

General Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2017

Meeting was brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, January 7, 2017	\$171,827.36
Deposits Checking	\$ 3,479.02
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 22,899.29
Total Assets February 4, 2017	\$152,407.09

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

First of all, as a result of Frank's persuasive style of negotiating, we have been given permission by the GSA to utilize the track west of our gate. We need this extra track for a future tool car we have been trying to obtain for a few years now. The car is offered as a donation, however it will need trucks rebuilt and inspections. We are awaiting bids from vendors who perform that type of work.

After several weeks of red tape at the city we now have a water meter. There are some rules regarding it so when the time comes Rick will instruct a few of you regarding Albuquerque's regulations.

Ralph Gutierrez is on site today. For those of you who don't recognize that name he was our original FRA Inspector and helped us in many ways. He is now retired.

Bob D. had a few extra items of business to report. The tires for Lurch are in need of replacing and a guy is to show up with one to show us what he's got, but we've not seen him on the site yet. Bob is also in ongoing talks with Siemen's with regards to the ATS pick-up shoe and things are going quite slow there.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

1. Smith's Reward card charity (Kroger) check for 1-12-17, \$94.20
2. Boeing matching grants \$100 Jan 17 (matches \$100 PayPal Benjamin Jones)
3. SmileAmazon.com We get 0.5% of qualified purchases. \$80.47 was the quarterly deposit for Nov 4, 2016.
4. Website parts sponsorship funding – Sold another staybolt (\$300) in 3rd quarter 2016.
5. Facebook promotion by Julie Tiedemann. New Tender Letter sold out.
6. Albuquerque Community Foundation - all funds expended, final report submitted.
7. NRHS. Dave Jenkins. \$4K granted for insulation. Follow up report filed 2-3-17. Dr. Mike will apply for the 2017 grant request.

8. Christmas Cards #750 cards and envelopes printed for 2016. (Cost per card with insert and postage ~\$1.60 – donated expense.) >\$25K received as of Jan 24, 2017
9. Christmas Eve Luminaria at the 2926 and the Christmas 'Piñon Express' trolley Dec 10 & 11 were Experimental Events – several thousand dollars by donations and sales. (\$350 from ABQ Trolley)

The BoD has agreed in principal to a GoFundMe campaign to purchase an Amtrak overhaul, needed upgrades, and if necessary hauling a to-be-donated tool car to our site. We have permission to push it onto the GSA dock track during work sessions and will do the interior work in house. Rick is getting estimates. The devil's in the details if the GFM effort will require another all-out appeal effort.

All future requests should be for operating expenses when possible. This increases flexibility of fund expenditures.

The Emery grant requests have changed since we last applied so next year we'll apply again.

If anyone knows of any people that have some money to donate to a good cause or a good grant process we can go to, please let us know through our website email.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

The Annual Safety Review on January 21, 2017 went very well. Everybody seemed happy with Warren Scholl's presentation. We had a grand total of 65 people attend the session. Compared to last year's Authorized Worker List a total of 59 people missed the first session. Out of that 59, 9 are individuals that live out of state.

The session was recorded by Dave Jenkins and includes the video and the test. Dave has almost finished editing the whole thing together. This means that we could potentially have to accommodate 50 people for the second session! Also, I will have to mail nine copies of the DVD, handout and test to those folks who live out of state.

We would like to schedule the 2nd annual safety review session to take place on February 25 in a location to be determined. We also have a backlog of new members and would like to schedule a new member orientation for March 4, assuming it doesn't interfere with the next Board meeting.

John gave an overview of the GCOR training and Rio Metro (MRCOG) gives the final exam and you have to also pass eye, hearing, drug and medical exams. There will be a couple of lower levels of training to those that will be on the engine crew and crowd and safety crew as well.

Announcements

John Taylor mentioned that the Life Long Learning Presentation will be in the office at a date yet to be determined and then a tour of the site. It will be on a Wednesday and we will get a donation for the presentation and tour.

When the BBC was here in the USA they came to our site and did a story about the 2926 and rail in New Mexico. They also went on to the Grand Canyon and other sites as well. We're trying to get it downloaded onto our website, but there is a link on YouTube that you might be able to see. Not sure if we'll have to get their permission to download it onto our website or not, but we're checking into that as well as a possible DVD of it.

Meeting Adjourned – **Next Meeting, March 11, 2017 at 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS