

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Meeting
NMSL & RHS

Date: May 7, 2011

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

Old Business: n/a

Call to Order: by Mike Hartshorne, President

Secretary Report: Minutes of May have been approved and are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Cash Assets as of 4/9/11 | \$41571.26 |
| Total Cash Assets as of 5/14/11 | \$43494.03 |
| Checking Account Balance on 4/9/11 | \$21394.24 |
| Ending Balance on 5/14/11 | \$23316.35 |
| Deposits from 4/12/11 - 5/9/11 | \$9048.58 |
| Expenses from 4/18/11 - 5/12/11 | \$7126.47 |

Expenses were for various items such as oil for jacks, oxygen fill, Bobcat loader services to move track ballast, T-shirts for promotional, drinking water, keys, power tool, safety flare tape, 2010 Audit payment, machine metal burring tools, lock and various office supplies and other expenses as listed on his report.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Savings Account Ending Balance | |
| Including Interest as of 4/30/11 | \$20127.68 |
| Cash box, On-site cash | \$50.00 |

Ernie added that the Audit was about \$5600 this year. Mike added that we are getting close to shifting our accounts to a new bank soon. Mike called for a motion to move Treasurer's report to the Auditor's Office for approval.

Chief Safety Officer (CSO) Report: by Jon Spargo

There will be a new member Safety Orientation on Saturday, May 21st beginning at 09:00 in the Reefer Conference area. So far we have two new members that will attend but we welcome additional newcomers. Good progress has been made with confined space rescue. The following is a report from Safety Officer John Cekala.

1. The Confined Space Entry procedures are finalized and printed with the master copy in the WHQ.
2. The last group of volunteers for the confined space entry was trained on 5/4/2011 so for the time being we have all we need for this process.
3. This past Wednesday the 11th the smoke box was cleaned out and the doors were installed and temporarily bolted shut to insure a proper draft was created with the two exhaust fans. By mid afternoon I conducted a very technical test of the airflow being drawn through the firebox opening. I held a plastic ribbon above and adjacent to the opening and low and behold the ribbon was sucked in.

4. We are still waiting for information on the Oxygen level units as to being able to lend/lease one or two of these. This is the last item needed before we go hot inside the fire box.

It was reported that the Oxygen Units are about \$3000 or \$200 for throw-away after two years of use. The throw-away might not be what we can use due to certain issues. Danny Rivera was to check with Henderson Construction by way of the 412 Business Manager but he said they would try to buy one for us to use.

Motion to approve this report by Mike Hartshorne, 2nd by John Taylor, so voted unanimously.

Chief Mechanical Officer (CMO) Report: by Rick Kirby

Many of you remember last month I reported a problem with the hot water boiler feed pump check valve replacement springs. The company which built them made a mistake on the small end. The company had to order more material so they could manufacture a second set. They say they will ship on June 3rd.

Compressor slide valve piston rings are on order. One was broken so Bob DeGroft called Bernie Watts in Denver. I requested one extra for both sizes. They are a shelf item so they need not be a special order.

Repair Progress:

Danny Rivera is unavailable today but we will begin smoothing out the tack welds while he is out. Due to the slight bend at the bottom, more massaging will be needed. Once all the tacking is complete stay rods will be tacked in at various places to insure the sheet will not warp during the welding process.

Wednesday we installed the smoke box door to seal up the vessel creating a fan induced draft. This should remove the welding smoke from the firebox.

Today our machinists will begin fabricating the last of the bearing pullers. Carlos Osuna will need to cut the blanks first thing. Bob DeGroft will have more information for you later in regards to his conversations with the Timken gurus.

Wednesday we cut the replacement patches for the engineer's side firebox repair. Dave began grinding the bevel on the first one. The other two needs done. When grinding these we need to be spread out in different areas to be careful of the sparks. Don't forget eye, face and ear protection. When complete we can make the final cut on the boiler. We also have staybolt hole beveling inside, drilling and beveling on the patches.

The dunnage that supported the firebox door needs to be relocated east of the PUP. I'd like to do a general clean-up today to get ready for the BNSF people on the 25th. Dr. Mike will have more on that later.

