

FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330
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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8th, 2014
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

Role Call – Present were Ron Allen, Matt Digangi, Bill Kohler, Larry Knack, Rick Kohler, Ken Allen, Kevin Owens, Barry Simcoe. Absent was Mark Owens. Also in attendance was ex-officio Greg Corbin and Adam Michalski from the staff.

Minutes – Minutes of the October 10th, 2014 were unavailable to review.

Correspondence –

None

Treasurer's report – Larry Knack reported the period of September 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014 funds as follows:

Beginning balance: \$8,972.37

- Income:

○ Donations	\$350.00
○ Membership	\$6,672.04
○ Bricks	\$150.00
○ Total Income	\$7,172.04

- Expenses:

○ Annual Board Meeting Reception	\$750.00
○ Credit card Fees	\$230.00
○ Checking Printing Charges	\$76.99
○ Membership Chairman	\$461.25
○ Membership Postage	\$115.15
○ Membership Printing	\$148.13
○ Misc. Glenbrook Project	\$161.70
○ Maintenance- Turn Table	\$250.00
○ Promotion- Internat'l Railfair	\$90.00
○ Promotion- Winterail	\$75.00
○ Total Expenses	\$2,328.52

Ending balance: **\$13,851.89**

The treasurer's report was passed unanimously; motion made by Bill Kohler and Seconded by Ken Allen. Larry has sent out a letter, upon request of Mark Basset from N.N.R.Y, re-stating the amounts owed to the "Fiends" from the profit share agreements from the 2012 (\$488.02) and 2013 (\$189.84) symposiums.

Membership Report for December, 2014

Students

Seniors

Individuals

Family

Senior Couples

Sustaining

Contributing

Patron

Lifetime 6

Total

Complementary 37 (Sagebrush Headlight)

4 (also receive Railroad History Magazine)

John Hoepfer brought to the board's attention that it is important to have a table set up for membership sales. Having a designated place for patrons to talk to someone about memberships is important because it is a more approachable way for them to interact with current members and have any questions answered. A table like this has been successful in the past however it has been difficult to get a volunteer to work the table in recent years.

Report of Trustee Activity since the Dec 9th meeting

-Actions of Executive Committee:

None

-Actions of Board

None

OLD BUSINESS

-Steam Train Operations: Our biggest event of the year is Santa Train and it is coming up. On Wednesday locomotive #25 will be fired and tested. Mandatory safety meetings are every morning prior to operations. Operations begin at 9:00am.

-Motor Car Operations: Absent.

-Bricks – Rick Kohler reports that there are 3 new sales and that the new letterhead is done.

-Fund Raising – Bill Kohler: The next cache' featuring the "Glenbrook" will finally be released over Memorial Day weekend. This will coincide with the first public appearance of the locomotive. Bill asked Cristol Digangi if Museum supporter Rebecca Bevens will be able to help with fundraising. Cristol replied on Rebecca's behalf that she will be available during the summer months. Over \$1,000.00 worth of raffle prizes have been donated for the Santa Train Raffle. Bill was also assigned to pursue an event where table space can be sold to vendors.

-Interpretative Committee – None

-Website – No report.

-Youth Committee – Cristol Digangi was appointed as the new committee chair. She wants to start a new program where there will be different levels for different age groups so that younger children can participate and be involved. She would also like to re-implicate handcar demonstrations at local schools. This is a very popular activity that educates and excites young children about railroads and the museum.

-Sagebrush Headlight- Adam Michalski reports that member John Hoepfer has been helping to re-design the look of the publication. It will be going to a full color publication and will be published four times a year, up from the current three issues a year. The new format will make it more engaging than it has been in recent years. The format is set to come out in January.

New Business:

Upcoming Events

- Santa Train. Priority ticket will be sold for express boarding. The cost is the same as same day purchase but will allow riders to avoid the ticket sales line. Already over 400 priority tickets have been sold.

Other New Business- New operations schedule is for 2015 is pending administrative approval. The new schedule will including 25 plus steam up days. Greg Corbin worked with Chris deWitt, from the shop to come up with an appropriate steam schedule. Corbin is also working on finding a way to have the museum open one more day during the week using the current staff.

GENERAL COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT- 7:41pm

Motion to adjourn by Matt Digangi and Kevin Owens.

Re-Convened – 7:42pm

Roll Call: Matt Digangi, Bill Kohler, Rick Kohler, Kevin Owens, Barry Simcoe, Ron Allen, Larry Knack, Ken Allen. Excused was Bill Curtis.

Executive Elections:

Secretary: Kevin Owens with Matt Digangi nominates Bill Kohler

Treasurer: Matt Digangi with Ken Allen nominates Larry Knack

Vice President: Bill Kohler with Ken Allen nominates Matt Digangi

President: Matt Digangi with Kevin Owens nominates Barry Simcoe

Since there were only one nominee for each office the persons nominated were elected by acclamation.

Barry Simcoe moves to President from Vice President, assuming the position from Ron Allen

Larry Knack retains his position as Treasurer

Matt Digangi assumes the Vice President position from Barry Simcoe

Bill Kohler assumes the Secretary position from Kevin Owens.

The new officers were installed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Kevin Owens, Secretary