

General Minutes - August 10, 2013

Location - 1833 8th St NW, ABQ, NM

Introduction - Dr. Mike Hartshorne - President

He brought the meeting to order by showing us the photo of Bob's Jeep giving the 315 a shove into it's barn up in CO.

Treasurer's Report - By Ernie Robart (emailed report)

Total Cash Assets, July 13, 2013	\$32608.52
Total Cash Assets, August 10, 2013	\$31677.51
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$3000.00
Free Cash	\$28677.51

Grant Status

Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive #2926 restoration): \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000

*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$15000, balance \$0.00

*NMSLRHS member donations for locomotive brake shoes: \$3000, expense \$0, balance \$3000

*NMSLRHS member donations for locomotive flexi-sleeves: \$1000, expense \$1000, balance \$0

NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on July 13, 2013	\$11324.11
Ending Balance on August 10, 2013	\$10389.49

Deposits: \$7884.76

07-30-13	\$2659.30	(Sales, scrap metal sales, donations: members & non-members)
07-22-13	\$284.00	(Bankcard sales for July: \$24+\$160+\$100)
07-31-13	\$1.46	(Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
08-05-13	\$4940.00	(Donations by membership for welding)

Expenses: \$8819.38

07-19-13	\$2303.42	Brass bushings for locomotive Walschaert valve motion
07-22-13	\$2941.32	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : 108 small sleeves
07-27-13	\$1187.64	Cleaning brushes, pipe insulation, solicitation letter mailing
07-27-13	\$119.37	Monthly bill for onsite telephone: 505-246-2926 (CenturyLink)
07-27-13	\$197.81	Tools: hole saw set, center punch: plywood, drinking water
07-30-13	\$74.79	Monthly bill for computer diagnostics & service
08-02-13	\$83.72	Bankcard fee
08-05-13	\$791.13	Metal materials for locomotive brake slack adjuster bar
08-05-13	\$1120.1842	small flexible stay bolt sleeves for boiler repairs

NMSL&RHS Savings Account

Deposits: \$3.61

07-31-13 \$3.61 Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account

Balance as of 07-31-13

\$21238.02

Cash Box - Store Sales

On-site cash (formerly petty cash)

\$50.00

CSO Report - By Jon Spargo (emailed report)

On July 20 we had a new member orientation. Please join us in welcoming aboard Aaron Frankland and Dave Boyer. Aaron is an electrical engineer working at Sandia labs and Dave spends a lot of time in New Mexico's oil patch. Soon to retire he is looking forward to spending time working on 2926.

Last Saturday Jon noticed that a second extension ladder had been disassembled in spite of the fact that bolts had been installed to prevent it. THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE! Extension ladders must NEVER be taken apart. For one thing, once disassembled, you cannot use the second section as a straight ladder because it has no feet.

If you need a straight ladder and one is not available, do some other task or ask the CMO to purchase a straight ladder!

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby (emailed report)

First off Rick stated we'd all like to hear about the crosshead work. Sam informs us the machine work on the steel guides is finished. They are now concentrating on the crosshead slides. They are currently removing the old Babbitt in preparation for pouring the new Babbitt. They will then be machined to match the guides. The existing bolt holes are elongated and misaligned so they will be drilled to a larger diameter then bushed to original size. This has been a major undertaking worth untold dollars. A huge amount of gratitude goes out to Sam and his crew.

Sam says if he can find a suitable truck to pull their heavy trailer him and Eric will personally deliver the crossheads. We need to load them up with some special gifts from 2926.

On a related note, we have spent much time attempting to locate needle bearings for the various timing and reach rods. Finding the correct combination of width, ID and OD has been unsuccessful. After much deliberation we have decided to replace them with graphite infused bronze bushings. In doing this we may need to replace all the center pins since they now will be a bearing surface.

Last month the Board suggested we set some goals for the foreseeable future.

