

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2006
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

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

Minutes – Minutes of the October 20, 2006 meeting were approved.

Correspondence – Received a Christmas card from member Tony Stabo.

Treasurer's report – Russ Tanner reported for Jerry Hoover funds as follows:

\$26,283.99 – Checking

\$4,478.30 – Money Market

\$32.38 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 - Bankcard

\$30,794.67 – Total-All Accounts

Motion to accept by Geoff Brunner, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion passed.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Reconvene – Meeting was reconvened at 6:09 PM.

Role Call – Present were Ron Allen, Bill Kohler Mike Dunn, Stan Cronwall, Geoff Brunner, Russ Tanner, and Jerry Barth. Kurt Dietrich and Jerry Hoover were absent and excused. Quorum was established.

Election of Executive Board – Bill Kohler made a motion that the officers from the previous year be retained. Seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion carried.

Officers are: Ron Allen-President, Bill Kohler-Vice President, Kurt Dietrich-Secretary, and Jerry Hoover-Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – Barry Simcoe reported that the operating season was very successful and, more importantly, operated safely with no negative incidents.

Promotions and publicity – Ron Allen reported that publicity for the Thanksgiving and Santa trains was effective and under budget.

Bricks – Lanning Clifford reported that the order forms and certificates are being revised. Ron Allen asked that, at the manufacturers request, brick orders be submitted in blocks of approximately 20.

Upcoming events – No events scheduled.

Symposium – Frank Ackerman reported that the Symposium was profitable and the Nevada Humanities grant money was distributed between a number of speakers. Ron Allen thanked Russ Tanner for donating Symposium fliers.

Finance Committee – Russ Tanner submitted the proposed 2007 Friends Budget. Motion was made by Stan Cronwall that the budget be accepted, seconded by Geoff Brunner. Motion carried.

Fundraising – The \$10,000 Trains Magazine grant was recognized. The grant was given to the Friends for use on the McKeen Car project and the Friends request was selected from 49 applicants.

Membership – Alice Walker has announced her retirement from membership duties due to health concerns. Susan Allen has assumed the job of managing the membership. Susan submitted a report of membership as follows:

Seniors:	210
Individuals:	166

Family:	360
Senior Couple:	230
Sustaining:	64
Contributing:	17
Corporate Regular:	8
Life Time:	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1057

Mike Dunn suggested that a broader student membership be established to attract younger members. Discussion was held on possible plans to attract young people to join.

Stan Cronwall announced that he will submit a comprehensive report and action plan at the next board meeting.

Newsletter – Sagebrush Headlight is at the State Printing office and should be mailed next week.

Museum funding – Request was made from Peter Barton for \$150 to improve the PA system used by the museum. Motion was made by Russ Tanner to approve \$150. Motion died for lack of second. Discussion was held with the conclusion that the Friends should approve more funds for a PA system that would be more versatile. A motion was made by Mike Dunn and seconded by Russ Tanner that up to \$500 be approved for a PA system. Motion carried.

Frank Ackerman suggested that the Friends approve funds to purchase four model locomotives that would enhance the museum's display of motive power used in the State of Nevada. Motion was made by Geoff Brunner to approve \$500 for this purpose, seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Russ Tanner to reimburse Shannon Hodgeman for money spent on the Halloween Train up to \$250, seconded by Geoff Brunner. Motion carried

Interpretive committee – Loren Jahn reported that the Reno Woodchucks are willing to construct depot benches and signage. Loren also reported that the Reno Airport Authority has donated an outhouse that will be transported to the museum.

NEW BUSINESS – Ron Allen announced that Jack Gibson will be retiring from his Santa Train duties and should be recognized for his years of service in this capacity. Ron recommended that Jack be presented with a plaque. Motion was made by Geoff Brunner to order a plaque not to exceed \$100, seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS – None

GENERAL COMMENTS – Chris MacMahan announced that WalMart will be willing to donate oil to the museum for use in the locomotives. Chris will contact Chris deWitt regarding this offer.

Discussion was held regarding the establishment of a members only section of the website.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kohler, Vice President for Kurt Dietrich