

General Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2015

Meeting Call to Order - Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report - by Ernie Robart for John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, March 7, 2015	\$66,442.39
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$ 8,651.04
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 8,545.50
Total Cash Assets, April 4, 2015	\$66,547.93

Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash

Funds for welding flues & tubes: \$25,000 - Expense \$0 - Balance \$25,000

- Will be paying Welch's hopefully this week thus will result in \$0 balance.

The Treasurer's report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

The next New Member Safety Orientation was held on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Reefer Conference Center.

The confined space entry with Welch's went pretty well with only one glitch when it was discovered that their air compressor was sucking in carbon monoxide from the compressor's exhaust stack. Welch's changed the exhaust stack and the problem went away. It also proved that their gas monitors worked well.

We also improved the ventilation through the boiler for them while they were working in the fire box. They told Jon they could tell the instant that he switched on the fan!

Our next confined space exercise will be when we start welding in the new flexible stay bolts. No time table for that yet.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

The word from Bob K. is the third sets of springs are out for analysis, so in about three weeks they will be back in the test stand.

Rick is awaiting the return of our two "better" torque wrenches to continue the staybolt plug project. He has searched for a torque value, but none exist. Rick decided to start at 150 # but it felt light where the wrench clicked prompted me to question its accuracy.

Bob DeGroft has been researching the parts we need for the brake system. They are automatic spitter, filters and a brake pipe flow meter. All of them can be added to the sponsorship list online.

It appears we will be doing the firebrick the conventional method. Welch's bid was far beyond what we have projected. We need to get some pricing for these bricks and put those bricks on the sponsorship list as well. We still have some big ticket items so we need to get some cash rolling in.

Our dynamo, we had to rewind the coils and the wires are hard to find. We need about 10-20# of it. We've found some in town.

Rick wanted to remind everyone that the hot weather is coming and to wear lots of sunscreen and put it on throughout the day along with hydrating your bodies.

Bob DeGroft added that we've ordered steam oils. Jon reminded him we need the MSDS for the oils.

Community Liaison Report - Dr. Mike sent Steve Bradford out to breakfast with the Tin Lizzies and they will be here to tour our site once again today. No Community Liaison Report from Steve, but he's been busy!

Fundraising - Dr. Mike Hartshorne

We have three grants out and they are NRHS, ABQ Community Foundation and BNSF.

We will be hearing more about our Crowd Funding in the future. We have a committee of Dr. Mike, Rich and Linda Bugge and the Van Drunen's. We will broadcast it on our website, Facebook and all emails we have once it goes live. Still in the works, so stay tuned.

Board of Director's Election - Frank Gerstle

We have seven (7) elected members with staggered terms. There are two openings for this year and they are Dave Van De Valde and Rick Kirby. Each Family Membership has one vote; Individual and Lifetime as well have one vote. We have an Election Committee of Frank Gerstle, Chairman, Doyle Caton, Nate Phillips and Gail Kirby to make sure they are members that have voted.

We announce the openings in April 2015 and the nominations must be in by May 9th to qualify. If we don't have more than the two nominees running then there is no election in July per our current By-laws. They will have a three year term.

AAPRCO Site Visit & Lunch (April 18, 2015)

Dr. Mike and Frank Gerstle brought everyone up to date on this important visit from our friends who own Private Passenger Rail Cars. There will be a BBQ lunch for them and our volunteers at noon that day. Frank went over the particulars about drivers and greeters.

Bob DeGroft noted that we have several important guests from various state and other cities included in this visit. One is Secretary of Tourism Rebecca Latham and her staff. Also coming are Lavinia Frenzie and Tim Hagaman from the Las Vegas, NM area. Also coming is Ed Pulcifer from NM Hospitality formerly NM Tourism which have merged together.

Announcements - Dr. Mike Hartshorne

We received an email regarding a "Litigation in Topeka" that apparently we were involved in and Dr. Mike called the young man we received the email from and put him at rest that we do not have anything to do with this litigation.

Frank Gerstle wanted to let everyone know about the Smith's Reward Program for non-profit organizations. He has sent in our application and will let us know when we can start giving to our cause. No one will lose their points for gas or groceries by doing this.

Gail Kirby brought up another program we're a part of and that's Amazon Smile. One of our members signed us up for this program and anyone that purchases something through Amazon they can give a small portion to our organization as well.

Others brought up Albertson's has a similar program and Anthony Padilla will check on getting that going for us.

Reminder that our summer hours start May 2, 2015 at 7:30 AM and our visitors should plan to come to the site from around 8:00 AM until about 2:00 PM or call us in case of inclement weather such as rain or heat as we will sometimes close early.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - May 9, 2015 at 7:30 AM

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS