

General Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2013 8:30 AM

Location: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Introductions: Dr Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report-- Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, September 14, 2013	\$65,874.59	
+ Deposits	\$5,654.80	Checking
	\$3.49	Savings
- Expenses	\$22,304.28	
= Total Cash Assets, October 12, 2013	\$49,228.60	

CSO Report--Jon Spargo

- New Member Safety Orientation on Saturday, October 19th, beginning promptly at 0900 in the reefer conference area. As a result of the open house we are expecting several new members.
- Safety matter related to our boiler welders. When stay bolts are finished welders will be moving inside the firebox, smoke box and the main part of the boiler between the flue sheets. We have to be prepared for operations inside confined spaces and be prepared for confined space rescue
- John Cekala and Bill McSweeney are preparing refresher-training courses for both horizontal and vertical confined space rescue. These could be given as early as November. All members previously trained must take this as a refresher. We could use even more members to be trained since this welding represents the big push to finish the boiler. We need to be sure that there are always enough (4 required) trained rescuers on site during confined space welding operations. If there are not enough then the welding operation must stop and the welders must exit the confined space.
- We will keep you posted on the training dates

CMO Report—Bob DeGroft (and Rick Kirby)

Bob, from Rick Kirby's report

- Thanks to everyone who worked so hard during the weeks leading up to the open house. Over and over again I received comments regarding our progress from last year. The many extra displays were also a great asset to the site. (The duplex machine, Jon's display of the 2926 and the working dynamo run by John C.) Special thanks to the spouses for helping us also. Couldn't have done it without them! We also had many out of town members that made a special trip to spend time with us on that day.

- Special thanks to Gayle VH for getting the cab lettering done on time. Also to our metal fabricating team for the work they have done on the stolen cab brackets. They have saved the Society several thousand dollars by not having to make molds and cast them. Great job guys!
- Many hours have been spent since spring cleaning and painting the engine and piping. Having so many things painted black had a dramatic effect on the open house visitors. Thanks to all those going home with crud and paint on various body parts. All of you have spent many hours in the hot sun and I hope the dedication continues into the winter months
- You wouldn't think that the Government shutdown would affect our restoration but it has. Since no trains are running to the Grand Canyon, Sam has had to furlough much of his manpower in William. Thus our crosshead work has also been suspended. Sam also informed me they are having a problem tinning the crossheads. They will investigate that when work resumes.
- We expect the Welch welders back on site November 1st which is a Friday. We will need to have a few folks on site to assist as needed. In the meantime more flexi staybolt grinding will continue.

From Bob

- Monday Oct 14 scheduled for Boiler Washout. Asked for show of hands—seven volunteers. Dr Mike to bring burritos.
- Staybolt sleeve preparation for Welch Welders: four welders coming, Nov 1. Each can do about 10 welds/day.
- Large staybolt sleeves have arrived
- Ken Dusenberry asked that we make sure all pipes are clean before reinstalling
- We need to apply stellite to steam pilot valve. Extremely hard, wear resistant material, applied to steel by welder
- Rods are showing rust spots—must be cleaned and covered
- Bronze bushings for Walschaert valve gear are all within specified dimensions. Measured by Ron Taylor.
- Chafing Plate for Radial Buffer. Based on surface tests, Ken Eckelmeyer, Ron Taylor and Frank Gerstle determined that a 1030 steel has the weldability needed to fabricate the plate and sufficient hardness to withstand in-service wear.

Plans & Fundraising Report--Ed Kibel

- Contacted Bill Lee, President, Gallup Chamber of Commerce and current President of Tourism Association of NM (TANM)
- Contacted Mary Lee, Director of Balloon Museum Foundation for the purpose of combined future promotions.
- Bill Perka, Director of Professional Services for Nikon Corp. met with Doyle Caton. Short-term plan is to bring a group of tech reps for Nikon to take photos of 2926. In return provide promotional service to NMSL&RHS

- Open House--Dr Mike said we had 1,075 visitors, netted over \$4,000 for the treasury. Next year's will be on September 27, which is printed on our 2014 calendars.

New Business

- 600 Christmas cards have been received. Dr Mike and Lida are handling the addressing.
- Nate Phillips described and Aquatic/Robotic Competition that could net some funds for the Society. We will ask Gail Kirby to distributed the announcement.
- Pete Adair has gotten a quote on a nice looking jacket with embroidered logo, insignia, and name. Cost is \$125. Must have minimum order of 10 to get this price. Pete will need name and size to complete order.
- Frank Gerstle suggested that members pick up a few rack cards and ask permission to place them in the public announcement racks of city libraries.

Meeting Adjourned - Next meeting will be **Saturday November 9, 2013, 8:00am**

Submitted by
Frank Gerstle, for Gail Kirby
Secretary NMSL&RHS