

General Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2013

Location – 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Introduction – Dr. Mike Hartshorne
Introduced Tamara Combs, member was present.
Minutes from March are on the website.

Treasurer's Report – by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, March 9, 2013	\$45949.09
Total Cash Assets, April 13, 2013	\$37748.91
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$4345.86
Free Cash	\$33403.05

Grant Status

*NRHS grant (for locomotive cab: wood lining): \$2900, expense \$2900, balance \$0.00
Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive #2926 restoration): \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000
*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$10654.14, balance \$4345.86

NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on March 9, 2013	\$24678.87
Ending Balance on April 13, 2013	\$16475.09

Deposits:	4662.12	
03-13-13	\$129.26	(Bankcard sales \$100, membership via bankcard \$29.26)
03-31-13	\$3.04	(Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
04-01-13	\$2350.00	(Pay Pal transfer: memberships, donations, flue sponsors)
04-08-13	\$0.00	(Pay Pal to verify new account: \$0.13 +\$0.17 -\$0.30, net \$0.00)
04-09-14	\$2179.82	(Memberships, donations, sales, flue sponsors including refund from Preferred Long Distance \$59.17))

Expenses:	\$12865.90	
03-09-13	\$2706.05	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : 150 "A" caps (from Strasburg RR)
03-12-13	\$28.93	Flashlight batteries, starter fluid
03-12-13	\$40.80	Carbide-tipped hole saws (2)
03-16-13	\$856.00	Labor for spraying coating on four locomotive side rods
03-16-13	\$117.70	Safety goggles (20)
03-16-13	\$105.37	Saw blades, painter's tape, grommets, paper towels
03-23-13	\$900.42	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : 1200 small copper gaskets
03-23-13	\$74.79	Monthly bill for computer diagnostics & service
03-25-13	\$428.00	Labor for spraying coating on two locomotive side rods
03-30-13	\$4000.00	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : down payment on 325 "R" caps
03-30-13	\$281.98	Machine shop tools for mill
03-30-13	\$122.04	Hammers (2), green spray paint, wet/dry sandpaper
03-30-13	\$1385.83	Gasoline, steam-driven air compressor filters, wire brushes, locomotive cross-head repair items (to Grand Canyon RR)
04-02-13	\$206.33	Onsite phone bill, 505-246-2926 (our return to Century Link)
04-02-13	\$20.37	Bankcard fee
04-06-13	\$64.20	Monthly commercial monitoring & response by Armed Response Team (ART)
04-06-13	\$1109.61	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : 1050 large copper gaskets
04-09-13	\$29.60	Hardware for car-mover tie rod reworking
04-11-13	\$387.88	Welding rods (150, 3 cans)

NMSL&RHS Savings Account

Deposits:	\$3.60	
03-31-13	\$3.60	Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account

Balance as of 03-31-13	\$21223.82
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Cash Box – Store Sales

On-site cash (formerly petty cash)	\$50.00
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Dr. Mike added to the report that we will order flexi sleeves soon so our spending is ongoing. There's lots of things to buy to put on the engine.

Chief Safety Officer's Report – Jon Spargo

Jon reported on April 6th we had a New Member Orientation. Three new members have joined our ranks. Please join us in welcoming Eric Finch, Ed Lybarger and his son Roy Lybarger.

The new safety goggles are here. They can be found on the table to the left after you enter the WHQ building. Remember, only the lab safety goggles that fit over glasses and form a full contact shield around your eyes, are authorized for members doing any task that has the potential for producing flying debris, solid or liquid.

Lately there has been a lot of welding going on around the site and a lot of it has been in the open. We don't have enough welding screens to shield everything. Please be careful when in the vicinity of welding operations. Also remember to steer visitors clear of welding operations. We are working to get more shields on site.

Jon also added the new masks are here.

Chief Mechanical Officer's Report – by Gail Kirby in Rick's absence

Rick reports the first item is to announce our summer hours will begin the first Saturday of May which is the 4th. Start time will be 7:30 as usual and will go until 2 pm or earlier if too hot.

Bob and Rick had to deliver the crosshead connecting parts to the GCRWY ASAP. Sam wants to bolt them up and check all the center measurements prior to cutting the crosshead Babbitt. Both the crosshead guides were bent (1) 50 thousands and (1) 70 thousands. They put them in a large press and were successfully able to straighten them. This was probably the reason for us having problems getting the slides out. One is on the mill now to finish milling it perfectly straight. One of the slides has had its Babbitt removed.

As Rick informed everyone in TW3 a mural will be painted in our neighborhood, or the Del Norte Neighborhood Association. We hope several of us can help out with this project. Gayle's back isn't doing all that well and he'll need assistance. The organizer said we could work on days other than the planned Saturdays. The first Saturday to help set up is May 4th. I know that's a work day and maybe Rick can make that meeting by himself just to see what's going on, but after that he'll need help.

