

General Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2016

Call to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, February 6, 2016	\$110,338.09
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$116,469.13
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 7,765.41
Total Cash Assets, March 5, 2016	\$108,704.72

Engine House Campaign: \$65911.04: Expense \$0: Balance: \$65911.04

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

Safety Officer's Report - Jon Spargo

On February 20 the second of the annual safety review sessions was held. There were three attendees. On February 27 a new member orientation was held. Total attendance was 14. 13 were new members and one was a makeup after missing both annual safety review sessions. New members include: Bonnie Miller, Marcia Baynes, Ricky Chambers, Jim Andersen, Dale McCan, Glenn Schoenbach, Charles Christenson, Jeffrey Stebbins, Carlos Llamas, Ron Olsberg, Judson Swallow, Dave Rakestraw and Marcus Price.

We have also mailed out packages containing the annual review materials (3 DVDs) to all of our out of state members.

Next up we will begin work on the Operational Safety Plan as required by the NM State Dept. of Transportation.

CMO Report – Bob DeGroft in Rick Kirby's Absence

First of all the safety valves are finished and are waiting to be set to the proper pressures.

Rick says Bob will be sure to report more on the Engine House, but we will start the first phase of demo next Wednesday. Rick expects the remaining prep work will continue today.

Rick has ordered copper piping to fabricate new seals for the washout plugs. It should arrive by next Wednesday.

As most of you know Rick is on his way to accompany Justin S. to inspect what may become our crew car. It currently has sleeping quarters and bathrooms at each end. It is a 1942 Santa Fe car which has been deemed excess inventory by the Monticello RR Museum.

Thanks go out to Chip K. for donating the credit miles which purchased Rick's airline ticket.

This is our last week on regular time so remember to set your clocks forward one hour tonight. However, summer hours aren't yet to begin until sometime next month or first of May. We want to make sure the morning temps are adequate for work.

Randy has found a casting company which will be fabricating the new cover for the foam meter. Randy may also want to report on the progress of the cab windows. (Randy was absent from the meeting)

Bob added that the prototype brake shoe is being sent to Rick's address to make sure it will fit our driver's.

Bob also found Anglim's Western Metal Works that might possibly be interested in making out jacketing. They aren't really a sheet metal company but are very interested and will come by our project to see just what we need.

Engine House – Bob DeGroft

Our engine house plans are on track and we thank all that have donated to date. We are in the process of putting together our final engineering drawings and we've received a generous donation from our anonymous donor to match what we've received. We thank all our donors who have helped with this project. Our demo will start Wednesday to remove an old loading dock.

Community Liaison Report – Steve Bradford

Concluded since last report:

1. 10 Feb: Site Visit by ACVB volunteers. Organized by Doyle.
2. 18 February Presentation: Assisted Mike and Frank with a presentation to Frank's neighborhood association.
3. 21 Feb Presentation: Presentation to the Albuquerque Historical Society. Their projector was inoperative, so did an hour with no slides in an interactive, "town Hall" kind of format. About 40 attendees. Janet Saiers wants to do it again, as soon as she can work it into the schedule, but with slides. Lesson learned: always have a back-up projector.
4. 10 March Meeting: Lunch with Jen Schroer and Doyle. Doyle set it up.

Coming Up:

1. 16 Mar Meeting: Set up a meeting for Bob DeGroft with Bill Woldman who is Sen Udall's Albuquerque Office field rep.
2. 23 M Site Visit: El Dorado Senior Center visit organized by Bernie Brock's wife Dorothy (466-3848). Estimate 10-15 people. Scheduled to arrive about 1000-1030 and will stay until around 1130. Then lunch at the IPCC and WHEELS after lunch. I have an 1130 Kiwanis presentation so will start out at the site with the Brock group, and leave about 1045 to go do the lunch presentation. Will need a docent/escort for this group.

3. 14 April Presentation: Rio Rancho Church of Christ senior men's group. At 7:00 pm. POC is Jim Strait (280-5291)
4. 21 May Golden Spike Train Show. We will have a table from 0900 until about 4:00 pm

Our organization actually received \$150 honorarium from Dr. Mike's presentation at the neighborhood association as a thank you for his time there.

Saturday April 2nd – Space Port America Tour

May 6, 7 – Las Cruces Railroad Days and we will be there as we were last year

May 16, 17, 18 – Governor's Conference in Las Cruces

Nov. 19, 20, 21 will be the Rails Along the Rio Grande Train Show and we will also have a table there and need volunteers to help with that show.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

-Chuck M. has been working on an ABQ Community Fund grant. He's also been working to get another BNSF grant completed.

-Pending is a \$10,000 A. I. Pierce grant.

-Pending is another NRHS grant filed by Dave J.

-We received \$2500 from the Dailey Foundation.

-The Emery Rail Heritage grant will go in April 1.

-Smile.Amazon gets us less than \$100 a quarter.

-We received \$86 in February from someone at United Way.

-Engine house is close and the GoFundMe will come down once the house is up. We might start another one on a crew or tool car.

Toolmeister Vacancy – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Dr. Mike stated that Ed S. felt he could not continue with that responsibility. So if someone is willing to take on that job let Dr. Mike know.

Announcements

Dr. Mike showed us a nicely framed official copy of the House Memorial 100 from our day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on February 16, 2016.

Xcel Energy Program has sent us a \$50 matching employee donation.

Bernie B. would like for someone in the Santa Fe area to take over his responsibility of taking care of the Santa Fe 5030.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – April 9, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m. (Unless we change to summer hours, then the time goes to 7:30 a.m.)

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS