

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE 8 AUGUST 2012
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 1808 hours.

Role Call – Present were Ron Allen, Ken Allen, Stan Cronwall, Matt Digangi, Bill Kohler, and Chris MacMahon. Bruce Armbrust, Ralph Elligot and Mark Owens were excused. Quorum was established.

Minutes – Chris MacMahon reported that he was waiting on Bruce Armbrust to submit the Treasurer's Report to finalize the minutes of the June 4, 2012 meeting. Ron Allen asked the approval of the Board to table approval of the minutes until the Treasurer's Report could be included. The Board consented to delay approval to include the Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence – Ron Allen read a letter from Dave Brambley asking that a public announcement seeking candidates be made at the current Board Meeting.

Treasurer's report – The treasurer's report was presented by Bruce Armbrust for the period of 31 May to 31 July 2012.

- The beginning balance was \$1,523.56 with total income of \$10,971.77 amounting to a total of \$12,495.33.
- Total expenditures were \$8,247.47 leaving a remaining balance of \$4,247.86

- The Money Market accumulated \$0.18 in interest and had an ending balance of \$10,993.62

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Stan Cronwall and seconded by Matt Digangi. The motion passed. The report was approved.

Actions of the Executive Committee since previous meeting: No actions taken.

Actions of the Board of Trustees since previous meeting: No actions taken.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Barry Simcoe reported there would be no meetings held until Bruce Armbrust returned from his trip out of state.

Brick Sales Committee – Lanning Clifford reported three bricks had been sold since the June meeting.

Election Committee – At time of meeting, only one member had applied for an open seat on the Board of Trustees. Two open seats remained. Of the open seats, Stan Cronwall is termed out and cannot seek another term; Bruce Armbrust and Ralph Elligot are eligible to seek another term. Ron Allen reminded all present that two weeks remain to submit letters of interest to run for an open position.

Fund Raising Committee – Cristol Greer reported that the cache had raised \$430 over the Independence Day Weekend. Russ Tanner stated that the caches were not on display for sale in the gift shop.

Ron Allen asked Frank Ackerman if he could check on the status of the Friends' vendor status with the state. Ron stated six months had passed since the application had been submitted and the Friends had not yet received a response. Frank stated he would check with the Controller's Office.

Bill Kohler reported he would be looking into group cards that when presented to an establishment donated 15% of purchase to the card's organization.

Interpretive Committee – No Report

Membership Committee – Ron Allen presented the Membership Report on behalf of Susan Allen as of 31 May 2012:

Students:	7
Seniors:	215
Individuals:	118
Family:	293

Senior Couple	274
Sustaining	68
Contributing	19
Patron	4
Lifetime	6
TOTAL	1,003

Ron Allen pointed out that membership was again over one thousand members.

Membership Recruitment Committee – Special recognition was given to Cristol Greer for her exceptional recruitment efforts over the Memorial Day and Independence Day events.

Operations – Motorcar – No report.

Operations – Steam – Barry Simcoe reported that all five days of Independence Day operations ran smoothly.

Barry also reported that all three Labor Day weekend steam-ups and the two October steam-ups currently had Your Hand on the Throttle experiences purchased. Ron Allen asked Frank Ackerman if the museum would be willing to a special operating day for Your Hand on the Throttle customers. Frank said if there were three or more customers he would be willing to hold a special operation for that purpose.

Promotions and Publicity – No Report. Frank Ackerman stated that Lara Mather had prepared a flyer for Santa Train.

Sagebrush Headlight – Frank Ackerman reported that the current issue was in print and should be mailed by the end of the week. Frank also stated that the museum should be hearing back soon from the U.S. Department of the Interior about National Landmark status for the McKeen Car.

Website Committee – Chris MacMahon presented a report on behalf of Karen Arendes outlining the updates that had been made to the webpage since the last board meeting. The report also stated that Karen had also implemented an email blast feature that allowed an email sent out to the volunteers or entire membership base. The blast was free for up to 500 email addresses and cost \$15 per blast for 1,000 or more addresses. Karen also stated she was researching web development software that would allow an individual to update the webpage without coding.

Symposium- The symposium will be held in Ely on 20-23 September. Registration is open.

Youth Program Committee – Chris MacMahon reported that the Carson City Rendezvous was again successful giving over 1,000 handcar rides to the public. Chris also mentioned that Bill Kohler would be hosting a barbeque for youth members later in the month.

Other Old Business – The Western Pacific caboose's new roof was finished and came in at budget. The roofer placed plywood and three layers of roofing. The roofer also donated his four days of labor. Ron Allen stated he would compose a letter thanking him for donating his time.

NEW BUSINESS – Labor Day Weekend is the next big event.

Ron Allen asked the Board to consider determining a policy or set of rules outlining the use of the replica Seacoast Mortar. Ron reported that Jack Eaves of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors had kept the breach after a previous use. Barry Simcoe suggested that a member of the Friends be present any time the mortar is to be used. Ron Allen suggested finding a spot where the mortar could be placed on display. Stan Cronwall suggested a written contract be drafted to outline use. Ron Allen Suggested that Todd Moore may be able to draft such a document. Matt Digangi suggested that the Friends lease the mortar to help raise additional funds. Ron Allen stated the contract could be drafted as a rental agreement. Barry Simcoe suggested that any cost of repairs to damage be included in the contract as well as fines for not returning the mortar when agreed. Ron Allen stated he would talk to Todd Moore about drafting a rental agreement and forward the draft to the Board once it was completed.

BOARD COMMENTS – Bill Kohler mentioned that the Virginia and Truckee Railway was actively marketing and selling tickets for Polar Express, and that it was nearly sold out. Ron Allen stated that the Polar Express brochures mentioned the Santa Train.

GENERAL COMMENTS – No Comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Chris MacMahon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mat Digangi. The meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris MacMahon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris MacMahon, Secretary