For those of you that are new, we normally have a summer get-together at our home every year. However it's not written in stone that the party has to be at our home. If anyone wishes to have the party at their home, you are welcome to do so. We normally have 40-50 people present. We need to start planning the date, so we need to make a decision on who will ultimately host the event.

New Items for CMO Report:

Chuck is leaving us by early July so we need to have this sometime in June if possible.

Bob DeGroft - Bearings

He talked to the Timken Representative and sent him photos of the bearing sleeve and asked him if it was on or not. He stated it was probably on from the manufacturer and we won't get it off. We've reached our goals as far as we can. They look good. We'll start on the Main today. Timken rep. would like to see it before it goes on to Timken.

Motion to approve this report was made by Mike Hartshorne, 2nd by John Taylor, vote unanimous.

Fundraising Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

Chuck Mangold got us our grant from BNSF. This is #2 from them.

NEW EFFORTS

- PAST MEMBERS RENEWAL REQUEST names list in progress
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. fundraising consultant, Web site development, transportation enhancement funds manual
- ROADS SCHOLAR program "Tracks Across New Mexico: Historic Railways; May 27 2011, 10:00 AM (Elderhostel), and again in fall of this year sometime.
- Revised NM Tourism Coop Advertizing Grant

COMPLETED EFFORTS

- National Train Day Small presence on this date at the Alvarado Transportation Center [BUS Station]
- C&TS caboose fund raiser: reservations \$2,500 -2@10 occupants, 2@14 occupants, 200 opportunities only/caboose @ \$25.00/opp = \$2,500 income, 4 cabooses = \$10,000. Railpictures.net #2926 banner adds +. Details to be negotiated. Quintana very enthusiastic. Postponed for future consideration.
- Combined Federal Campaign; Awarded
- WW Grainger Inc; Submitted
- BNSF Submitted

DEVELOPING EFFORTS

- NRHS; submitted
- NARF; Application coming to completion
- NM Centennial Exhibit Grant \$5000.00, primary payment received. Target date for grand opening June 4, 2011 in concert with Mini Open House SAVOR ABQ

New Items for Fundraising

Bob DeGroft - Scan project; about three years ago went defunct. Call from Dr. Oliver Drawer, Architectural firm in Germany and he'll be here to familiarize himself with 2926 and what's going on here. It looks like the project might be coming back to life. Frank Gerstle, Bob DeGroft and Dave Traudt will meet with him on Friday and he'll also be here on site Saturday during the work session. LACMA (Los Angeles City Museum of Architecture) asked him to come.

Chuck Mangold - Reported that on 5/25/11, Joe Faust, Community Affairs Public Relations for BNSF will be here to present us a check for a grant submitted for \$5000. We will contact the TV stations and see if we can get any of them here for the presentation. Valencia News Bulletin also needs to know about it. Mike and Rick would like us all to continue working as usual while he is present. Warren will take photos. He will fly in on Tuesday night from Ft. Worth and leave shortly after his presentation with us on Wednesday for LA.

Mike - Timken grants are available and Chuck will talk to Bob DeGroft about this.

Mike Hartshorne made a motion we accept this report as given, 2nd by Chuck Mangold, vote unanimous.

New Business:

Doyle - Electing Directors

Dave Traudt - Chairman

Five people are running for three positions. For votes to be recorded, ballots must be returned to the Secretary or mailed to the NMSL&RHS, P O Box 27270, Albuquerque NM 87125-2720 no later than ten days before the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of Record for 2011 is July 10. Returned ballots must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2011. Running is Mike Hartshorne, Steve Bradford, Ken Dusenberry, Andy Rutkiewicz, and Ernie Robart.

October 1 this year will be our annual Open House. Word of mouth and fliers seemed to be our best way of getting the word out. It's also the 40th Anniversary of the Balloon Fiesta. "Holy Water" coming and Mike will do his usual song rendition at the Open House.

Cumbres & Toltec's first trestle to go in and they say they should be on schedule for summer schedules.

Mike - BNSF Employee Appreciation ride - Jeff Schmidt mentioned we might get invited to ride their train. Details will be forth-coming. It will be June 6-8. As we get more information we'll let you know.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mike Hartshorne, 2nd by Gail Kirby, meeting adjourned.

Next General Meeting will be 6/11/11 @ 8 am on Site.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary