

# **FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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## **VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION**

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE December 9th, 2013  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

**Role Call** – Present were Ron Allen, Matt Digangi, Bill Kohler, Larry Knack, Barry Simcoe, Kevin Owens and Mark Owens. Quorum was established. Former member and museum director Frank Ackerman was present. Absent was Daryl Dibatonto. Tardy at 6:10pm was Ken Allen. Also in attendance were Rick Kohler and Loren Jahn.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting were approved. Motion made by Barry Simcoe, second by Bill Kohler; unanimous vote.

**Correspondence** –

None



In 2013 we received \$189.94 but it was taken out on the credit card statement, instead of by check. "This would create an audit nightmare."

Barry Simcoe suggested that there should be an obligation sheet of future reports to show what we owe.

The treasurer's report was passed unanimously; motion made by Matt Digangi and Seconded by Ken Allen.

### Membership Report for December, 2013

Students	2
Seniors	202
Individuals	87
Family	230
Senior Couples	271
Sustaining	83
Contributing	16
Patron	5
Lifetime	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>902</b>
Complementary	37 (Sagebrush Headlight)
	4 (also receive Railroad History Magazine)

### Report of Trustee Activity since the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### -Actions of Executive Committee:

None

#### -Actions of Board

None

## OLD BUSINESS

**-Steam Train Operations:** Berry Simcoe reporting:

Second “Santa Train” weekend is the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this month and will need volunteers to come out the day before to clean the track of ice and snow, particularly in the flange ways at the crossings and at switch points and frogs.

**-Motor Car Operations:** Absent.

**-Bricks** – Friends member Rick Kohler has accepted and taken over as Chairmen of Brick sales. He thanked Susan for getting him started and making it easy for him to take over. He also reported two new orders and announced that he will be sending in six orders for engraving. He has created a spread sheet for tracking information to stay efficient as it is a lengthy process with many steps. Loren Jahn asked if there could be a better way to promote the program. He suggested that signs can be made to promote the program and placed in the cars for patrons to read. The Board and Rick agreed that would be a good idea since it would be free advertisement towards a captive audience.

**-Fund Raising** – None.

**-Interpretative Committee** – Loren Jahn inquired about doing a separate “150” year Cache for the Nevada Sesquicentennial in 2014 with an appropriate image on it.

Bill Kohler exposed the potential problem that the State is also involved in the State’s Sesquicentennial and we may need to get their permission to use that theme for a fund raiser.

Loren also talked about having a poster to commemorate the “Glenbrook’s” coming out weekend.

**-Membership Committee** – It was brought up that we need to start pushing for more memberships. Ideas such as having a manned membership table in the depot during steam ups and for special events like there have been in the past, and posters would be helpful.

**-Website** – None

**-Youth Committee** – None

**-Sagebrush Headlight-** Frank Ackerman reporting: The printing press is two and a half weeks behind schedule, but the next edition should be out soon.

**New Business:** Board member Daryl Dibatonto has not attended the last three meetings and has been removed from the board as the bylaws do not allow for a board member to miss two consecutive meetings unexcused. Barry Simcoe motioned to appoint Rich Kohler to the unexpired term which expires in 2015. Kevin Owens seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to appoint Rick Kohler to the Board. Rick had previously been asked and happily accepts the position.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration: Frank Ackerman reports that the Fourth of July holiday weekend will be an event centered around the “Glenbrook” as it will be the first weekend that the newly restored locomotive will be in operation for the public. Funding for the weekend is still pending. The Friends will make a grant application to the sesquicentennial commission for the event.

**Other New Business-** A 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 event committee is to be assembled.

**GENERAL COMMENTS –** Rick Kohler suggested that we should find a way to promote the “Glenbrook’s” progress.

Loren Jahn reported that Allied Washoe donated three more bags of coal for heating the train, and that they are happy to help us.

**ADJOURNMENT-** 7:19pm

Reconvened: 7:20 pm

**Board Elections-** Ken Allen motioned to keep all board positions the same. Rick Kohler seconded the motion as he did not wish to accept Kevin’s offer of the Secretary position. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Comments-** Rick Kohler expressed that he was “honored to be here.” Ron Allen welcomed him and thanked him for taking over the Brick program. Barry Simcoe seconded the remark and likes Rick’s enthusiasm.

**Adjournment-** 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Owens, Secretary

