

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
Carson City, Nevada 89702



MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2009
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

Role Call – Present were Bill Kohler, Chris MacMahon, Darlene Berry, Ron Allen, Jerry Barth, Barry Simcoe, Stan Cronwall, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused was John Schilling. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Ron Allen, seconded by Stan Cronwall. Motion passed.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Berry, Treasurer, reported funds, March 31, 2009, as follows:

\$18,488.25 – Money Market

\$5,756.29 – Checking

\$597.77 – PayPal

\$0.00 – Bankcard

Darlene stated that the PayPal account will be closed,

Darlene stated that a membership check bounced, and a \$5.00 fee was incurred. Susan Allen emailed the member, and stated that the member will issue another check. Susan stated that she will contact the member regarding recovering the \$5.00 fee.

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – None.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Bill Kohler stated that he is of the understanding that the books are ready for an audit. Barry Simcoe stated that the 2008 tax return is prepared. Ron Allen stated that he has approached several accountants, and many of them are not accepting new clients. Darlene Berry suggested a CPA, and Ron Allen agreed to make the initial contact.

Brick Sales Committee – Lanning Clifford reported that three bricks have been sold. Lanning stated that he had lost his supplier. Brian Sheldon (not present) found a Reno supplier, and recommended that enough bricks be purchased to complete the walk. A discussion took place. Barry Simcoe made a motion to purchase 500 bricks, at \$0.73/brick, and that the executive committee could approve a rate increase, if applicable. Ron Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries presented a cost estimate of \$836.00 for expenses relating to the 2009 election.

Kurt Dietrich suggested exploring the option of an electronic election, such as an online polling, to minimize expenses. Kurt asked Susan Allen how many members currently have an email address of record. Susan stated approximately half of the membership disclosed their email addresses to the Friends. Barry Simcoe stated that the majority of his memberships still use paper ballots. It was agreed by the Board that electronic elections are not appropriate at this time.

Nancy recommended utilizing the Sagebrush Headlight to solicit resumes for elections.

Finance Committee – No report.

Fund Raising Committee – No report.

Interpretive Committee – No report.

Membership Committee – Susan Allen reported as of March 31, 2009, the following membership levels:

Seniors:	222
Individuals:	152
Family:	336
Senior Couple:	234
Sustaining:	72
Contributing:	16

Life Time:	4
Student:	7
Patron	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,045

Membership Fee Committee – No report.

Membership Recruitment Committee – Stan Cronwall stated that the membership is currently 80 down from peak levels. Stan stated that he has received cooperation from the steam train crew for recruitment; however he would like to see more participation from the general membership. Stan recommended adding better value to the three day weekends by inviting vendors, etc.

Ron Allen stated that it is very important to encourage steam train riders to visit the interpretive center, to increase museum attendance levels.

Bill Kohler stated that he will write a message in the newsletter, stating that membership is important, and to encourage participation in recruitment. Bill asked if anyone has suggestions, to let him know.

Operations – Motorcar – Russ Tanner stated that he has sold the remaining seat for the training program in April.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe stated that the safety training class is coming up, and that he will send an email one week prior to both classes. Barry stated that the schedule has been reduced, and is posted online.

Promotions and Publicity – Bill Kohler asked for this position to be filled.

Sagebrush Headlight – Frank Ackerman stated that the next issue will be out the next couple of days. The July edition will have Symposium information, as no separate mailings will be made this year. Frank stated that the Sagebrush is late because Peter Barton wanted to submit an article about the current status of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Symposium Committee – Frank Ackerman stated that speakers have committed, such as, Don Ball, Mark Bassett, Dave Garcia, and Mike Collins. There is current discussion regarding the activity, such as, a McKeen night photo shoot and a Colfax bus excursion.

Website Committee – No report.

Youth Committee – Chris MacMahon stated that no action will be taken until the Nevada Legislature adjourns.

OLD BUSINESS – SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – The Museum requested \$800 to be used for the purchase of a Magnaflux Coil. Ron Allen, seconded by Barry Simcoe, made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$800 for the purchase of a Magnaflux Coil.

C.W. Craven stated that he may be able to find a coil at a better price. Bill Kohler suggested for him to contact Chris DeWitt.

Upcoming Events – None.

Other New Business – None.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – Bill Kohler stated that the Union Pacific No. 844 will be in Sparks, NV. The locomotive will be available for viewing April 16th.

Ron Allen stated that the Inyo may be on display on the V&T RR trackage at Mound House, NV, July 18th.

General Comments – None.

Adjournment – Barry Simcoe made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ron Allen. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary