

General Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2016

- Meeting brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

- **Treasurer’s Report** – by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, October 8, 2016	\$161,199.78
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$4,702.29
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$9,983.47
Total Cash Assets, November 5, 2016	\$155,918.60
Less Encumbered Cash (To be moved to Inv. Plus)	\$35,656.50
Free Cash	\$120,262.10

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

As most of you know the boiler was filled and allowed to stand for a week. This boiler could have leaked in any number of several thousand locations.

The unpressurized water test, in my opinion, was successful and encouraging. So in the near future we will perform an unofficial hydro test, and then when it is determined to be successful we will inform the FRA of our intention to perform the required hydro in the presence of FRA representatives.

Frank and Larry have been hard at work on the required Form 4 documents. They have been assisted by numerous individuals and persons normally involved in other activities. They all deserve a great deal of gratitude for their professional perseverance.

Offsite there is much design work going on the electrical systems dealing with the MU, ATS speed indicator equipment, general electrical systems and the anticipated PTS control. This work is headed up by John H. in California who has many years of locomotive controls and Bill R. here at home. Model mockups have been built along with some impressive components.

The double sided boiler pressure gauge has been assembled and it is on its way here with a fresh certification. Albert L. was in charge of this project and made most of the arrangements for its rebuild and the expenses involved. Many thanks go out to him for his dedication along with Dick D. fabricating the internal light components.

Each one of you deserves to be recognized for the work you have done here continually working through situations that seemingly come out of nowhere. Thanks to you, one and all, for your volunteerism and exceptional work and dedication.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

We want to acknowledge that we’ve been doing a lot better with our engine moves. The only area that needs improvement is how to place blue flags. If you are confused the exact instructions for blue flags are on a laminated sheet in the cab of the car mover.

The area of confusion is when the car mover is either connected or disconnected from the engine after pulling it out of the shed. If the car mover remains connected to the engine then blue flags must be put on the front and rear of the car mover and the cab end of the engine. If the car mover is disconnected from the engine then a blue flag must be put on the front of the engine. No blue flag is necessary for the car mover unless it is being worked on.

We have also purchased a new portable gas monitor for permit required confined space entry. It has been fully charged and calibrated and is ready for use. There is also a complete manual available for the portable gas monitor. It is the same model that we borrowed from Welches Boiler Service.

Announcements

Rails Along the Rio Grande Train Show to be at Balloon Fiesta Park next Saturday and we have a table there to sell things. Saturday will be from 9-5 and Sunday 9-4.

Luminaria Special – Ron Taylor

Visit ABQ put us on their website along with the ABQ Convention Center to have a Christmas Eve light tour from 6-10 PM. Lights have been donated and need more. We need blue lights to change out with what we have. Luminarias are to be put on running boards and along rails.

ABQ Trolley people came out to see the locomotive and they want to do a Christmas tour event on December 10th and 11th from 5-9 PM. They will provide concessions for everyone. Three tours a night at least and donations will be made for us.

Luminarias will be made by the Boy Scouts.

We will need everyone that can help the weeks leading up to these events to help put lights on the engine and tender.

Meeting Adjourned – **Next Meeting – December 10, 2016 at 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS