

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: September 11, 2010; 9:00 am

Monthly Meeting Minutes @ the AT&SF site; 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Introduction:

Mike Hartshorne opened the meeting by introducing Lee Hendricks, Steve from Local 412 and welcoming back John Cekala and as back-up for Chief Safety Officer when Jon is not available.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report by Ernie Robart:

He had previously emailed the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. He reported Total Cash Assets as of August 14, 2010 was \$24059.82. The Checking Account had a beginning balance of \$3888.18 on August 14, 2010 and an ending balance of \$2273.88 on September 11, 2010. Deposits were \$6852.26 which was member donation for super heater returns and sales and flue sponsor. Expenses were \$8488.54, the largest was \$6400.00 for the balance due on 230 super heater return bend castings; other minor expenses for materials, office supplies including a new printer, super heater ball-end polishing tool and other miscellaneous expenditures. The ending balance in the Savings Account was \$20122.35 with a deposit of interest for .69 on August 10, 2010. Petty cash was \$50.00 and Total Cash Assets totaling \$22446.23 for September 11, 2010. Report read and moved to accept and 2nd by Frank Gerstle and vote was unanimous by voice.

Chief Safety Officer report by Jon Spargo:

Welcome to John Cekala, up to speed on safety and refresher courses needed and he will be back-up to Jon on safety during the weekday work sessions. Welcome back also to Mike Swanson (Swanie) who was called up to the Navy's famous Sea Bees Construction Battalion. He spent most of his time around Kandahar helping with infrastructure construction projects. We now have 12 members from Local #412 authorized to work. More have volunteered and will be receiving their safety orientation shortly. Dave Anglen is still working to set up a forklift training session; more to come on those details when he hears from Dave.

Frank Gerstle moved and a second by John Gibbons for a motion to accept this report, which was approved by voice vote.

Chief Mechanical Report by Rick Kirby:

A special thanks to Dave Traudt and Bob DeGroft for staying the course while in his absence. Good progress has been made this past month. He received the superheater end re-facing tool this week. We will begin this job soon. He spoke with Strasburg concerning the return bends. The foundry said they expect to be done Sept. 24th and would be able to ship the 27th. The side sheet hole drilling and beveling operation is almost done. When complete we will make the final cut on the outer sheet using the new sheet as a template.

Plans are still in the works for transporting our tubes to LA for swaging. We will need to get a gooseneck truck if possible, but no concrete date has been set for any of this to take place. Need to get

the word out on a truck; have a 5th wheel trailer, but no truck.

Today we are to begin preparing for our visitors, AAPRCO (Private Car Owners) Wednesday we need people here for final preparation at 2 pm, and we need as many participants for this and our upcoming Open House on October 2nd. We need everyone that can possibly be here to volunteer and be in their places.

We had a motion and a unanimous vote to approve this report.

Fundraising by Ed Strebe:

They looked at the rough draft of the Balloon Fiesta flier for the RVer's. Couple changes were made in a general flier to be printed at the same time. Copy for the poster was also approved which would feature the Gayle van Horne painting and Andy was told to have Patsy, our professional graphics design person, print 2000 each of the three pieces. Total cost to be \$600. We were given \$500 from the Transportation Bureau to help defray the cost there.

Albert and Jon have been working on the BNSF publication monthly and quarterly newsletters.

Gail K. will get with Steve Stucker, Channel 4, for details of his October 2nd AM presentation from Balloon Fiesta Park. Chuck will check with Channel 7 regarding PR. Jon Spargo will get with Bob Martin from channel 13 for their possible participation.

Plots and Plans Committee:

“Plots and Plans” Committee made a report on the preparations for the AAPRCO folks that will be here on September 16, 2010 starting with PU at 5 pm and taking them back at 7:15 pm, which is about sundown. They will be fed and given a tour of our site and progress of 2926 restoration. About 75 attendees are expected, not including our own volunteers and members.

Assignments were made to everyone for helping out with this honorable visit of the Private Car Owners. The next Saturday, September 18, 2010 we will start on preparations of the Open House.

New Business:

Painting on the tender from our vandalism episode has been done with the help of Bob D., Randy Mac, Pete A. and Steve from “Old Car Garage” doing the actual painting. Bond Paint Co. provided the paint for us to do the project. We appreciate their generosity!

Security has been discussed with Frank doing some checking on the APD bike cops helping us out to ride by the site from time to time. Also Frank is going to check the Neighborhood Associations in the area to see if they can also help us out. There are three NH Associations that we are within close proximity to our site. He will call and check to see if any of them are willing to keep their eyes on our property. Some might have Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Security infrared cameras with web-based possibilities are something we are looking at putting on the site.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting:
Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 7:30.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary