

General Meeting - December 2011
NMSLRHS

Date: December 11, 2011
Location: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM 87107

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike Hartshorne brought meeting to order. Minutes for November were approved and will soon be on the website. Mr. Schmidt from Wagon Mound is here as a new member and also a train buff.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart
BoD voted in November to spend \$23,000 for bearings; more to come in reports.

Total Cash Assets as of 11/12/11	\$36488.33
Total Cash Assets as of 12/10/11	\$35134.16
Checking Account Balance as of 11/12/11	\$15290.74
Ending Balance as of 12/10/11	\$13931.35
Deposits from 11/30/11 - 12/3/11	\$1554.64
Expenses from 11/14/11 - 12/8/11	\$2914.03

Various expenses were for a switch for the forklift, hand cleaner, lease renewal (1 yr.) for oxygen and acetylene cylinders, flooring materials for Reefer, newsletter copies, telephone expense, lumber for cab, flapper wheels, sanding discs, hydraulic cylinder repairs for large forklift, Photo Shop Software and other items used on site.

Savings Account Balance, including interest as of 11/30/11	\$21152.82
Cash Box	\$50.00

Safety Officer's Report

Jon Spargo reports that refresher courses for all members are January 21, 2012 at 9:00 at the Local 412 Union Hall and February 18, 2012 at 9:00, place is undetermined at this time. For new members there will be a course on February 4, 2012 at 9:00 at the Reefer on site. If you paid your dues in the last quarter of 2011 you are good for all of 2012.

We are beginning to accumulate enough new members to be able to have a new member orientation. We would like to hold a new member orientation on February 4th, 2012. As a reminder, if you cannot attend one of the refresher sessions you will be required to attend a new member orientation in order to be authorized to work at the site.

1. John Cekala has inspected all six (6) safety harnesses and all six safety lanyards. The harnesses were satisfactory but needed to be untwisted and put away properly. Of the six lanyards, he removed three (3) from service for further evaluation. All three were scrubbed cleaned using special techniques and re-inspected after several days of "air drying". Of those three, two are able to return to service and are folded and tie-wrapped into individual bundles and setting in the WHQ awaiting redeployment back on the rack alongside the harness. The last unserviceable lanyard will become a training tool for us (it is still at my shop awaiting proper labeling for training before he brings it back. Rick Kirby has said we can get by with only the five serviceable lanyards so we can save some money by not purchasing a replacement.

2. John Cekala sees a developing problem when we are using powered wire wheels to clean parts, the operator is properly protected but the workers who are downstream from the discharge of the wheels are getting pelted with everything being removed

plus the bits and pieces of the wheel as it is being consumed. Operators need to be more aware of who is around before and during power wheel work. Shards can fly some 50' away.

It might be best for those of you that are grinding if you could set up in a way the shards are going against a container or other structures. Rick suggested that you let the table or what ever you are working on slow the head down, don't just lay the grinder down and let it spin to stop on its own.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report

Rick Kirby reported this being our last meeting of the year he'd like to thank each and every one for their dedication these past 12 months. As he looks around the site it's quite evident much progress has been made this year.

We still haven't received any communications from the FRA regarding our requested extension. He planed to mention it in the Christmas card going out to Ralph Gutierrez.

We hope to hear more from Timken in the coming weeks as to whether we will get more help from their foundation. Bob DeGroft may have more on that later.

Rick ordered more tube brushes for the bifurcate project and expects these to be in possibly by Wednesday.

There have been some discussions regarding the installation of a pair of dynamos instead of one. Operations these days require more power than those of the forties and fifties. Bob Kittel told Albert Leffler he had a match to ours and would donate it to us. Albert plans to drive out to pick it up shortly.

Since Clem has been unable to be on the site lately, he requested Clem research what the power requirements might be. Clem is in consultations with one of our members he works with which happens to be an electrical engineer. We are looking to update the system to make it more reliable without infuriating the rivet counters.

We need to decide our work schedule for the Christmas and New Year holidays, and these cold work days that we might have coming upon us in the coming weeks before spring/summer months arrive. For those of you that do not read emails, you will need to possibly call me before coming to the site. That's my only means of keeping in touch with everyone in hopes they do read them. I'll try to get the info to you as soon as possible if I do decide to make a change in the work schedule.

