

General Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2019

Call to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer’s Report -John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets October 5, 2019	\$249,463.02
Total Assets November 2, 2019	\$244,467.06
Less Encumbered Cash (Tool Car)	\$48,796.17
Free Cash	\$195,670.88

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report – Jon Spargo

The last quarterly new member orientation for 2019 was held on Saturday, October 26. There were 4 attendees. Please join me in welcoming father and son Kevin and Spencer Bob, Graham Bowkett and Les Krumel.

We are happy to report that the 3rd steam up of 2926 went pretty smoothly with only a couple of minor safety issues. We want to thank one and all for helping to make it a safe exercise. FYI our safety program received a thumbs up from Bob Kittel from 3751. A punch list of items to correct has been generated and is being worked through.

John Cekala and Bill McSweeney are working on a confined space rescue training session and should be ready to give the class soon. Please see John or Bill to sign up for the class.

Work is nearly complete on the water chemistry lab in container #7. We wish to thank all who have lent a helping hand to get this project completed. With only a few more things to do to complete the job the chemicals are already climate protected.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

First on the report is that we received the FRA steam-up report citing a successful boiler fire-up with the setting of the safety relief valves.

Rick spoke again with our tool car inspector to clarify whether or not he wanted to see the trucks prior to their installation under the car. He assured me he only needs to check the car once it is ready to roll. He said Mark has been keeping him up to date with drawings and photos of the progress which should be sufficient.

Mark has removed, cleaned and reinstalled the air brake cylinders. These are different from what we are accustomed to in that they use an air bladder to activate the brake linkage.

All other air brake related valves and decelostats have been sent to the air brake shop.

Fundraising Report – Dr. Mike

Mike has recruited Bob M. to help with fundraising and he's working on one now. We appreciate his willingness to help out in this area.

RPCA – January 15-20, there are 10 spots they've allotted us to get a half price for their registration. If you want to participate in that it's around \$110 per person and you need to let Gail know if you want to participate in their seminars, etc. Their tours and dinner are extra. You can go online to register, but Gail needs your name in advance so they know how many of our people will be participating.

Rails Along the Rio Grande – Rick Marsden

He and Marsha will have the two tables set up, one with merchandise and the other with historical items. It's November 23rd and 24th, 9-5 and 9-4 at Balloon Fiesta Park in the Sid Cutter Pavilion. Volunteers are welcome.

Holiday Party for 2926 – Rick Marsden

Since we've not had a get-together in a long time and we've got much to be proud of this year we thought it would be nice to have a holiday get-together for those that live close. It will be on December 8th from 2-5 at Hotel ABQ on Rio Grande St. near Old Town. They have a nice room set up for us and will be decorated for the holiday. It will be a buffet from Garduno's.

It is \$35 each for cash or check (includes everything except a bar tab) and if you need to use credit cards it will be \$36 each to cover the cost of the charge card. We've already had people signing up and if you would like to let Rick M. know you want to come and will send in your check, please make the check out to NMSL&RHS and how many are coming. His email is hdric@verizon.net. All money needs to be in no later than November 30th. Come and enjoy a time to celebrate what's happened in these past 17 years, but especially the past year. All are to be commended!

Announcements

Dave T. – We will have some visitors on site today and one used to run these engines and is 100 years young.

Frank G. – He has completed the Form 19 book for the FRA. Carlos O. actually did 1776 welds on the superheaters. We thanked Carlos for being with us today and for the nice work he did during that time.

Danny R. – Says the reason he hasn't been here in a while is because he's going to leave us, since we don't have too much welding left to do, and go help his wife who advocates for the homeless. He'll still be around if needed, but he wants to help her do this work right now.

John T. – Systems Book on our 2926 Locomotive is available to purchase in the store or through Rick Marsden. If you live out of town there will be a \$5 mailing fee on top of the \$20 for the book.

Tender plaques are all sold (100). No more to be purchased. We thank the "Long Beards" for their work on those items.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - December 14, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m. at the site

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS