

## NMSLRHS General Meeting Minutes - June 2012

Date: June 9, 2012

Location: 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW, ABQ, NM 87107

**Old Business** N/A

**Introduction** Dave Traudt, filling in for Dr. Mike, brought the meeting to order. Minutes for May are approved and online.

Due to Clem Harris' efforts on National Train Day (NTD) and Amtrak's head people being with 3751 and our four people onboard, they have asked Rick to ready our engine (and tender) for next year enough to be present on NTD festivities.

Mayor Berry asked during his visit if there's any way for him to help; possibly a bond action sometime.

The cab is now painted and Dave wanted to thank everyone involved; many early mornings and long days to get the cab ready.

**Treasurer's Report:** by Ernie Robart

Paint for cab is not charged against the NRHS grant as it is only for wood and hardware. Paid shipping for bearings and the bearings have arrived and are now on site.

Total Cash Assets, May 12, 2012	\$59247.08
Total Cash Assets, June 9, 2012	\$60106.36
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$17104.23
Free Cash	\$43002.13

### Grant Status

\*NRHS grant (for loco cab: wood lining) \$2900, expense \$795.77, balance \$2104.23

\*Lockheed Martin grant (for loco 2926 restoration) \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000

\*BNSF Foundation grant (for loco flexible staybolts): \$15000, expense \$0.00, balance \$15000.

Checking Account Beginning Balance, May 12, 2012 \$38018.74

Ending Balance on June 9, 2012 \$38873.52

Deposits: 5/23/12 5/31/12 \$4409.09

Expenses 5/12/12 6/6/12 \$3554.31

Expenses were for various items such as side rod bearing shipment, brake fluid for car mover, history awards for two students, power brushes for parts cleaner, gas for welders, gas for car mover, monthly bill for computer diagnostics and service, monthly bill for onsite telephone, welding rods, NRHS cab misc. nuts and bolts, chemical toilet rental for 16 weeks, loco compressor governor repair parts, machine shop parts and tools, sheet metal for forklift, drinking water, impact socket, air hose fittings, arbor, grinders, extension cords, liability

insurance for tender move for NTD and other misc. items used for the restoration of 2926.

Savings Account Balance including interest as of 5/31/12 \$21182.84

Onsite cash (formerly petty cash) 50.00

### **CMO Report** by Rick Kirby

Ralph Gutierrez paid us a visit last month. The main purpose was to draft a 3<sup>rd</sup> letter requesting a decision regarding our flue extension waiver. Bob DeGroft and I met with him for about two hours and came up with some ideas for wording to "gently" wake up Washington. Ralph feels what we are requesting is not out of line and feels it should be granted. He toured the site and was impressed with the craftsmanship and progress thus far. He issued an inspection report.

The following week Bob drafted a letter then I added some items and sent it off to Ralph for his opinion. We made further changes over the phone then it was sent to Ron Hynes who is Ralph's boss and Gary Fairbank's boss. I feel we'll get an answer forthwith. Have since received a letter acknowledging it and it was given a docket number to be considered by their safety board.

Recently we received a statement from Matheson Tri-Gas for one large bottle of oxyacetylene in the amount of \$314.00. After meeting with their manager Wade Florence, he credited back the full amount and is donating all of the gases needed from now on. They will also be discounting other supplies. Carlos Osuna has purchased, for himself, a state of the art wire feed welder which he plans to use here on the superheater assemblies and various other tasks. Tri-Gas donated two spools of wire for it. Carlos can comment more on Tri-Gas later.

The same thing happened with Bond Paint. We received a statement for about \$400. I spoke with Ron Ashcraft and he is crediting back the entire amount. This will be the procedure for the foreseeable future. We will still get a statement each month. This way they keep track of the amount donated and we can also keep track of the NRHS grant money spent.

A bit of bad news for the dynamo; the armature shorted when a load was put on it. It was sent off to California. If it can be repaired it will cost \$400 +/- . If not it will be \$500 for a new one. If John Cekala is present he can elaborate.

The cab painting was \$1500. As most of you can see it has been painted. One of Bob DeGroft's tenants owns a paint and body shop called Perez Collision Center and he agreed to do it this past Thursday. Please stay behind the yellow caution tape for now. A big thank you goes to Bob for stumbling onto these folks this week. Kudos goes out to all of those who worked hard in prepping the cab throughout these past few weeks/months. This is another giant step forward for the restoration.

Bob DeGroft will discuss the latest news regarding the rod bearings. They are on site.

