

## General Minutes – March 2013

**Location** – 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87125

**Introduction** – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Approvals of Minutes from February are on the website as of today. If anyone hasn't seen our website lately they should go and check out all the work Rich Bugge has done lately.

**Treasurer's Report** – by Ernie Robart (per emailed report)

Total Cash Assets, February 9, 2013	\$51053.13
<b>Total Cash Assets, March 9, 2013</b>	<b>\$45949.09</b>
<b>Less Encumbered Cash*</b>	<b>\$14226.11</b>
<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>\$31722.98</b>

### Grant Status

\*NRHS grant (for locomotive cab: wood lining): \$2900, expense \$1735.83, balance \$1164.17

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

\*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$1938.06, balance \$13061.94

### NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on February 9, 2013

\$29786.17

Ending Balance on March 9, 2013

**\$24678.87**

#### **Deposits: \$737.38**

02-20-13	\$69.26	(Bankcard sales \$40, membership via bankcard \$29.26)
02-28-13	\$3.30	(Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
03-04-13	\$664.82	(Memberships, sales, donation by members)

#### **Expenses: \$5844.68**

02-09-13	\$48.53	Drinking water, make a copy of locomotive brake book
02-09-13	\$203.30	DVD copies: "Giving the Rail-yards Community Real Steam"
02-09-13	\$237.48	Kids' hard hats, glove clips, nuts bolts, electrical outlet adapter sandpaper)
02-11-13	\$56.18	Repair Airco oxygen regulator
02-11-13	\$726.71	Pipe & couplings to replace locomotive exhaust pipes to feed water heater, stolen on 7-16-2012
02-11-13	\$33.76	Drill bits
02-11-13	\$18.66	Black paint, black primer
02-12-13	\$54.27	Sand cloth for flexible stay bolt plugs
02-16-13	\$200.85	Hydraulic cylinder repair, end grinder repair
02-16-13	\$661.12	Propane, cleaning aprons, printer ink, machine tools, zerks
02-16-13	\$132.50	Onsite phone bill, 505-246-2926 (Preferred Long Distance)

02-16-13	\$200.62	Newsletter copies for Vol. XL, #4
02-16-13	\$50.99	Canon printer ink for model MP-560
02-19-13	\$428.00	Labor for spraying coating on two locomotive side rods
02-23-13	\$74.79	Monthly bill for computer diagnostics & service
02-23-13	\$71.03	Steel wedges for fitting locomotive side rods
02-25-13	\$1610.00	<u>BNSF flexible stay bolt</u> : tooling charge for sleeves
03-02-13	\$64.20	Monthly commercial monitoring & response by Armed Response Team (ART)
03-02-13	\$519.83	Hex-head thread chaser set, clear coating for side rods
03-04-13	\$151.63	Hardware to replace stolen locomotive parts
03-04-13	\$283.07	Nuts, bolts, cotter pins for locomotive cab and general use
03-04-13	\$17.16	Bankcard fee

### **NMSL&RHS Savings Account**

**Deposits: \$3.26**

02-28-13 \$3.26 Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account

Balance as of 02-28-13

**\$21220.22**

### **Cash Box – Store Sales**

On-site cash (formerly petty cash)

**\$50.00**

### **Chief Safety Officer's Report (CSO)** – by Jon Spargo (per emailed report)

On March 6<sup>th</sup> we had a New Member Orientation. Three new members have joined our ranks. Please join me in welcoming Mike Lucek, Jeff Wright and Brad Shurter. This is likely to be the last new member for a while until we can round up some new members. If you know of any potential new members, be sure to put them in touch with us.

Lately we have been in short supply for Safety Goggles (read that we are out of them). Danny Lowery to the rescue and we should soon have some new ones. They will 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.

### **Chief Mechanical Officer's Report (CMO)** – by Bob DeGroft in Rick Kirby's absence (per Rick's emailed report)

I received an update from Sam @ GCRWY regarding our crossheads. Pictures of the work were sent to Rich Bugge to be placed on our website. They are removing old Babbitt and checking the run-out of all the components. Sam says he will send me a materials list next week.

Dave Van de Valde is preparing drawings to fabricate a device to cup the copper flexible staybolt plug seals. Cupping is required so the seal will pass by the sleeve threads then flatten out under the pressure of the plug. Some of those sleeves have rough threads, so with the help of Eric Rave and Noor I have ordered taps for both sizes of sleeves. McMaster Car is custom building them.

