

# New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting  
NMSL & RHS

Date: April 9, 2011

Purpose & Location: Monthly meeting @ the AT&SF site, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM.

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: President Mike Hartshorne opened the monthly meeting by explaining that there the BoD had met previously at 0730, but that a quorum was not present until the last few minutes of the meeting, so there had not been enough time to get much formal business done. He said another BoD meeting later in the month would be needed to complete covering the planned April agenda items.

Secretary's Report: Since the earlier BoD meeting was an abbreviated session approval of the minutes was not accomplished. They will be posted as soon as they are approved. Steve Bradford was taking minutes for Gail Kirby who will be gone for three weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie Robart reported that

Total Cash Assets as of 3/12/11	\$41472.79
Total Cash Assets as of 4/09/11	41571.26
Checking Account Balance on 3/12/11	21271.85
Ending Balance on 4/09/11	21394.24
Deposits from 3/12/11 - 4/09/11	3451.71
Expenses from 3/12-11 - 4/09/11	3329.32

Expenses were for various items such as hardware for fabrication of side rod bearing pullers, gravel hauling charge for track work project, materials for the Los Lunas Museum exhibit, promotional items, chemical toilet rental for four months, steel and bronze bars for machine shop, locomotive eccentric bearings, lock nuts, saw blades and drill bits, 1/2 the deposit for feed water pump springs, and other miscellaneous expenses listed on his report.

Savings Account Ending Balance	
Including Interest as of 2/28/11	\$20127.02
Cash Box, On-site Cash (formerly "Petty Cash")	\$50.00

Bob DeGroft reported that the audit was essentially complete. He reported that the auditor feels that procedures for approving expenditures need to be tightened up. Rick Kirby, as CMO, needs to sign off on purchases before they are made. Proofs of purchase need to be submitted with reimbursement requests after a purchase is made indicating the dollar amounts and an item description.

A motion to approve by Steve Bradford and 2nd by Ed Strebe was approved by a unanimous vote.

CSO Report: John Cekala gave CSO report for Jon Spargo who is out of town. He reported that there a new member safety orientation had been conducted on March 19, for four new members: Dan Nicolini and his daughter Ariana Nicolini, as well as John Roberts and his son Henry Roberts.

A motion to approve the report was made by Steve Bradford and 2nd by Brian Brogie. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CMO Report Chief Mechanical Officer's Report: Bob DeGroft reported for Rick Kirby

who was traveling.

Boiler Wrapper Sheet Patches: Bob reported that work continued on refining the fit of the large fireman's side patch for the wrapper sheet. Dan Rivera is in charge of this project. Carlos is planning to begin cutting for the small patches on the engineer's side.

Side Rods and Bearings Project: Fabrication of bearing pullers continues. A bearing puller needs to be custom-made for each of the four crank pins. With luck the last two will be off by the end of the month. Removal of paint from side rods and polishing continues.

Track Reconditioning Project: Bob reported that preliminary cost estimates for the track work have been developed. Meanwhile Jon Spargo is developing a grant package in an attempt to get outside funding for this project.

Summer Hours: Bob reminded everyone that summer hours begin on May 4th. Work sessions will start at 0730.

A motion to approve by Dave Traudt and 2nd by John Cekala was approved by a unanimous vote.

Fundraising Report: Andy Rutkiewicz reported that several activities were "up in the air".

National Train Day: Details for May 7th National Train day activities are still to be worked out. The Society has been invited to participate with a table and information. Andy said he has been trying to get in contact with the folks actually organizing the event and hoped to have more details soon. He said he has learned that it will be held in the Alvarado Transportation Center and may include a Railrunner set, BNSF and AMTRAK participation, several model train groups and layouts and Wheels. He has not been able to determine if the Society will be able to sell merchandise to raise funds and what kind of space has been assigned to the Society. Mike said where the Society's display will be located is important. Downstairs would be better than upstairs. If the assigned space is outside maybe the Society can take advantage of proximity to the tracks. Maybe the Society would be allowed space inside a Railrunner car. Mike said the Society's display should include Dave Traudt's DVD set-up. If we buy a big-screen TV as has been suggested for use at Savor Albuquerque and open house events, National Train Day would be a good time to use it. He said he hoped that the event would turn into a lucrative selling opportunity to raise funds for the restoration.

Savor Albuquerque: Andy reported that the Savor Albuquerque events would take place during the first week in June. It is being organized by the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) and will draw significant interest. The Society is included in the schedule of events across the city and will host "mini open house" activities during regular work sessions at the restoration site on Saturday June 4th, Wednesday June 8th and Saturday June 11th.

New Mexico Centennial Railroad History Display Panels: Work continues on the six panels funded by a matching grant from the state Humanities Council. Completion is planned for the first week in June.

Los Lunas Museum Exhibition: The "Railroading in Valencia County" Exhibition at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Culture continues and will end at the end of June.

#### Completed Fundraising Efforts

- A \$780 NM Tourism Cooperative Advertising Grant has been received \$780.00
- The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) application has been submitted

- Grant requests have been submitted to WW Grainger, Inc. and BNSF

On Going Fundraising Efforts: Grant applications are being developed for the North American Railway Foundation (NARF) and the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS).

A motion to approve by John Cekala and 2nd by Chuck Mangold was approved by a unanimous vote.

Elections: Mike reported that the By Laws called for the formation of an Elections Committee to manage the BoD annual election. The BoD had appointed Dave Traudt, Steve Bradford and Doyle Caton to serve on the committee this year. Steve Bradford reported that, according to the By Laws, nominations must be made by petition containing the name of the nominee and his or her signature, a short biographical statement, and the signatures of two current NMSL&RHS members. The nominee must be a member in good standing. Nominations must be received by May 9th. Mike reported that there are three BoD positions open. Mike Hartshorne, Clem Harris and Ernie Robart currently hold the positions. The election will take place between May 1 and the annual membership meeting on July 14th. Votes will be counted and winners announced at that time. Ballots will be available after May 9th on the website and can be downloaded and printed, or obtained in paper form at the site. A paper ballot will be mailed to those members who do not have an email address.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn made by Ed Strebe and, 2nd by Steve Bradford was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: 5/14/11 @ 8:00 on site.