Per Bob Kittel's suggestion I requested Frank Gerstle to check with BNSF regarding antenna's and end of train device. Frank advised me that Casey Pena has procured those items for us. Randy picked them up while we were riding with 3751.

With regards to the 3751 trip it was an eye opener in every since of the words. From the time we left LA we got about seven hours of sleep the first two days. I would hope that our group won't have the same circumstances when we begin excursions. All four of us were busy writing down do's and don'ts as we went along. Two things that stuck in my mind was the importance of a tool car and a comfortable place for the crew to ride. The focus all along has been the engine restoration. I do think we should consider a "parallel track", if you will, to make provisions for those.

When the engine is finished and ready to run where will we store needed road tools, lubricants and spare parts? We have two cars with roller bearings that may fill this need. One has a generator capable of producing 240 volts and approximately 200 amps. That's enough to run a welder, compressor and an HVAC unit. Maybe the others that were

along on the trip might want to speak about their observations. We were all chit-chatting with one another about what we'd like to do or not to do. Paul Prine, Bob Kittel and I'm sure many others, did a fantastic job with the trip. I believe everyone enjoyed their trip to the Grand Canyon. We rode along part way with our friend and author from Trains, Jim Wrinn. He was enjoying taking photos and busy writing in his computer.

#### House Cleaning Items:

Please remember to put the lid on the parts washer when finished.

The air conditioners are now running in the Reefer and World Headquarters (WHQ). Please close the doors when coming or going. Even if you're going right back out. The rooms are small and it doesn't take much to let the hot air back in. We are not using swamp coolers, so please be cognizant of your surroundings. And please remind our guests about the same when they are visiting.

Your help in locking up each day is appreciated and has been a big help. Make sure the lights get turned off before locking up and the high value door is locked. Make sure the tool boxes at the west end are always locked. This past week we came to the site and found a container not locked. With the recent break-in, it's very important we check and re-check at the close of each day.

We are consuming much more water now that the temps are up. It would help if you collapse the water bottles then put the lid back on before putting them in the trash; same for the cans. They will take up much less room. The Reefer trash should be emptied on a regular basis and no bottles, plastic cups or cans go in their trash bins. Please take them to their respective containers on the site. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### Other CMO related issues brought up:

Carlos got a 35% discount on the new welding machine and two 33\* welding rolls and cylinders. Mr. Florence is bringing other welding supplies such as gloves to the site. Thanks to Carlos for purchasing the machine for our needs and his own.

Paint on cab - look but don't touch!

Boxes for bearings need to be put away today. A case of mugs with "Thanks Timken" have been sent. The reason for Timken even being brought into this project was from a guest from Las Cruces who knew someone at Timken, so you never know who might know someone that could help us in some way.

Jim Wrinn was on the 3751 trip and next month he'll have his perspective in Trains Magazine and his perspective of the track here in NM used by Amtrak.

The NARF grant; should know something by July. Five projects were sent in for this year.

Reinstalled parts Please give their tags back to Warren Janke and please put on the parts sheet what and where you've placed the item(s). Comments added, who, date and what done to the part sheet, please use a new parts sheet on reinstalled items; mainly for record-keeping purposes.

#### **CSO Report** by Jon Spargo

Since last month there have been no new member orientations. The next one will be on Saturday, July 21 beginning at 0900. As of now we have four new members signed up for that

session. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please pass along the July 21 date to them.

Thanks to Danny Lowery, we now have a new Lock-out/Tag-out box and a new fully stocked First Aid kit. Both have been installed on the Tool Container doors.

We need to schedule a fork lift training session soon. If you are interested in taking this class please let us know as soon as possible.

Forklift training will be on 6/23/12.

**New Business**

Andy Rutkiewicz was not at the meeting but have an emailed report filed. No one gave his report.

Election John Taylor

Ballots have to be in by July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting day. They are available online and at the site and a ballot box has been located in the WHQ building.

Parts Orphaned and no parts sheets filled out. Note to modifying/clean commented on the sheets and put it back where it came from and what was done to it. Or if it's moved, please put it on the sheet and let Warren know about where it was moved to.

Bob DeGroft New timesheet to help with auditing. New columns have been added; computer column, fundraising, etc. Round off to nearest quarter on your times spent at the site or elsewhere. Please add your hours up and place the time on the sheet.

Bill Willets from the Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter to write up his trip to ABQ and National Train Day.

Next Meeting July 14, 2012 at 8 am

Meeting Adjourned

Prepared by Gail Kirby,  
Secretary NMSLRHS