

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

Date: 10 Jul 2010

Subject: Restoration of 2926

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Call to Order: 9:00 AM

OLD BUSINESS:

Call to Order:

President Mike Hartshorne called the July General Membership meeting to order at 9:00 AM on 10 July 2010 at the restoration site. Mike explained to everyone that this meeting was the Annual General Membership Meeting as required by the By-Laws. He also pointed out that the votes for the annual election of new Directors were being counted by an Elections Committee consisting of Frank Gerstle, Doyle Caton and Dave Traudt and that the results would be announced at the end of the meeting. Finally, Mike reported that the Board of Directors (BoD) had just finished meeting for breakfast prior to this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Ernie Robart had previously e-mailed the July Treasurer's Report to the BoD. Ernie reported that the checking account beginning balance on June 12th, 2010 was \$4,501.53 and the ending balance on July 10th was \$4,467.27. Deposits for the period totaled \$2595.26, comprised of a grant from the New Mexico State Department of Tourism, membership donations, sales, and flue sponsorships. Expenses were \$2632.52, the largest of which was \$1149.83 for miscellaneous repair pipe for stock onsite and \$705.58 for shipping for super-heater bands from Strasburg Rail Road. The ending balance in the savings account (including \$0.66 interest) was \$20120.98. There was \$50.00 in petty cash yielding total cash assets of \$24635.25 as of July 10th, 2010.

Ed Strebe moved and Warren Janke seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Safety Officer's Report:

Jon Spargo was out of town and emailed his report prior to the meeting. He reported that on June 19th, a safety orientation was conducted for 5 more members of Local 412 to qualify them to work at our site. The training was conducted at the training center for Local 412. The 412th members receiving training were: Carroll Lowe, John Leyba, Damon Hurst, Robert Trujillo and Peter Romero. Jon reported that he plans to do additional safety training for more members of Local 412. Also, on June 26th he gave an Annual Refresher Safety Review to one member whose safety qualifications had lapsed.

Ken Dusenberry moved and Gail Kirby seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

CMO Report:

Rick Kirby thanked everyone for carrying on he and Gail were at the National Railway Historical Society (NHRS) Convention in Pennsylvania. He and Gail were able to distribute business and rack cards to many attendees and he had a chance to talk with the head of the Grant Committee of NRHS. Rick said this gentleman introduced himself and strongly encouraged the NMSL&RHS to apply for a grant next year and emphasized that membership in the NHRS is not a requirement. The general guidelines are as follows:

- 1) Identify project; no blanket requests
- 2) \$5000 limit
- 3) \$2500 of matching labor and/or volunteer
- 4) The recipients are announced at the convention each year
- 5) I have been considering using the cab as a project

Rick said that after the convention he and Gail drove to Strasburg. There, Chris Zahrt gave them a shop tour then they talked with Kelly Anderson concerning the return bends for the 2926.

- 1) Once approved they will go quickly
- 2) No real advantage in sending a partial shipment
- 3) I expect the sample to arrive next week for approval

In other matters, Rick said that a 20' trailer to transport the SS tubes back to GA is still needed. Also another set of oxy/act bottles preferably the large size is also still needed. He had also spoken with Jon Jones, our Lincoln welder representative, about obtaining another welding machine.

Regarding the frame cracks on 2926, he has consulted with Sam Lanter, the CMO from the Grand Canyon Railroad, about the frame cracks. Sam agrees that we should look into jacking up the rear to remove the roller cam. Grind, preheat before welding and grind smooth the cam area weld.

Rick reported that the Garlock representative, Dan Dalgarno, will be on site today to witness the compressor packing procedure and lend a hand if need be. He may bring his family.

Finally, some of members have in the past wanted a 2926 dress shirt so he had some samples made up and they are available for inspection in the WHQ. He said that he normally wears a Large but in this style a Medium fits fine. The Woman's shirts are the opposite. They run small. The shirt and embroidery is \$55, which includes a small profit for the Society. Write your check to NMSLRHS for the Tax Deduction. Order and pay in advance by the end of the month. There's a sign-up sheet for color and size in the WHQ.

Steve Bradford moved and John Taylor seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Fundraising Committee Report:

Ed Strebe reported that several meetings have taken place concerning a strategy for the October Open House. Andy has been very busy developing another grant application to the state Tourism Department for funds for Open House promotional materials. This after the BoD turned down the first idea of applying for funds for a magazine ad.

Ed said Jon and Doyle have been doing some heavy-duty p.r. work in southern New Mexico this past week leaving rack cards and other material. Doyle has identified the School Superintendent (Ms Moore) in Deming as a person who may have some potential for helping us in both p.r. and in the education field is. She not only is interested in rail history but is a member of the Silver Spike Society. She very possibly could put the Society in contact with some of her curriculum people and help us develop some paths for our locomotive and railroading in general into education.

Finally, the committee discussed the fact that the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (AAPRCO) will be meeting in Pueblo and then touring the area this fall. They will be assembling their train in Abq on Sept. 16th and returning here at the end. The committee feels strongly that the NMSLRHS needs to pursue the idea of inviting them to the site for some kind of a gathering (wine and cheese, both New Mexico?) and acquainting them with us.

Steve Bradford moved and Rick Kirby seconded a motion to accept the report, which was approved by voice vote.

Elections Committee:

Frank Gerstle acting as chair of the Elections Committee reported on the election results. Four people (Travis Atwell, Ken Dusenberry, Bob DeGroft, and Gail Kirby) were running for two positions held by Travis Atwell and Steve Bradford (who did not run again). Gail and Bob received the highest number of votes and are the two new BoD members.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

The next Membership Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on August 12th, 2010 at the restoration site.