

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 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, Ron Allen, John Schilling, Barry Simcoe, Stan Cronwall, Peter Barton, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused was Chris MacMahon, Darlene Berry, and Jerry Barth. A quorum was established.

Minutes – Kurt Dietrich presented the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting to the Board. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Ron Allen, seconded by Barry Simcoe. Motion passed.

Correspondence – A letter was received from the Sabin Family expressing interest in making a donation to the Nevada State Railroad Museum. The letter asked for 501c3 information.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting – A request was made by the Museum to approve \$100 for the golden spike reenactment. The funding was approved by the Board; however no action was taken by the Museum.

An amount of \$195 was approved for upholstering the McKean car motorman's seat.

The Board voted to extend a complementary one year membership to the Friends for participants in the "Your Hand is on the Throttle" program.

An amount of \$350 was approved for a concrete motorcar loading pad.

OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Barry Simcoe stated that he had not been able to find time to proceed.

Ron Allen stated that he had not been able to contact a CPA. Peter Barton suggested for Ron to contact another CPA. Ron stated that he will be in contact with Peter.

Brick Sales Committee – Lanning Clifford reported that six bricks have been sold since April, and 23 bricks are ready to be set.

Bill Kohler stated that he found a new engraver.

Lanning stated that he has the brick application forms with the new rate of \$50. Barry asked for the old application forms to be discarded.

Election Committee – Nancy Humphries stated that a \$259 reduction in spending was realized by including the request for resumes in the Sagebrush Headlight. Nancy stated that she will ask for election funding at the August meeting.

Finance Committee – No report.

Fund Raising Committee – No report.

Interpretive Committee – No report.

Membership Committee – Susan Allen (not present) reported as of April 30, 2009, the following membership levels:

Seniors:	219
Individuals:	148
Family:	328
Senior Couple:	226
Sustaining:	73
Contributing:	16
Life Time:	4
Student:	6
Patron	2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1,022

Ron Allen suggested producing a membership pin, and making it available for a small charge. A discussion took place. Ron made a motion to investigate the possibility of providing a pin for a small charge to members. Barry Simcoe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership Fee Committee – No report.

Membership Recruitment Committee – Stan Cronwall stated that Ken Allen did a wonderful job seeking membership during steam train operations.

Operations – Motorcar – Bill Kohler stated that there has been difficulty scheduling motormen. Bill urged the membership to contact the motorcar crew chief if they would like to volunteer for operations.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe stated that there are no issues scheduling crews for steam operations.

Barry anticipates 400 gallons of fuel oil to be received by July 4th from the Reno Airport.

Russ Tanner stated that he wrote an article in the Sagebrush Headlight describing the Your Hand is on the Throttle program. Barry stated that the program is going very well.

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

Sagebrush Headlight – Frank Ackerman stated the next edition will feature a photo illustrated article by Steve Vandenberg. Frank also stated that he is waiting for the President's Message.

Ron Allen asked Frank to contact Dan Markoff concerning future newsletter deadlines.

Symposium Committee – Frank Ackerman stated he has confirmed Brian Norden and Dave Garcia for a topic on through passenger service on the Las Vegas & Tonopah.

Website Committee – Bill Kohler stated that Karen Arendes requested \$108.74 for a back up drive for the Friend's computer. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, made a motion to approve the disbursement. Motion passed.

Mike Dunn requested \$35 for a software upgrade of Expression Web. Ron Allen, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, made a motion to approve the disbursement. Motion passed.

Barry Simcoe stated that Geocities will no longer provide personal websites, and he anticipates problems posting the steam crew call board. Kurt Dietrich stated that he will be able to assist.

Youth Committee – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Funding – Bill Kohler stated that C.W. Craven found a Magnaflux Coil for the Restoration Shop at a significant discount.

Bill stated that Chris DeWitt will be asking for a cylindrical grinder in the near future. Chris anticipates the cost at \$5,000 - \$10,000. Russ Tanner recommends that now is the time to solicit donations for end of year tax deduction considerations. Barry Simcoe, seconded by Ron Allen, made a motion to include the cylindrical grinder in next year's budget. Motion passed.

John Schilling inquired about a credit card deduction program for donations. Ron stated that staffing may be an issue to implement and maintain this type of program. Barry Simcoe advised the Board not to handle credit card numbers for security concerns.

Upcoming Events – Ron Allen asked Peter Barton if any help is needed for the July 4th weekend. A discussion took place. Ron Allen, seconded by Barry Simcoe, made a motion to disburse \$1,000 for two advertisements, to be purchased at the discretion of the Executive Board. Motion passed.

Other New Business – Peter Barton stated that the Division of Museums and History has a 42% budget reduction from the current funding levels, for next fiscal year. Museums will be reduced to a 4 day a week service level. The Nevada State Railroad Museum will operate Friday through Monday, and anticipates 1 layoff in the Restoration Shop. Division wide, there will be a reduction of staff of 33 from the current level of 97.

Frank Ackerman stated that Lara Mather was recently hired into the Museum Attendant position. Lara has a Master's Degree with a Major in Anthropology, and a Minor in Museum Studies. Lara will be overseeing the volunteer program.

Frank asked members not to provide complimentary admissions to friends and family. The recorded museum attendance levels are very important to the State to justify the program.

Frank stated that a proposal was received for the development of a permanent exhibit, and that staff will be recommending approval. A kick off meeting is scheduled for July. The exterior of the Interpretive Center is scheduled to be repainted starting June 18th. In addition, a new electrical service is currently being sought. \$900,000 in improvements is anticipated campus wide.

Peter asked if quarterly payments of \$2,500 could be made, so that contributions from the Friend's could be recorded in the State books.

Board or Trustees Member Comments – None.

General Comments – None.

Adjournment – Barry Simcoe made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kurt Dietrich. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary