

General Minutes - June 13, 2015

Call to Order - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne at 7:30 AM, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

CSO Report - by Dr. Mike in Jon Spargo's absence

There were no new member orientations during the past month. None are scheduled for the foreseeable future.

There is one item we would like to bring to everyone's attention. Lately it seems that there are an increasing number of extension cords and air lines being used on the engine. These are lying on the ground and present a tripping hazard. Furthermore there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm about picking them up and returning them to storage after use.

If you must use an extension cord or compressed air line please make sure to do the following:

- Lay them in as straight a line as possible taking care not to have coils or loops where other people walk.
- Mark them with orange cones as a warning to others.
- Pick them up and store them properly as soon as you are finished using them.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

There have been several things going on behind the scenes of which Rick will touch on lightly.

Our friends, Jim Van Drunen, Rich & Linda Bugge and Dr. Mike have been working on the GoFundMe project. It will have an opening statement plus a short video of our project. We're hoping to receive enough funds to erect a shelter for the engine and tender. The roll out date is yet to be decided. When it does we need everyone to send out an email to everyone on your list informing them of our funding campaign.

Jim has also found a friendly ear in regards to radio equipment. The prospect is promising and once the deal is done I'll provide more details.

Also as a result of the Reno trip spare 26L brake parts will be donated to us along with an end of train cab box. Rick should have more details next month on both of these topics.

Since we are speaking of Reno, the Railroad Passenger Car Association Conference coordinator has requested that we host a conference in 2018. As you can see these things are slated several years in advance. Dr. Mike and Rick will draft a response in the coming days. One of their members says he and his wife will do the heavy lifting for us.

The safety valves are still being tweaked. The spring issue has been resolved but the buttons are very sensitive as to their thickness. Bob K. says just a few thousands of an inch make a big difference. He says he has turned to a CNC machine to make them right. He isn't pleased with the valve company who originally made the buttons.

We asked members if they'd like to work on July 4th this year since it's a Saturday. Most would like to stay home with family and friends. Dr. Mike will open site for visitors and any workers.

Community Liaison Report - by Dr. Mike in Steve Bradford's absence

1: **11 April:** The Tin Lizzies (a Model T car group) had a site tour after their 0900 breakfast. I attended their meeting gave a short overview talk for those not going to the site. About 20 people visited the site.

2. **15 April:** 1030-1115 a presentation for the Palo Duro Senior Center about 20 attendees.

3. **17-18 April:** Visit by AAPROC with a BBQ at the site on the 18th

4. **25-26 April:** Belen Model RR Club train show at the Air Park south of Los Lunas. I took a table of stuff to sell. Marty was a big help and did the show on Sunday. May several hundred \$ in sales.

5. **7-9 May** NM Historical Society. Our friend Janet Saiers is currently president. The main conference was 8-9 May, but the Thursday afternoon registration period included a NM Rail Heritage forum managed by Fred Freedman. I made a presentation on the restoration. Saturday afternoon some of the attendees visited the site. Steve registered the Society as a member of the NM Historical Society.

6. **20 May:** Oasis Lifelong Learning site visit; about 20 people. It was a follow-up to the April Oasis Lifelong Learning "course" presentation.

23 May: Golden Spike Train Show. Steve did not sign us up for this as it seemed like the value would not be worth the effort.

27 May: Site visit by the Palo Duro Senior Center by about 215-20 folks. Originally was scheduled for 22 Apr but had to be slipped to 20 May.

Coming Up:

13 June: WHEELS Museum Fundraiser at the Belen Harvey House. Tickets are \$100. Price includes Rail Runner from ABQ-Belen and return, catered meal, entertainment etc.

20 June: NM Corvette Assoc. - Site visit at 1000-1030.

27 June: Site visit by Rio Rancho Calvary Church Men 1030 about 20-30 folks. POC is Montie Avery (montiewavery@gmail.com; 994 4883 and 321 3965)

5 Aug Toy Train Convention in Albuquerque with a site visit. POC is Jon Spargo.

12 Aug: Site visit by Jesus Cuellar Child Development Center at about 10:30. There will be about 30-35 people. Contact info 818-1037. Some Society member needs to be the POC for this as I will probably not be here then.

22 Aug: TTOA Train Show in Socorro. Do we want to support a table and selling opportunity? POC is Jon Spargo.

Dr. Mike reports that he will be speaking at the Rough Rider's Las Vegas Museum on Saturday, June 27th. He did this last year as well.

Steve reports he will be out for a few months.

Treasurer's Report - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne in Ernie Robart's absence

Total Cash Assets, May 2, 2015	\$47334.57
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$ 5197.03
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 8839.68
Total Cash Assets, June 6, 2015	\$43691.92

Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash

No Grants or encumbered projects pending	\$0.00
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The Treasurer's report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

Fundraiser's Report – by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

1. BNSF Foundation Grant (\$25K requested for flue install expense) Submitted and now pending second reminder from Chuck Mangold.
2. John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. Authors Hartshorne and Mangold. \$50K requested for completion of restoration. Electronic submission prepared pending insertion of final 2014 audit numbers. Deadline 1 July 15.
3. GoFundMe Engine House project. Authors: Ron Taylor, Jim and Debbie Van Drunen, Rich and Linda Bugge, Teddy Baker, Al Leffler. Promotion video currently being refined by Van Drunen's. GoFundMe test site established by Rich Bugge. Facebook page launch by Clem Harris prepared. Target launch date not yet established. Need: Prepared website home page with ice on locomotive picture and with obvious link to GoFundMe website. Need: Email broadcast announcement to coincide with launch date.
4. Smith's Reward card charity registration. Accomplished by Frank Gerstle in May 2015. Need: Email broadcast of how to sign up. Need: Add this to "How to Support" on the website.
5. Amazon Smile. Started by Timothy Gay. Finished by Mike Hartshorne May 27, 2015 and pending acceptance by Amazon Smile. Need: Email broadcast of how to sign up. (Note: There is a restriction about "advertising" this source of support. In New Mexico, and many other States, a message exclusively about using Amazon Smile to support an organization is prohibited. However, it more than one way to support an organization then the message is NOT EXCLUSIVELY about Amazon Smile.) Need: Add this to "How to Support" on the website.
6. Albertson's Community Partners Program Author: Mike Hartshorne. Application 5-31-15. Anticipate 2-8 weeks or more of processing time to get 50 key tags issued. See FAQ page attached. Will need: Add this to "How to Support" on the website.
7. Website parts sponsorship funding: 6 of 30 \$300 flexible staybolts "sold" and 10 out of 17 links on Walschaert's valve gear "sold". Three safety valves (\$1200ea) "sold". Need: More stuff to sell (list pending)!
8. Chuck Mangold's letter of intent to the Albuquerque Community Foundation was accepted. He will complete and submit the application on or about June 21 asking for \$5,000 to buy refractories and subsidize a visit by Bob Kittel to install the firebox brick.

Dr. Mike also reports that our audit has been completed as of 6/12/15.

If anyone knows of any fundraising efforts we can sign up for please let us know.

Board of Director's Election 2015 - by Frank Gerstle, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

As stated in our by-laws, when the number of nominees equals the number of vacancies the chair of the Nominating Committee may omit written ballot process for the year. This is the case this year with the only names of Rick Kirby and Dave Van De Valde. Elections of the Board will take place after the next General Annual Meeting, July 11, 2015.

Announcements/New Business

Frank Gerstle reported the reason there was no water in the eye wash station was the BIA has a water leak in their building and it was turned off in order to repair. They will try to notify us if that ever happens again. Also the GSA is going to a web-based billing system.

Carlos O. wanted to announce that they were on the next to the last superheater and they should be done by next Wednesday, 6/17/15. Great news and great job to that crew!

Next Meeting (Annual) - July 11, 2013 at 7:30 AM, 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL & RHS