

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 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** – Ron Allen, Jerry Hoover, Geoff Brunner, Stan Cronwall, Bob Pence, Mike Dunn, and Kurt Dietrich were present. Russ Tanner and Bill Kohler were absent and excused. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the February 2, 2006 meeting were presented to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Bob Pence, seconded by Stan Cronwall. Motion Passed.

**Correspondence** – Kurt Dietrich stated that he received an email from an organization in regards to an event on May 10, 2006 in Promontory, Utah.

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

\$9,085.03 – Checking

\$8,472.47 – Money Market

\$274.15 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 - Bankcard

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bob Pence, seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Motion passed.

### Old Business and Standing Committee Reports

**Operations** – Ron Allen stated that the Nevada State Tourism Commission and the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau were very pleased with yesterday's operations.

**Promotions and Publicity** – Ron Allen stated that there are no promotions at this time.

It was discussed that the Fourth of July Committee is working on a sponsorship campaign to offset the transportation cost of visiting locomotives.

Mike Dunn stated that he will seek a donation of a trailer from his previous employer.

**Bricks** – Ron Allen stated that brick sales are going very well.

Stan Cronwall asked if the increased brick sales were the result of the placement of applications in the renewal letters. Ron Allen stated that he did not know. Stan Cronwall stated that he will encode the applications sent with the renewal letters with an “R”.

**Upcoming Events** – Ron Allen stated that the first steam up will be Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Symposium** – Mike Dunn asked for Kurt Dietrich’s assistance in gaining access to the N-C-O Depot in Reno. Kurt Dietrich agreed to meet with Mike Dunn to discuss this further.

Kurt Dietrich stated that the Symposium Committee should consider having a session on the ReTRAC Project. Frank Ackerman stated that Mike Dunn is working with the Union Pacific Railroad to arrange a tour of the facility.

**Fundraising** – Ron Allen stated that there are no fundraising activities at this time. Bob Pence stated that money is needed for the Fourth of July

**Membership** – Ron Allen reported that the current number of members stands at 825 including comps. Stan Cronwall stated that our membership dropout rate is currently 23%.

A discussion took place over membership exit surveys for non-returning members. Stan Cronwall presented an example survey to the Board.

Stan Cronwall stated that there is a problem with other state museums not accepting our membership card for admission. Ron Allen stated that he brought this issue to Scott Sisco, and is waiting for a response.

Stan Cronwall asked for assistance in staffing the membership tables for the motorcar and steam ups. Ron Allen stated that he will discuss this with Barry Simcoe, Steam Crew Chief.

Kurt Dietrich thanked Stan Cronwall for his membership presentation during the last meeting. Inspired by Stan Cronwall, Kurt Dietrich stated that he successfully obtained a new membership from a co-worker.

**Newsletter** – Frank Ackerman stated that the *Sagebrush Headlight* will be at the

printer within the next couple of days. Ron Allen asked if the newsletter is late. Frank Ackerman stated that the newsletter is 2 weeks late. Ron Allen stated that this is not acceptable, and that the Friends have lost membership over this issue.

**Special Reports** – None.

**Museum Funding** – Ron Allen stated that no funding requests were submitted by the NSRM.

**Interpretive Committee** – Ron Allen stated that he met with Loren Jahn and Barry Simcoe regarding the depot project. Ron Allen stated that the committee accomplished all that it can without further direction from NSRM staff.

**New Business** – Ron Allen stated that Keystone Masonry have installed, without charge, the bricks for a number of years. A discussion took place whether the Board should comp a membership to Keystone Masonry. Kurt Dietrich suggested providing a brick, so that Keystone Masonry has their name attached to the project. Bob Pence made a motion to provide Keystone Masonry with a brick and a family membership. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hoover. Motion passed.

A discussion took place over providing Barry Simcoe access to the Friend's internet site, so that he can update the Steam Crew schedule. Mike Dunn, Geoff Brunner, and Kurt Dietrich agreed to meet with Barry Simcoe to discuss posting options.

Geoff Brunner asked the Board to publish the minutes in the volunteer newsletter. Kurt Dietrich stated that he is uncomfortable allowing the publication of the minutes before approval by the Board. Kurt Dietrich suggested that he email or fax the minutes to all Board members for approval, and then to certify the minutes for publication. Geoff Brunner made a motion to publish the minutes in the volunteer newsletter, upon approval by the Board. Stan Cronwall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Board Comments** – Bob Pence stated that money is needed for the Fourth of July.

**General Comments** – None.

**Adjournment** – Bob Pence made a motion for adjournment. Geoff Brunner seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt M. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kurt M. Dietrich, Secretary