

**General Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2019**

**Call to Order** – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

**Treasurer’s Report** – John Gibbons

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| Total Cash Assets, November 2, 2019 | <b>\$244,467.05</b> |
| Total Cash Assets, December 7, 2019 | <b>\$245,614.92</b> |
| *Less Encumbered Cash               | \$ 48,936.17        |
| Free Cash                           | <b>\$196,818.75</b> |

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

**CMO Report** – Rick Kirby

The tool car is back on its trucks. Mark tells Rick he has a few minor things to do before it’s ready to roll. He was able to get two new AE1 tags for free from an undisclosed location and they are programed for our tool car identifier NMSX-3939.

Rick has been trying to find a person at Norfolk Southern regarding the pending move. Zack Hall is a person at Fort Wayne who can tell us who to talk to. Rick did speak with him and he gave him some direction on how to get the move going.

Bob DeGroft has contacted Tamera Noel at BNSF for the same. Might have to get in touch with Rich Wessler. Once Mark tells us it is close for final inspection and brake test, Rick will contact our inspector to arrange travel if necessary. As John mentioned we sent out a check for the bulk of the work for the tool car in the amount of \$32,000, parts and labor. It’s getting close, crew! The car may be able to leave as soon as two to three weeks.

The RPCA Convention will be in here next month. Currently I have 10 names to serve at the check-in table. The headquarters is the Crown Plaza Hotel at University and Menaul. The first day will be busy. Rick will be there talking with Gary Carter, the organizer, as to how many folks will be needed each day. There will be early starts and late endings. Rick plans to rotate people in and out so no one has to be there early or late every day. We could use more names, so if you are interested see Rick after the meeting today. It doesn’t cost to help out.

Anyone who would like to attend the convention can purchase admission for half price. The total is \$125. That gets you in to all the seminars plus any vendor sponsored happy hours.

If it looks like we will have the punch list completed Rick wants to do another steam-up on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) of January. So, all the volunteers involved in the last one be sure to let Rick know if you are available.

**CSO Report – Annie Sanchez in Jon Spargo’s Absence**

We want to thank all of you who volunteered to take the Confined Space Rescue Training. The session was well attended.

Our next training will be for First Aid and CPR. We’ll let you know when and where.

Also, our annual Refresher Safety Training will be held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 0800 at the 412-union hall on the SE corner of Zuni and San Pedro. Keep your eyes on our home page as we will post any changes there. **(This date will be changed due to the RPCA Convention being in ABQ this weekend)**

Finally, the Water Chemistry Lab is complete and fully functional. We want to thank all who helped with the project. The lab is a great asset to our mission.

**Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike Hartshorne**

The Emery Trust has changed their rules where we would not receive another grant for two to three years as we’ve received grants several years in a row.

Christmas cards have gone out and is in full swing.

Long Beards are making us money in the forging area.

RPCA – friends with rail cars will be here and help with money flow in our area. On the 17<sup>th</sup> a tent will be constructed on our site (20’x40’) with heaters for RPCA mechanical classes. Tent will come down the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting – January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the Safety Meeting or will be withdrawn all together depending on time and dates set for the Safety Meeting.**

Submitted by,

*Gail Kirby*

Secretary, NMSL&RHS