Bob D. and I met to discuss pending projects and their priorities. Each one of us on the Board could set goals to achieve, but without cash in hand it's more like looking into a crystal ball for direction.

We both agreed that we should not spend down our account to jeopardize week to week operations and obligations. Leaving a comfortable reserve in the checking or savings account is just good sense.

With this in mind we will target the flexible staybolt sleeve replacement work. We would like to see this project started by open house. Hopefully we can get a good start on these very soon.

Since Carlos has completed the hot water boiler feed water supply piping we will concentrate on testing him on site for the superheater assemblies. It will be a 6-G test and the coupons will be bent on site as Danny's were.

Hopefully the superheater assemblies will be well underway by years end.

The large staybolt sleeves have been ordered. No ship date is known at this time.

Cab work needs to be completed prior to open house. The windows may not be done by then which may not be all that bad. Their final installation may best be performed after all other work is completed. The same is true for the floor. We felt it best to install a temporary floor until all piping is completed.

New cab chairs are being fabricated and should be here by open house. Our intention is to install the cab prior to open house. This will be just temporary so we can utilize its current location for superheater fabrication. We felt it would be best if the cab was removed again prior to fire brick installation.

The brake repairs are moving along. All missing slack adjusters should be fabricated and installed by the end of this month. The brake arms are being cleaned and painted. Once complete the air brake cylinders can be installed as the slack adjusters go on.

We decided to use the existing brake shoes for the time being until others can be obtained. Bob is checking with the company that supplied the tender shoes as to whether they can supply us with loco shoes. They requested photos of our existing shoes.

The ultimate goal is to have steam in the boiler by June of 2015. This will give us a year of shake out time and a period of various runs to prove the engine's reliability.

Bob D. stated we were moving the engine today to get a slack adjuster ready to go on.

Plans & Funding - by Ed Kibel our new Chairman of this committee stated he needs help from everyone interested. He still wants to work on the engine so he does need volunteers. He's setting up to take photos of the lanterns to go on EBay and railroad books we've had donated. You could volunteer yourself and/or your spouses. We need to give ourselves good leeway time to chip things out to prospective buyers of the items. All the books have been priced.

The Kaplan's check was apparently sent to a wrong PO Box, possibly not their mistake, we've just not seen the check but they called to see if we had the check and we hadn't. They will bring another check by and get the old once we find it.

Dr. Mike continued on with the report about United Way representative coming by to talk to us last week. They have a volunteer board where they will volunteer their services such as event planning, newsletters, fundraising, etc.

PayPal - we've transferred almost \$3000 including memberships and just donations recently.

NE Steam Corp. sent us an email asking for help in restoring their engine and info on how we are running our restoration. Our website and Facebook is being looked at very favorably.

We have speakers from our organization that can go out and talk to schools, churches and other places. Maybe we could set up classes for our members to learn about this engine/tender so we could speak to our guests coming in and out of the site and all be on the same page.

Urban Council Meeting - Dr. Mike and Frank G. met with them and they might have some money to give us to use however we wish.

We have flyers in hand to give out for open house. We need volunteers to help. 7:30am set-up with burritos, the site will open at 9:00am and close at 4:00pm. In the morning we have Los Radiators, at noon the Territorial Brass Band will play and in the afternoon it's Emily Anslover's Band once again. Amtrak is trying to get a P42 here to be on display but we're not sure they can make it. We will hopefully have free popcorn from our friends across the street. Albert L. speeder will be here for photos only, no rides. Site clean-up will be the entire week before.

Dave T. wants to bid to have SFRH & Modeling 2019 convention here in ABQ. That's about 300 +/- at a hotel. We could possibly use the 2926 in an excursion for a day. There's a train collectors convention here in 2019 also and several thousand members.

2014 calendars are available to now purchase for \$15! Get them now!

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be **September 14, 2013.**

Submitted by Gail Kirby
Secretary NMSL&RHS