

General Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2017

Call to Order – by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – by John Gibbons

(Revised report from April 1, 2017 report)

Total Cash Assets, March 4, 2017	\$153,413.89
Deposits Checking	\$ 8,419.66
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 9,807.35
*Less Encumbered Cash	\$ 8,450.00
Total Assets April 1, 2017	\$152,026.20

***Board approved for the ATS equipment to be purchased. Board approved up to \$9000, but quotes from Siemen's with coil assembly and cable are \$8,450.00.**

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

While Rick was doing some junkyard welding Wednesday, he was informed a large truck had a delivery. Rick was thinking it was the 85' MU cable ordered several weeks ago. It was unloaded and placed in the engine house. Once Rick was done, he went to check what it was and it was the long sought after ATS pick-up shoe, wiring and brackets.

The MU cable was sent Thursday and the connectors were sent yesterday.

As we look far down the road we are still working to get cost estimates on the work needed to find the procurement of a donated Santa Fe baggage car and a donated tender. Once we get some better figures, we can approach the railroads involved for donated delivery to here.

Rick knows many of you are anxiously awaiting the summer hour schedule. We will begin on the May General Meeting, which is the 13th. The meeting will begin at 7:30 AM sharp. This schedule will stay in effect until further notice.

Today we have six staybolt sleeve plugs to replace then refill the boiler and do another preliminary hydro test.

Bob D. reports we had 1626 volunteer hours on site last month. He is currently off on some badly needed R & R. He should be back in about a week or so.

Rick contacted Mr. Trembly at Amtrak and he agreed to have Jon Clark as our designated inspector for Amtrak.

CSO Report – by Jon Spargo

Since we are now at April 1, I have done a purge of the Authorized Workers List removing all of those who have not seen fit to appear for the Annual Safety Refresher. Even so, some that have taken the training but, so far, have not renewed with their annual contribution for 2017. I left them on the list and will bug them, however, they should not be allowed to work until they pay up.

I also cut back drastically on the number of people that I will be mailing a copy of this year's session for them to view at home. This year the amount of materials I need to mail is large including three DVDs. There were several on my out of state list that I have been sending stuff to each year but they never show up. I view this as a waste of time and will deal with them individually if they complain. In addition, Llamas and Stebbins from the C&T are reviewing blue flag rules as part of their annual rules training. I told them I would accept a note from their training officer stating that they had successfully completed their rules training.

Jon also had some engine move rules reminders to discuss.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

NRHS – Requesting \$5000

Tom E. Dailey Foundation - Requesting \$15,000

ABQ Community Foundation – Requesting \$10,000

Candelaria Fund – Requesting \$10,000

Smith's/Kroger Reward Card – Around \$100 per quarter, so if you are around a Kroger/Smith's store, please sign up to help our organization. It is easy to do.

United Way gives a little less than \$100 a quarter

Smile.Amazon.com a little less than \$100 a quarter, but if you are an Amazon buyer, please sign up to help us or any other charitable organization of your choice through the Smile.Amazon.com program. It is better than nothing to help bring dollars in.

BNSF – We are unsure if we will get any dollars from the foundation as we have not gotten any from them in a couple of year, but Chuck M. is going to try once again.

Board of Director's Election – Frank Gerstle

Three Director Terms Expiring: Dr. Mike Hartshorne, John Gibbons, Don MacCornack

Next term is for July 2017 to July 2020

Election of Board Members:

Open nominations at the April 8 General Meeting

Close nominations and announce nominees at May 13 General Meeting

Announce Vote Results or Member Acclamation at Annual Meeting, July 8

Our bylaws say you must have at least 500 hours to be on the Board or 2/3 majority vote by the Board.

If no others are nominated there will be no election needed. If there are other nominees, at the July general meeting the members will be voting on the nominees.

Frank is the Election Committee Chair as he holds the past President position. Gail will also serve as Secretary.

Announcements

Trains magazine is coming out with our article so order while you can.

Meeting Adjourned – **Next Meeting – May 13, 2017 at 7:30 AM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**