

General Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2019

Meeting Called to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer’s Report – John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, March 2, 2019	\$209501.91
Total Assets April 6, 2019	\$238196.40
Less Encumbered Cash (Tool Car)	\$ 41033.56
Free Cash	\$193162.84

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

The tool car wheels are set for inspection the week of May 22nd. We should receive an invoice for a down payment.

Things found from last hydro have been leaks most likely caused by various valves and joints not being completely tightened.

The turret was responsible for the biggest majority of those leaks which alarmed the staybolt hammer crew as water worked its way down and into the full drilled staybolts.

We still have some valve packing to look into.

The steam valve to the governors was not closed completely due to a jammed universal joint. Bob D. has a vendor to provide a replacement. A final steam-up would be helpful before the end of the month.

Boiler Inspection – Frank Gerstle

Frank spoke to an ASME/NBIC Board Certified Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspector to learn more about how to interpret the regulations. Frank gave a brief synopsis of their discussion.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

There was a new member class on Saturday, March 16. Had a couple new members.

We are pretty well caught up on the member dues that work on the site.

We’re up to date, thanks to Annie S., with our fire extinguishers. All are in place and ready for service.

We have ordered new safety harnesses and lanyards.

Work is progressing with the updating on our entire Safety Data Sheet files.

Work is still in progress on yard move operations and training. We will soon begin a process to certify volunteers for the various move operations positions such as the Move Director, Lurch Driver and etc. The crew radios have yet to be programmed by BNSF radio guys.

Jon is working on signage for the birthday party along with Susan E. Signage for “hot zone” on rail south of our site will be coming soon.

Board of Director’s Elections – Don MacCornack, Chair for 2019 Elections

Don asked for two volunteers to help count the ballots if we have an election this year. Rick M. and Donna W. volunteered for duty.

Rick K. is running for re-election and one other is vacant. All nominations must be in by the end of April and the nominations are announced in May. If an election transpires then ballots will be emailed or mailed to members in good standing with their memberships and instructions on how to mail in their ballots.

75th Birthday Party – Ruth Koury

Birthday party is May 18th from 10-1. Ruth has managed to get free cakes from two places, free soft serve ice cream machine, free Sno Cone machine, ice cream cones and Warren J. will make the volunteers their own cake if you like.

It’s geared towards kids, they can make their own cards on site, and decorations are in the works for the big gal and the site and Dr. Rock’s Jazz band will be playing the entire time.

We’ve been advertising with all the media. It’s kind of like a mini open house. There will be no vendors, not enough time.

Announcements

Rick wanted to remind everyone that summer hours will begin **May 1st, which is a Wednesday. The General Meetings will start at 7:30 as well on those meeting days.**

Rick M. and John G. went through some of the items Ernie’s wife donated to us. There were three long pieces of narrow gauge rail and Rick M. cut them down to more workable lengths. There’s a locomotive headlight missing a reflector. He’s going to clean it up and get it ready for sale in the store. It’s probably WWII era and it’s an 11 volt.

Rick M. says he’s got t-shirts coming and the denims are here and in short sleeve if you want. He’s ordered more teddy bears as they all sold and some earrings coming in for the ladies.

There’s been a lot of people working behind the scenes on the birthday party and they are much appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned – **Next Meeting May 11th at 7:30 am on site.**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS