

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: 05/09/09

Subject: Restoration of 2926

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Call to Order: 9:00 AM

OLD BUSINESS:

Call to Order: President Hike Hartshorne called the April General Membership meeting to order at 9:00 AM May 9, 2009 at the IPCC. Mike indicated that the April minutes would soon be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Robart had previously emailed the Treasurer's report for May to the Board and he summarized its contents for the attendees. Ernie's reported that the checking account had a beginning balance on April 11, 2009 of \$2,7682.12 and the ending balance on May, 4, 2009 was \$1,390.00. Deposits for the period totaled \$2,904.00. Expenses were \$5,573.93. Major expenses include \$1,635.84 for the inspection pit welded bar grating and angle bar supports and \$420.60 for steel for lubrication rack for the pit. Also, \$468.75 was spent on repairs to the large forklift. Finally, \$972.71 was spent on a pipe threading carriage, pipe reamer & cutter, universal head, a replacement mill hog, mill hog cutters and \$1,050.05 was spent on parts and repairs for to the large forklift and the car mover. Including the savings account balance of \$40,103.50 and the net total petty cash of \$50.00, resulted in total cash assets of \$65,165.69. Mike Hartshorne answered a question about why the Society puts so much effort into the annual audit. He pointed out that regular audits are essential for non-profit organizations like the NMSL&RHS. Most potential funding sources, whether private foundations or a government agency making grants, insist on a good audit record. It is the Society's primary way of showing the public what it spends it money on. The audit record over the years shows how much investment has already been made in the 2926 restoration, how many thousands of volunteer hours have gone into it and how little is spent on administrative costs. The auditors not only look at finances but also at how the non-profit does its business and how the BoD makes decisions. So a good audit record is essentially a "clean bill of health" and essential to compete for grant funding. Mike recognized the continuous hard work and effort put in by Karla DeGroft who is the Society's primary point of contact for the auditing firm. Mike said that her behind-the-scenes effort has been a major factor in the success of the restoration to date. John Taylor moved and Ed Strebe seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, which was approved by voice vote.

Safety Officer's Report: Jon Spargo had also previously emailed his Safety Officer's report for May to the Board and he summarized its contents for the attendees. Jon said that the pit construction was complete and was very well planned and executed project. Very nice safety barriers are in place and meet safety standards. Now we must remember to use them properly.

Since last month we have had one new member safety orientation. Please join me in welcoming Andy Rutkiewicz, a retired Chemical Engineer from DuPont.

Jon proposed a second Annual Safety Review session for Saturday, June 6th beginning at 10 am in the Reefer Conference Area. Check the Authorized Worker List in the WHQ to see if you need to take the Safety Refresher. If you don't find an "X" by your name for 2009 you need to take the refresher. A question was raised about how to handle non-adult working on the site and subsequent discussion focused on liability issues, safety requirements, and the need for adult supervision. John Taylor moved and Pete Adair seconded acceptance of the Safety Officer's report, which was approved by voice vote.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report: Bob DeGroft reported the measurement project had completed its eighth week. He said he thought it would continue for another two or three weeks. He reported that since last month, the pit project has been completed. The grating was fitted to the pit, for all intents and purposes ending the pit construction. Number 2926 rolled over the pit for the first time during the week of May 18th. Bob also reported that John Taylor had counted up the boiler ultrasound (UT) scans and total of 6,620 were performed. The UT data has been sent to Wolf at the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society (SBRHS) who will crunch the numbers and reveal where the boiler has "thickness" issues regarding FRA Form 4 requirements. The electric air compressor is again functional with color-coded tools, hoses and connectors and the gas engine powered compressor has been moved to the south side of the property. Bob said he expects both to be operational next week. Finally, an RFP has been drafted to go out for bids on replacement boiler tubes, flues and superheater tubes. John Taylor moved and Ed Strebe seconded a motion to accept the CMO report, which was approved by voice vote.

Fundraising: Ed Strebe reported that the fundraising committee had met the previous Saturday and reviewed the fundraising study and recommendations prepared by Wendy Wintermute and Martha Lichtenstein. The committee is using it to develop a consistent, unified fundraising program. Several tasks flowed out of last week's meeting. Clem is to develop a NMSL&RHS "core statement"; Jon Spargo is to develop a standard NMSL&RHS PowerPoint presentation that anyone in the society can use. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at 2:00 pm at the site. The status of the merchandise inventory was discussed. Pete Adair agreed to formally take charge of merchandise sales and he indicated that the popular black T-shirts are running low in a number of popular sizes. A motion made by John Taylor and seconded by Ed Strebe appointing Pete as the Merchandise Sales Monitor passed on a voice vote.

Art for Sale: Mike announced that Dave Traudt had purchased the Gil Bennett original painting of 2926. The small, signed copies are going for \$20 each and the same-sized copies of the Gayle Van Horne watercolor of 2926 at the Alvarado are also available for \$20. Christmas cards will be \$1/each.

Elections for Office: Mike announced that there are two BoD positions up for election this year, those held by Marlin Allison, who is not going to run again, and Ed Strebe who

is filling the unexpired term of Bob Scott. Doyle will be running the election process and the nominations process is described in the By Laws. Those wishing to run need to file their paperwork soon and the votes will be tallied at the annual meeting in July.

Open House: Mike announced that the 2009 Open House would be on the Saturday prior to the Balloon Fiesta, which is September 26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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