

General Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2015

Meeting Held at Golden Corral at 7:30 AM in conjunction with our Annual Safety Refresher Class

- ❖ Dr. Mike called our General Meeting to order
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report** - by Dr. Mike for Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of December 6, 2014	\$83,508.71
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$19,213.07
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 3,531.65
Total Cash Assets, January 3, 2015	\$99,190.13

Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash

TRAINS Magazine Grant for 26L Brake Stand \$10,000, Expensed - \$0
NMSL & RHS Donations for Brake Shoes - \$10,000, Expensed - \$0
Dailey Foundation Grant - Brake Sub System - \$7500, Expensed - \$0

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

- ❖ **Fundraising Report** - by Dr. Mike

With the Christmas card promo we've done very well. We spent approximately \$1138 for the cards and thanks to Gayle Van Horn for the card photo. Dr. Mike has sent about \$23,000 +/- in Thank You notes over \$50.

- ❖ **CSO Report** - by Jon Spargo

Today is our Annual Safety Refresher Course held at the Golden Corral at 5207 San Mateo Blvd. This of course is a breakfast buffet meeting that will include the general membership meeting for January.

Members are reminded that if they had their new member orientation during the last quarter of 2014, they are excused from the annual refresher training.

The make-up session for the annual refresher will be held February 14th at 9 AM after the General Membership meeting on the site.

- ❖ **CMO Report** - by Rick Kirby/Bob DeGroft

Neither Bob nor Rick has made any progress on brake stand component bids and maybe we'll get some activity since the holidays are over. Rick sent a note to Jim Wrinn to see if he could bring some pressure on someone in the industry.

Rick received a communication from Dave Legge regarding the tooling for the tube rolling. He says he isn't familiar with the procering portion of the tube rolling and suggested two companies that wemight contact. Rick plans to speak

with Welch's on Monday and see what equipment he has, if any, and provide him with these two contacts.

Rick would like to make a motion that we accept Welch's bid and advised them to generate a contract. The other two bids we received were considerably higher. There will be a contract for when they start and finish and a completion date included.

An update regarding the donated dynamo is that ABQ Generator says it is in much better condition than the other two we brought in. They'll know more once it has been steam cleaned and all the components are tested. Due to the partial erosion of the turbine I would like to have it professionally balanced prior to final assembly.

Welding on the steam shuttle valve slide is complete. It doesn't take long for Ron to smooth them out then he can take final measurements for the finishing cuts. When he is done, assembly of the remaining timing parts can be done.

We plan to begin precutting the flue tubes to Welch's requested length. Apparently they have a cutter they routinely cut these tubes to length in place. The cutting table is complete so cuts can start today.

Last General meeting Rick spoke about the Railcar Passenger Car Association Convention that Sam Lanter strongly suggested we get involved with and go to the conventions. Later this month it's in Reno, NV. Dave V. and his wife has agreed to go along with myself and Gail. One advantage is their certification class to rebuild brake components. Also Rust Bullet has asked for us to speak during their time at a seminar and tell about our history. They have lots of photos from our website.

Safety valves are in LA with Bob K. New springs and the spring buttons are being machined from 17-4 then hardened. Sometime soon all three valves go to the shop for machining then pressure set.

Bob D. reports we also received 90 pieces of hardened bushings and pins along with a reamer. The trailing truck shoes are in.

Since we can now start cutting the tubes we need to stay ahead of Welch's so we need about four people every day once this is started.

❖ **Site Security** - by Ron Taylor

Laser monitoring system is in place and if it's blocked they are useless. 2' inside of the fence belongs to the lasers. Be aware of what you put by fences or in front of the lasers.

❖ **Announcements**

Dave B. asked if he could have a watch cap or knitted cap with all our Logo and info on it. Pete and Dave got together with our merchandiser and they came up with one. Dave showed it to the rest of us and we all thought we'd like to have one. We'll order about 75 or so at \$10 each. Pete will take care of the ordering.

Steve Bradford announced that if anyone wants a presentation to a group of people he's willing to do it as he's got a PowerPoint presentation and will travel. He says to give him at least two weeks advance notice. Dr. Mike also does some from time to time as well.

Dave B. also says he's a member of AAPRCO and they are thinking of coming back here this spring to our site and see our progress since they were here last.

Carlos O. says his superheater crew will be going to three days a week, adding a Monday to their work sessions. Since they all can't be there every Monday Carlos will need others to fill in when needed.

Doyle C. stated that their meeting in Santa Fe with NM Tourism went very well with Linda B. and Julie T. in tow. There will be more on that later.

❖ **Next Meeting** - February 14, 2015 at 8:30 AM

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS