

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2007
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Ron Allen called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Role Call – Ron Allen, Bill Kohler, Russ Tanner, Mike Dunn, Stan Cronwall, John Schilling, Jerry Barth, and Kurt Dietrich were present. Bill Kohler and Jerry Hoover was absent and excused. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the August 2, 2007 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Stan Cronwall, seconded by Mike Dunn. Motion passed.

Correspondence – No Report.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Allen stated that Jerry Hoover resigned the position of Treasurer. John Schilling has been appointed by the Board to serve as Jerry Hoover's replacement.

Old Business and Standing Committee Reports

Operations – Barry Simcoe, Steam Crew Chief, stated that operations are going well. Barry stated that mechanical problems, fuel costs, and low passenger counts have been a factor. The crews are now monitoring fuel usage each trip.

Promotions and Publicity – Ron Allen stated that the Friends plan to advertize much more in the upcoming year.

Brian Berry inquired about any decision made by the Board to charge passengers for Santa Train. Ron Allen stated no decision has been made, and expressed a desire for Santa Train to remain a free event.

Bricks – Ron Allen stated that due to ADA restroom improvements, installation

of bricks have been temporarily placed on hold. Ron Allen stated that new bricks have been ordered to replace existing damaged bricks.

Upcoming Events – Ron Allen stated that other than Symposium weekend, the next major events are Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Russ Tanner announced that the 5th Annual Motorcar Training Program will be April 18th, 19th, & 20th, of next year.

Symposium – No Report

Fundraising – Ron Allen stated there are no current fundraising campaigns; however we are always seeking grant opportunities. Ron Allen stated that we are currently researching a vehicle donation program and a Scolari's membership card cash back program.

Membership – Ron Allen stated that as of the 1st of the month, there are currently 1,082 members.

Newsletter – Frank Ackerman stated the Sagebrush Headlight is the NSRM publication, and distributed to members as a benefit. Frank Ackerman highlighted the ongoing Eureka articles by Dan Markhoff.

Special Reports – Kurt Dietrich presented a report of accomplishments made by the Friends during the past year.

Museum Funding – No Report.

Interpretive Committee – Loren Jahn stated that the waiting room and office is 80% complete. Loren Jahn continues to seek period furniture, and an outhouse to complement the exterior.

Finance Committee – No Report. Ron Allen stated that is committee is dormant at this time.

Elections – Nancy Humphries presented the results, and stated that the Board may need to modify the bylaws so that the election process is not required if candidates run unopposed. Kurt Dietrich accepted the ballots for archive.

Chris MacMahon was elected for a first term.

Barry Simcoe was elected for a first term.

John Schilling was elected for a first term.

New Business – None.

Board Comments – Kurt Dietrich suggested that the by-laws are in need up updating in light of Nancy Humphries' comments. Ron Allen suggested for the Board to form a committee to bring recommendations forward.

General Comments – Chuck Dargan stated that he made a comment last year to have a public address system in place for the 2007 meeting. Ron Allen stated that the museum is planning to integrate a public address system in a future construction project.

Adjournment – Russ Tanner made a motion for adjournment. Kurt Dietrich seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt M. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Kurt M. Dietrich, Secretary