

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2007  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Stan Cronwall, Russ Tanner, Jerry Barth, Bill Kohler, Mike Dunn, and Kurt Dietrich. Not present and excused was Jerry Hoover. Not present and unexcused was Geoff Brunner. Quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Russ Tanner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting, seconded by Bill Kohler. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – The Board received a resignation letter from Geoff Brunner and a response letter from Peter Barton. Russ Tanner, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to append the letters to the record. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's report** – Ron Allen reported the treasury funds as follows:

\$11,914.49 – Checking

\$11,480.73 – Money Market

\$24.83 – Pay Pal

\$0.00 – Bankcard

\$23,420.05 – Total All Accounts

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bill Kohler, seconded by Russ Tanner. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Operations** – Barry Simcoe reported that the safety meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.

**Promotions and publicity** – Frank Ackerman stated that the American Legion Convention will be in Reno August 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. 12,000 delegates are expected. Frank approached the Board for \$400 (lowest price bracket) for NSRM advertising in the event brochure. Mike Dunn, seconded by Russ Tanner, made a motion to purchase an advertisement not to exceed \$400.

**Bricks** – Ron Allen stated that Alice Walker had passed away, and asked Lanning Clifford to contact Alice’s family regarding the Friends purchase of a brick. Brian Sheldon (not present) asked the Board how to proceed with the brick sidewalk layout pending the ADA expansion of the restroom facilities. A discussion took place. Bill Kohler, seconded by Russ Tanner, made a motion to start the brick installation at the north end of the sidewalk, and work south to avoid construction unknowns. Motion carried.

**Upcoming events** – Russ Tanner stated that the motorcar training program is sold out (8 participants). Russ also stated that he will be presenting “A Tale of Two Railroads and NSRM” on May 9, 2007, 7:00 PM.

**Symposium** – Frank Ackerman stated that John Mackey will be presenting the Mina Branch program, and that John Signor and Stephen Drew are also lined up as speakers for the October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Symposium. Frank stated that there also may be a V&T hike or bus tour for Sunday’s activities, as well as a shop tour.

**Fundraising** – No report.

**Membership** – Ron Allen reported for Susan Allen as follows (March 29, 2007):

Students:	4
Seniors:	210
Individuals:	176
Family:	351
Senior Couple:	222

Sustaining:	70
Contributing:	16
Corporate Regular:	9
Life Time:	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1059.

Ron Allen stated that the membership is down by 19 from last year.

Stan Cronwall stated that we are out of membership applications, and asked if the enhanced membership levels could be implemented for the next board meeting. A discussion took place. Stan recommended 1,000 applications to be printed to carry the museum through the next meeting. Russ Tanner, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to authorize 1,000 membership applications to be printed (Color pictures on white paper, folded).

Stan Cronwall stated that he is planning to complete the Enhanced Membership program, with a report, by the next Board meeting. Stan stated that he hopes to have the Corporate Membership ready to launch this Fall. Discussion included minting limited edition coins for higher membership levels, and reduced rates for paying for multiple years at once.

**Newsletter** – Frank Ackerman stated that the latest Sagebrush Headlight has been mailed.

**Museum funding** – Chris Dewitt (not present) requested \$200 for the rental of an air compressor. Bill Kohler, seconded by Russ Tanner, made a motion to authorize a not to exceed amount of \$200 for air compressor rental fees.

Chris Dewitt (not present) requested \$200 for the replacement of a stolen barrel pump. Mike Dunn, seconded by Stan Cronwall, made a motion to authorize a not to exceed amount of \$200 for the replacement of a stolen barrel pump.

Frank Ackerman requested \$500 for cataloging software, and \$225 for storage boxes to accession the Cal Akins collection. Frank stated the software currently in use is not appropriate for book collections, and the new software would be compatible with other agencies in the Department of Cultural Affairs. Russ Tanner, seconded by Bill Kohler, made a motion to authorize a not to exceed amount of \$725 for software and storage boxes.

Bill Kohler stated that the current water softener is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. Bill Kohler, seconded by Russ Tanner, made a motion to authorize a not to exceed amount of \$3,000 to replace the obsolete water softener. Mike Dunn suggested using a water softener service in lieu of replacing the equipment. Kurt Dietrich amended the motion to authorize a not to exceed amount of \$3,000 for the most cost effective option to continue the locomotive water softening program. Motion carried.

**Interpretive committee** – Loren Jahn presented a report on the status of the Wabuska Depot. Loren stated that the baggage cart from Sparks Heritage has been painted. The committee is asking for green curtains and other depot fixtures for donation. Loren also stated that this year makes the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the structure.

Barry Simcoe asked for assistance in cleaning locomotives in preparation of the operating season.

**NEW BUSINESS** – A discussion took place regarding the replacement of Geoff Brunner's seat on the Board of Trustees. Kurt Dietrich stated that he reviewed the 2006 election results, and stated that John Schilling was the next runner up. Kurt suggested the Board to appoint John Schilling to serve Geoff Brunner's remaining term until the 2007 election. John Schilling stated that he would accept the appointment. Bill Kohler made a motion, seconded by Stan Cronwall, to appoint John Schilling as a member of the Board of Trustees until the 2007 election. Motion carried.

Ron Allen asked the Secretary to write a letter to the Elks thanking them for their donation of tables. Bill Kohler asked the Secretary to write a letter to Geoff Brunner thanking him for his service. Kurt Dietrich agreed to write the letters.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – None.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** – Frank Ackerman stated that Brian Sheldon completed the exhibit cases for the Kel Aiken Collection.

Jack Greenhalgh, Member, asked the Board of Trustees to ensure that time period appropriate equipment is used for operations on the reconstructed V&TRR. Russ Tanner, seconded by Stan Cronwall, authorized the Secretary to write a letter to the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway expressing the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum's position.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich, Secretary