

# New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society

General Minutes - June 2011  
NMSLRHS

Date: June 11, 2011

Purpose & Location: General Meeting for Members at 2926 site: 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Old Business: N/A

Introduction: Dr. Mike brought the meeting to order. Visitors today are Michael Gresham, Vista Dome Corporation; owner of several private passenger cars. A few people are to meet with him in the Reefer. Also James Burke, author of "The Iron Horse" Volumes I & II, and former fireman for the 2926, will be here with his wife to tour the site and sign books we have. We also have Colleen Gorman here to sit with Marlin and go over our possible website &/or computer needs.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for May were approved and are on the website for viewing.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets as of 5/14/11	\$43494.03
Total Cash Assets as of 6/11/11	38027.74
Checking Account Balance as of 6/9/11	23316.35
Ending Balance as of 6/11/11	17849.37
Deposits from 6/3/11 - 6/9/11	7571.87
Expenses from 5/14/11 - 6/10/11	13038.85

Expenses were for various promotional items such as T-shirts, hydraulic lift equipment, shop supplies, 2010 audit final payment, newsletter and election ballot copies, telephone bill, superheater expanders and lubricant, rings for locomotive air compressor, printing of 30 art prints (promotional) and various Humanities Centennial expenses.

Savings Account Balance, including interest as of 5/31/11	\$20128.37
Cash Box - On site Cash	\$50.00

Mike called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report to the Auditor's Office for approval, 2nd by Ed Strebe, unanimous.

Chief Safety Officer's (CSO) Report: by Jon Spargo

There was a new member orientation held on May 21, 2011. Four new members were present. Please join me in welcoming Roger Jutte, Martin Sanchez and Joy and Erwin Zuehls.

Now that summertime temperatures are upon us I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of some safety precautions to take while working on site.

1. DRINK LOTS OF WATER!
2. Take frequent breaks. