

## General Minutes – November 10, 2012

Intro was given by Dr. Mike Hartshorne bringing the meeting to order.

Minutes of October 2012 are already on the website thanks to Gail Kirby and Rich Bugge.

**Treasurer's Report:** read by Dr. Mike in the absence of Ernie Robart.

(For the period October 13, 2012, to November 10, 2012)

Total Cash Assets, October 13, 2012	\$37901.55
Total Cash Assets, November 10, 2012_	\$40964.38
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$19907.91
Free Cash	\$21056.47

### Grant Status

\*NRHS grant (for locomotive cab: wood lining): \$2900, expense \$1664.03, balance \$1235.97  
Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive #2926 restoration): \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000

\*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$328.06, balance \$14671.94

\*NM Remembers WWII 2013 joint marketing venture: \$4000 (\$1000 each from NMSL&RHS, Holocaust Museum, Nuclear Museum and Bataan Memorial Museum), expense \$0.00.

### NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on October 13, 2012	\$16651.00
Ending Balance on November 10, 2012	<b>\$19709.33</b>

**Deposits:           \$4249.45**

10-31-1	271.26	(Sales by bankcard, after October 3rd: \$18 + \$194.26 + \$36 + \$23)
10-31-12	2.98	(Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
11-09-12	\$975.21	(Memberships, sales, donations by visitors)
11-09-1	\$3000.00	(NM Remembers WWII 2013 - by museums: Holocaust, Nuclear, Bataan Memorial - \$1000 each)

**Expenses:           \$1191.12**

10-01-12	\$20.27	Bankcard fee
10-13-12	\$354.61	Security system supplies, BBQ grill repair, office supplies and printer ink, propane, locomotive side rod bearing spacer, grinder discs, tool repair
10-16-12	\$222.36	Die grinder (2 of 2 identical grinders)
10-16-12	\$55.83	Stud bolts and miscellaneous hardware
10-27-12	\$90.29	Hard hats (6), dry ice, spray paint
10-29-12	\$96.79	Monthly bill for computer diagnostics and shadow protection
10-29-12	\$51.38	Cold rolled 3" diameter by 12" bar for machine shop
11-05-12	\$133.43	Monthly bill for onsite telephone: 505-246-2926
11-18-12	\$166.16	Welding cylinders (2) lease for 1 year, October, 2012, to October, 2013; brass ferrules (5)

### NMSL&RHS Savings Account

**Deposits:           \$4.50**

10-31-12	\$4.50	Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account
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Balance as of 10-31-12	<b>\$21205.05</b>
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### Cash Box – Store Sales

On-site cash (formerly petty cash)	<b>\$50.00</b>
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No questions regarding this report.

**CSO Report:** read by Dr. Mike in the absence of Jon Spargo

On November 17, 2012 we will hold another new member orientation. There are several new members signed up as a result of our most recent open house. This will be the last new member orientation in 2012 so if you know of anyone interested, make sure they know to attend this session.

Vertical rescue training is in progress. The first session was given on Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and the second session will be given today, following the general membership meeting.

**CMO Report:** by Rick Kirby

Rick reported that he'd made two out of town trips this month.

The first was made to Pueblo. Bob DeGroft, Dave Van De Valde agreed to accompany me. We went to look for specific items to use as templates to fabricate those parts that were stolen.

Bob received an estimate to fabricate one of the missing cab brackets which was around \$3000. The majority of the cost was making the mold. We thought we could remove their cab brackets and send them to be used as the molds then return them.

As most of you know Bob DeGroft and myself took the crossheads to GCRWY this week. I had been waiting for an okay from them which I received last week. I'll read the letter to you as follows:

Rick,

Bob Baker our General Manager has agreed to donate the Machine Shop time to refurbish your crosshead parts. Your organization will be responsible for providing any needed materials (Babbitt, etc...).

The work will be done on a 'time available' basis and will not have priority over GCR maintenance needs. This means the time frame will be very 'open ended' however we will make all reasonable effort to do them in a timely manner and not hold up your project.

We also look forward to working with you on bringing a train from Albuquerque for the 2016 NPS Centenary Celebration. We are in the preliminary planning stages of a "Steam Fest" type of celebration that would involve hosting visiting steam locomotives (and their passengers of course J). I am also interested, due to the time frame, of visiting the idea of you guys bringing a train load of people over sooner if the engine is ready. If ran during our off season time we can offer some attractive package rates to your passengers. Our Manager of Marketing, Bruce Brossman, suggested the possibility of your organization becoming an "off site" travel vendor for us with the ability to sell Grand Canyon Railway packages (Hotel, meals, etc.,Etc.) to your riders (or others) when they purchase their train tickets and your group receiving a commission. We would be interested in running your train to the Grand Canyon similar to the trip this year with 3751.

Sam Lanter – Chief Mechanical Officer  
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Williams, AZ 86046  
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This also constitutes our first official invitation to a steam event or venue.

A couple of items to remember in the coming weeks:

Before closing the containers walk to the rear of each one to make sure none of the cats have found their way in them.

The other thing is the heaters are now on in the WHQ and the reefer so please shut the doors behind you to keep the heat inside; just as you do in the summer to keep the cooling inside.

**Plans & Funding Report:** by Andy Rutkiewicz

### **CONTINUING EFFORTS**

The Society was well represented at a public presentation of Draft #1 of the ABQ Railyards Redevelopment Master Plan by Samitaur Constructs. The Plan does include the rebuilding of a Roundhouse on the footprint of the original with a number of bays allotted to NMSLHRS. The turntable is also retained for use. A plan for the interim location of #2926 at the Rail Yards was also presented. There are significant questions relevant the operations of #2926 as the plan currently stands. There will be a number of meetings with ABQ City staff to discuss these questions and find acceptable alternatives for inclusion in final Draft #2 to be presented in December. Information on how various governmental and nonprofit entities in Portland, Oregon and Evanston, Wyoming have collaborated to develop Steam Train maintenance and operating facilities was given to ABQ City and Council Staff.

The Plans and Fundraising committee was charged with the task of developing a report on issues that are involved in an interim relocation. Legal counsel was consulted. An estimate for the complete relocation of our current site to the ABQ Railyards was obtained from CRANE SERVICE, Inc. for the sum of \$74,447.00. They estimated that the relocation would take 5 days. An additional estimate for site relocation will be obtained from Duke City Transfer.

The Downtown Action Team is planning for a greatly expanded National Train Day in 2013 that included #2926, ABQ Cultural Affairs and MRCOG. There will be further NTD at the Railyards related meetings in Nov. The committee is considering the use of a developing fund raising process that is being called CROUD FUNDING. This process uses the web to solicit funds from a large number of individuals for a project that spikes their interest and they would be interest in supporting. The major web site in this area is KICKSTARTER.com. This effort will be on going.

### **COMPLETED EFFORTS**

Grant requests were submitted by Chuck Mangold to TRAINS magazine for \$10,000.00 to replace stolen brake shoes, and another to Lowe's for \$46,000.00 to support staybolt replacement and welding.

A saturation info campaign to City, County and State government personnel using "The #2926 Story" video was begun.

### **DEVELOPING EFFORTS**

The New Mexico Association of Museums will have their annual Meeting in ABQ on the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of November. We will have an info table at EXPLORA Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM. The donation was made of a Railroad Lantern from our collection for the NMAM silent auction.

Our champion Grant writer Chuck Mangold together with Albert Leffler will evaluate the feasibility of organizing a #2926 night at an ABQ Isotopes baseball game in the 2013 season as a fund raiser.

We currently have direct contact information for FOX 2 "NM Style" [sale.jayson@krqe.com] to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program. When they have unsold time we will be contacted.

A new program was reported by Andy from Trains Magazine. They would like us to video to support our restoration weekly. Five minutes each month to send to them. Ron Taylor can do this.

Dr. Mike talked about our meetings we have attended recently with the city team regarding the Rail Yard redevelopment. Our next public meeting is 12/1/12 from 10 – 2 which is a work day for most so we'll have to send a smaller delegation to that meeting.

Dr. Mike also mentioned that maybe Dave Elwood and Albert Leffler might be able to bring their speeders to the Rail Yard Regatta planned for National Train Day in 2013.

Frank told us about the prospective building to cover the engine and tender next to the BIA building. It will cost approximately \$90K. Our Advisory Council is trying to get some money donated towards this project. It will be a moveable building. We'll have to get approval from the BIA for this to happen.

Gail Kirby announced Ralph Johnson's memorial service to be on November 30, 2012, 7:15 pm, La Vida Llena here in ABQ. We'd also like to do a similar memorial with Ralph's hard hat as we did with Jim Hills.

There was a proposed winter get-together from the Kirby's; possibly in January after the holidays. More to come on that.

Bob DeGroft brought up the Polar Express experience they had while in Williams, AZ. Their marketing expertise is remarkable and is done very well and makes lots of money. They do a similar thing with a Pumpkin Patch during the fall that also brings in quite a bit of money.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next monthly meeting will be 12/8/12 at 9:00 am.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary  
NMSLRHS