Rick wanted to thank Albert Leffler for all his hard work behind the scenes at his home in AZ. He's Chairman of our Advisory Board and he does more for us than anyone will ever know. Thanks Albert!

Bob DeGroft ordered sample caps and sleeves for flexible stay rods. Need to look at them to see if they are the right one. They are expensive, about \$24-25 each and caps are extra.

Timken - Bob sent them a PO on the 21st and got a request for a credit report. An hour later Dave Aungst said don't fill it out yet as they are still trying to work out a way to save us some money.

Temple Drawings - The last of them are not quite done yet by Millard. John Taylor listed 100+ in Excel format. Temple found 100+ more and they are sending them to us. Millard has saved us a ton of money by getting all of those copied. Now we

need to figure out where we will store them all.

Danny got us a box of 7018 welding rod and he wanted to find out for the boss at Local 412 what the cost was for the pipe we sent to UT. Rick is having trouble getting the guy there to call him back.

Warren thought we might be able to get a cost on the caps for stay rods so we might be able to sell them like we are with the flue tubes.

Ken Dusenberry wanted to know what the pipe down the back side of the cab looked like for duplication purposes.

Fundraising Report by Andy Rutkiewicz, Chairman

CONTINUING EFFORTS

The BNSF Foundation Grant request for \$15,000.00 is being prepared by Chuck Mangold. He expects it to be submitted by the end of January. The NM Tourism Dept Coop Marketing Grant request for \$4,500.00 has been awarded to us. This grant was submitted under the theme of New Mexico Remembers World War II. The Nuclear and Holocaust museums are our collaborators and the Bataan Memorial museum is our partner. NMSLRHS will be responsible for \$750.00 and the state will be responsible for \$2250.00 of the cost. The funds will be used for Graphics, Print ads, a Web site and monitoring the web sties of the participants. Graphics for blog site [free], print ads, and rack cards will be complete by January 15th.

COMPLETED EFFORTS

ABQRide held a State Centennial Celebration on January 6, 2012 at 1130 hours at the Alvarado Transportation. They want us to have an information table and to blow our whistle for 30 seconds at the hour.

DEVELOPING EFFORTS

SUBIA the fabricator of our Centennial Exhibit has submitted an estimate for the fabrication of duplicate exhibits at ¾ current sizes on suitable indoor exhibit substrate. The cost would be \$178.00 per framed panel for a total of \$1068.00 for the entire exhibit. These exhibits would be loaned to other Railroad Museums in New Mexico that have expressed an interest. This effort has not yet been implemented. The Museum Cooperative Council of ABQ to which we belong will hold a Museum Week in concert with Savor ABQ and ABQ Centennial Celebration from June 6th to 17th 2012. ABQ will close Central from 1st Street to 10th street for the week. We will be able to display our Centennial exhibit in one of 6 pavilions on Central. We are awaiting contact by FOX 2 "NM Style" to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program. When they have unsold time we will be contacted. Representatives of the NMSLRHS were in discussions with Ron Ashcroft and John Bond members of our Board of Advisors about our future operating plans and issues that need to be addressed.

New Business:

Chuck Mangold - Lockheed Martin grant. He got a letter back from Sandia Labs stating even though we don't fall under their criteria they were giving us a \$2000 check.

Dr. Mike - Invited to a Raytheon Management group meeting in Tucson so they can hear about our project in detail.

Ms. Rumpf from the Mayor's Office said she's willing to come to our site to give us a presentation on "ABQ the Plan" in hopes she might get work back to Mayor Berry about our project.

Second weekend of October 2012 the USS Orion with their collection of old cars would like a tour of our site and they will bring their cars too.

Gail Kirby is trying to get our entire "2926 Friends" list for Christmas cards put on Excel for our later use. If you have any contacts that need to be on the list please give all their contact info to her.

"Buy a Bearing" was sent in our Christmas cards to help in defraying our costs, if any.

The photographer Stan Kistler is possibly coming to ABQ to give us a lecture on photographing the 2926 and NM.

Pete A. would like a sign out front at gate saying "Visitors Welcome" and take down once we leave each week.

Great job to Randy McEntire, Martin Sanchez and Scott Eckstein for the nice floor we now have in the Reefer/Office.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be January 14, 2012 at 9:00 at the site.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary NMSLRHS