable contributions of expertise and hard work. Gail Kirby pointed out that without Frank’s efforts “honchoing” the project it would never have succeeded. She said that without his help and the critical contributions of Don McCornack and Randy McIntyre, the whole project would have never gotten off the ground after Wilson Engineering declined the project at the last minute. This left a very tight schedule to meet. Frank reported that the BoD, in their short meeting at 8 am, had decided that work activity by contractor personnel should not take place without direct supervision by designated society personnel. The lease agreement with GSA requires that the NMSL&RHS control restoration site access. Therefore the BoD re-emphasized that all site access and work activities by non-society people will be supervised by NMSL&RHS personnel.

Gil Bennett Painting: Mike reported that he has the 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. It will be offered first for \$2,00 to NMSL&RHS members. If there are no takers within the organization then it will be old on Ebay for \$3,000 to raise money for the restoration.

New BoD Member: Mike reported that Ed Strebe had been selected by the Board of Directors to fill the un-expired term of Bob Scott, in accordance with the By Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon Spargo reported that the advertisement for the “Adopt-a-Flue” program would run in the second and third quarter editions of the Warbonnet magazine as a half page ad. There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next Membership Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on April 11, 2009.