Next month's meeting will be an abbreviated one due to the corresponding Train Day events. We plan to attach our secondary whistle to the tender ladder and use the locomotive air to blow it during the event.

Frank Gerstle

Elections are every three years served as a Board member. Two are up for re-election. He has the short Petition of a short Bio from each person running. You must have performed at least 500 hours or the Board can override by 2/3 majority. Frank is Chair with two additional members on the committee. Those are Doyle Caton and Nate Phillips. Gail Kirby will provide us with the membership list.

This year Bob DeGroft and Gail Kirby are up for re-election if they choose to run again. We need to have your Bio sheets in or any nominations by May 13th so the membership can decide who they want to vote for. July 13th meeting is our election day and votes will be counted and announced that day. Voting is allowed if you have an individual membership, Family members can have one vote per family and one per Lifetime membership. The term runs from July 2013 – July 2016.

Dave Traudt mentioned that you need to submit an envelope and sign the outer envelope so we can make sure you are a member of record to vote or you can just write your name on the back of the ballot so the committee will know if you are current. You vote for them to be on the Board and not for a particular position. The Board votes the people into their positions.

Plans & Funding – by Dr. Mike Hartshorne in Andy's absence

-National Train Day; May 11, 1 – 5 pm at Transportation Center

Coordination needed with MRCOG, Amtrak regarding 2926 Tender move, info booth, and sales booth. Recorded 2926 steam whistle could be played with appropriate speaker system.

-Isotopes 2926 night May 3rd - Coordination needed with Isotopes re Ticket purchases, seating, recorded steam whistle, and other promotional items

-Roads Scholars; June 6 Tours and store sales

-Rail Yard Redevelopment Board; TBD

-Quilt Raffle; Open House; Sept 28 Coordinator needed.

-Center for Railway Tourism; Call for proposals re. Internships and Practicums issued. Operational planning needed – BoD Response? (A no go for now)

- NMSLRHS / BNSF promotional concept in hand awaiting BNSF grant request decision. (Awaiting for grant status)

Dr. Mike added that Chuck Mangold, Frank Gerstle, Rick Kirby and others finalized the grant. No word yet.

Ed Kibel put in a Kaplan and Dailey Foundation grant.

The Isotopes game night has been canceled due to it being too close to the festivities of Train Day and we just ran out of time.

Train Day – Jon Spargo

Amtrak is ready to support us. We lack a piece of paper from Amtrak saying it's okay and we now need to get insurance for the move. Our tender we will mount our whistle to it and it will run off the P42 engine. Amtrak is bringing their P42 and five coaches back through their heritage group.

Dr. Mike says the cost of the insurance has been donated and should cost about \$350 +/- . Train Day will run from 1 – 5 but we will start with a brief meeting on site for safety reasons and get our store out and ready for Train Day. We'll need a small crew at the site as Tamara Combs says the City is passing out a handout to tell everyone where we're located and to come down to the site.

Steve Bradford will be back soon to help us out.

Wheels Gala is 4/20/13 5 pm starts and a buffet later. Dr. Mike and Frank Gerstle have tables to fill. Mayor Berry is a guest speaker and Dr. Mike will speak about our organization.

Our Annual IRS 990 and audit is going on. Our 990 will be due May 15th. Thanks to Karla and Ernie for getting our paperwork ready for all these events. We're up to about \$1.2 million for the restoration so far.

Nate Phillips is our volunteer for our raffle for the quilt and throw for the Open House.

Announcements

Governor's State Conference on Tourism is coming up in May. Tour around town and we could be on it.

Saturday September 28th is Open House this year.

John Taylor, Dr. Mike and others have been working on a 2014 calendar of 2926 art. They are almost ready to go to print. They will be about \$10 ea. We have Gayle Van Horn, Gil Bennett, Jack Ostrom, Steve Bradford and the Johnson Family to name most of them.

The bill for fabrication of the pipe we sent to UT has been paid for by Local 412 and it was upwards of \$15,000+. Beautiful job done on the steam pipe!

The Rails along the Rio Grande Model Train Show is June 6, 7 & 8 and if you volunteer its free admission. Pat Hepburn is in charge of the event.

Warren Janke wanted to remind everyone that he's been finding tags to parts laying on the cement and all around. Please put them on Warren's desk to retire and let him know which part it belonged to and if you reinstall a part the sheet belonging to that part should also be updated.

Next meeting **May 11th 8:00 am.**

Submitted by Gail Kirby,
Secretary NMSLRHS