

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2006  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** – Ron Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Jerry Hoover, Geoff Brunner, Stan Cronwall, Russ Tanner, Bob Pence, Bill Kohler, Mike Dunn, and Kurt Dietrich. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting were presented to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Bob Pence, seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion Passed.

**Correspondence** – Kurt Dietrich sent thank you letters to the Santa Train donors and to Barry Simcoe for serving on the Board.

**Treasurer's report** – Jerry Hoover reported funds as follows:

\$12,043.20 – Checking

\$8,470.87 – Money Market

\$240.47 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 - Bankcard

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Geoff Brunner, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion passed.

### Old Business and Standing Committee Reports

**Operations** – Russ Tanner stated that the Santa Train went well.

Mike Dunn stated that the trains carried approximately 4,600-4,800 people

throughout the weekend.

A comment was made that a conductor was a no show one of the days. The train crew on hand was able to cover the position.

**Promotions and publicity** – Bob Pence acknowledged the passing of Ron McKimmy. A discussion took place on whether Ron McKimmy's computer records could be obtained. Peter Barton stated that he find out if the records are available.

**Bricks** – Jack Gibson was not present.

3-4 bricks are in, with 31 applications pending order. Peter Barton stated that none of the 2005 brick have been set.

Bill Kohler requested that a brick be purchased for Ron McKimmy. He will check with Ron McKimmy's girlfriend regarding the wording placed on the brick. Bill Kohler also stated that he will also obtain a brick for Caroline Optiz, a volunteer who also passed away recently.

**Upcoming events** – Russ Tanner stated that the Motorcar Training Program will be held May 5th, 6th, & 7th. To date, one person has signed up for the program. Russ Tanner stated that he will take a few applications to Winter Rail.

A discussion took place regarding placing brick applications with the membership renewal letters. Russ Tanner made a motion to continue placing brick application forms with the renewals. Mike Dunn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Symposium** – Frank Ackerman gave an update to the Board. The theme of this years symposium is, "The V&T and beyond". The symposium plans to focus on northern Nevada railroading during the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The committee is negotiating with the Nugget to host the dinner and sessions.

**Fundraising** – No report.

**Membership** – Alice Walker reported that the current number of members stands at 813 including comps.

Ron Allen stated that John Frink is currently doing a spot at a Lake Tahoe radio station, and is requesting that the station be given a comp membership. Bill Kohler made a motion to comp a membership to KOWL/KRLT. Geoff Brunner seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Stan Cronwall presented a report to the Board critiquing the 2005 Membership Drive, and outlined a plan for 2006. The 2006 goal is 1,000 paid members by the December 2006 Board meeting.

A discussion took place on whether the publication, "Railroad History", is appropriate to send as a benefit of membership.

Ron Allen asked if the Friends could gather information regarding other organization's membership drop out rates.

Bob Pence suggested sending an "Exit Poll" document to members who fail to renew.

**Newsletter** – A discussion took place regarding the goals and objective of both the active volunteer newsletter and the Sagebrush Headlight. Ron Allen questioned if the Sagebrush Headlight should be a scholarly journal, or a report on the events taking place at the museum. Geoff Brunner made a motion to table the discussion until Friends members can meet with NSRM staff, and report to the Board at a later date. Bob Pence seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Special Reports** – None

**Museum funding** – A \$960 request was made from Chris Dewitt for expenses to move a passenger car from Sparks to the museum. The car is believed to be 19<sup>th</sup> century, possibly from the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway. Peter Barton believes that the car will be significant addition to the collection. Jerry Hoover asked if the money could come out of the amount budgeted to the NSRM. Peter Barton agreed. A motion was made by Bob Pence to fund the NSRM a not to exceed value of \$1,000 for the movement of the passenger car. Kurt Dietrich seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**Interpretive committee** – No report. Loren Jahn and Barry Simcoe will meet in Spring.

**New Bussiness** – Bob Pence stated that he is waiting to hear back from the individuals sent visiting equipment invitations for the Fourth of July Weekend.

**Board Comments** – None.

**General Comments** – None.

**Adjournment** – Bob Pence made a motion for adjournment. Russ Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt M. Dietrich, Secretary