An MOU with Pueblo is being prepared by Albert Leffler. It will detail the parts requested from them to be used as patterns.

John Cekala reports the dynamo is producing power but needs to be placed on a load to measure the full output. He is obtaining the equipment from Cutter.

Bob DeGroft has been working in other areas and he has some additional info to report at this time.

Copper gaskets are on order.

John Cekala reported on the dynamo repair. It's not quite up to rated power yet.

Small sleeves are on order from Horizon Metals in UT.

Small caps have been shipped and should be here middle of March.

Two more rods sent over for paint last Wednesday and one was put on the locomotive and wants to put one more on today. Two more need to be readied for clean-up today but they are under the newly painted ones. Some rearranging will need to be done first.

Cab work is coming along and almost done.

Danny Rivera reported he's on the Local 412 Finance Committee and the bill came in for the pipe fabrication UT did for us and 412 paid for. It was \$15,000. A big Thank You goes out to Local 412 for their help and a Thank You letter will go out from Dr. Mike Hartshorne.

**Plans & Funding** – by Andy Rutkiewicz (per emailed report)

#### **DEVELOPING EFFORTS**

Albert Leffler wrote: Chuck and I are thinking a good date for the 2926ers to attend an Isotopes Game would be on Friday, May 3. National Train Day is May 11th, so the angle would be to work with the Isotopes on group pricing and on PSAs, Scoreboard Announcements promoting 2926, NMSL&RHS as well as our participation in in the upcoming National Train Day. Perhaps there is enough time to see if MRCOG, BNSF and AMTRAK would like to participate along with NMSL&RHS. Promotion ideas could include blowing the 2926 whistle for each Isotopes home run, etc. There's plenty of time to work on the myriad of promotion details.

**National Train Day in 2013 will be May 11. MRCOG has called an organizing meeting for Mar 6, 2:00PM Alvarado Trans Cent. A new MRCOG employee Jenna Paulson will be the coordinator. We will suggest the presence of the tender and a Turbo-compressor powered 2926 whistle.**

Nate Phillip's wife is a member of the ABQ Quilt Guild that donates quilts to nonprofits for their fundraising. The available quilts are on exhibit at these library Los Griegos 1000 Griegos Rd NW, Main Library 501 Copper, Cherry Hills 6901 Barstow NE, Tony Hiillerman 8205 Apache NE, North Valley 7704B 2nd Street NW, Placitas Community Library Hwy 165 Placitas, Bernalillo Branch 124 Calle Malinche. She also has 3-4 at home kept in reserve that may also be appropriate for our needs. They need to be photographed so a selection can be made.

Contact has been made with Ken Carson the owner of the NEXUS Brewery to discuss a PULL A PINT program that would financially benefit both entities. This brew pub also offers a full menu of unique dishes in addition a full slate of beers.

[A suggestion from Ben Jankowski (member) Oyster Bay NY]

Jim Van Drunen is working on a storyline that integrates the heritage of #2926 in to present day BNSF. When it is complete we could offer it to BNSF PR for consideration. [Do something for them, rather than just asking them for money]

I have been communicating with Jim Porterfield Director, Center for Railway Tourism Davis Elkins Collage, about his students in Railway Heritage Practicum and internships at #2926. They would help us with effective social media advertising, business planning and a comprehensive business strategy.

The committee is considering the use of a developing fundraising 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**

An additional estimate for site relocation to the Rail-yards for \$9,620.10 was obtained from Duke City Transfer. They recently confirmed their interest in the task.

Doyle Caton and John Spargo went to the Nat'l Train Day planning meeting for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 pm. They are expecting our tender again this year. Amtrak is bringing in their heritage engines. They'd also like us to bring our whistle. We will all be in one place near our tender this year. Next planning meeting will be 4/24 at 2 pm. Jon Spargo will be taking his model train.

Bob DeGroft brought up that we need to get our insurance issues worked out now and not wait too long.

Dr. Mike brought up the fact we are having special guests from NMDOT on 3/18 at 2 pm. We will make sure everyone knows about it through TW3 for the special work session that is planned.

Raffle Volunteer is needed for our upcoming open house in September. We have a quilt and a rug/throw to raffle. Someone needs to volunteer to take on the raffle details so we don't wait until the last minute to get this done. A good photo of the two items should be taken. It's possible we could raffle the rug/throw for Nat'l Train Day since it's a BNSF item.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013** at 9 am.

Submitted by Gail Kirby,  
Secretary NMSLRHS