

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
Carson City, Nevada 89702



Minutes of the April 3, 2008  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Nevada State Railroad Museum  
Carson City, NV

**Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 18:01

**Role Call** – Present were Bill Kohler, Russ Tanner, John Schilling, Jerry Barth, Mike Dunn, Chris MacMahon and Barry Simcoe. Kurt Dietrich and Stan Cronwall were excused. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Bill Kohler presented the minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Russ Tanner, seconded by John Schilling. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – There were no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Schilling presented the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Mike Dunn, seconded by Jerry Barth. The motion passed.

**Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Board Meeting** – Russ Tanner reported no actions were taken by the board since the previous meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee** – Bill Kohler reported the executive committee purchased a grinder for the restoration shop at a cost of \$85.50.

**Brick Committee** – Lanning Clifford reported that 6 bricks had been sold since the February meeting and there were 39 bricks in total waiting to be set.

A motion was made by Russ Tanner that life members receive a complimentary brick to be provided by the Friends with the member's name, the words "Life Member" and the year in which they became a life member. Ron Allen suggested that all current life members be included within this proposal. The motion was amended so that all current life members would receive a brick. Barry Simcoe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Election Committee** – Nancy Humphrey reported the year in which the terms will expire for current board members:

2008 - Kurt Dietrich, Mike Dunn and Russ Tanner  
2009 - Jerry Barth, Stan Cronwall and Bill Kohler  
2010 - Chris MacMahon, John Schilling and Barry Simcoe  
Nancy Humphrey estimated the cost for this year's election to be \$822.00

**Finance Committee** - John Schilling reported the finance committee was currently auditing the finances of the Friends.

**Fund Raising Committee** – Ron Allen reported that he was still working out a deal with Scholari's, which was presented at the February meeting.

**Interpretive Committee** – Loren Jahn reported the committee was waiting for the weather to improve before painting and setting up the WPA Outhouse beside the Wabuska Depot.

Loren Jahn reported the Interpretive Committee and other volunteers would be working on NSRM #8 to include painting to prepare the locomotive for the operating season starting Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing until completion.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported as of March 31, 2008, the following membership levels:

Students:	4
Seniors:	218
Individuals:	164
Family:	354
Senior Couple:	254
Sustaining:	84
Contributing:	14
Corporate Regular:	3
Life Time:	4

Total Membership: 1,099

**Membership Recruitment** – No Report

**Operations - Motorcar** – Russ Tanner reported there were two upcoming motorcar operations for tours. The motorcar training class is full with all 8 slots allotted filled. The training will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe reported the annual safety meeting would be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; all volunteers who wish to participate in operations must attend either meeting. There is a rented train on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Frank Ackerman reported for the May 10<sup>th</sup> steam-up the museum is planning a recreation of the completion of the trans-continental railroad using Virginia and Truckee locomotives #22 “Inyo” and #25 in a static display.

**Promotions and Publicity** – Jim Lohse asked about publishing press releases and flyers for special events. Jim was directed to Frank Ackerman regarding the press releases. Russ Tanner suggested Jim put together a proposal for pamphlets for the Board.

Loren Jahn stated that themed events seemed to draw crowds and the Board and Museum should consider putting more themed events together.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – Frank Ackerman reported that articles were due June 2<sup>nd</sup> for publication.

**Symposium Committee** – Frank Ackerman reported 6 speaker positions had been booked.

**Web Page** – Mike Dunn reported that he had corrected some of the problems with overlapping pictures and text. Ron Allen suggested meeting with Zack Harding to address redesigning the page. Bill Kohler suggested that Mike Dunn hold a meeting to gather input from members of the Friends as to what they would like to see from the web page.

## **OLD BUSINESS – SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**By-Laws Revision Committee** – Russ Tanner reported the committee met with members of the Friends on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss revisions to the by-laws. Ten proposals were made, from which the committee recommends 9 for approval. The Board will vote upon the by-law revisions at the June meeting.

**Membership Dues Review Committee** – This committee was created with Jerry Barth assigned as the committee chair to review the fees associated with membership dues. A report is to be given at the August meeting.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – Nothing to Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – Bill Kohler reported Peter Barton had advised he would be requesting approximately \$1,000.00 in the future for a public address system.

**Upcoming Events** – There will be a recreation of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10<sup>th</sup>; the steam train will be operating May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Other New Business:**

- Peter Barton requested \$350.00 to transport Pete Hanson who is co-authoring a book financed by the Museum about the McKeen Motorcar to Nevada. Barry Simcoe made a motion up to but not to exceed \$400.00 for airline fees, seconded by John Schilling. Motion passed.
- Ron Allen proposed the Board consider placing an advertisement with Certified Distributing in “101 Fun Things to do at Lake Tahoe 2008.” The distribution is published once annually and circulated throughout the greater Reno/Lake Tahoe area. The publication provides tourists with information about activities in the area. Russ Tanner made a motion to spend \$1,840.00 to place an advertisement with Certified Distributing, seconded by Barry Simcoe. The motion passed.
- Ron Allen is to take the trailer designed to transport the handcar to the Department of Motor Vehicles for registration.
- Russ Tanner proposed the Board considered adopting the following Mission Statement:

The Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum supports the operation of the Nevada State Railroad Museum (Carson City) by providing a trust fund to assist with the monetary needs of the museum and by providing volunteers to aid in the operation of the museum’s activities, events and programs.

Russ Tanner made a motion to accept this as the official Friends Mission Statement, seconded by Jerry Barth. Discussion was held about prior mission statements being in existence and the desire to avoid conflict by having multiple mission statements. Barry Simcoe amended Russ Tanner’s motion to state that Russ Tanner research previous mission statements combine and re-write the mission statement and bring it before the Board before publication for approval, seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion approved.

**Board Member Comments** – No Comments made

**General Comments** - No Comments made.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 19:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher MacMahon, for  
Kurt M. Dietrich  
Secretary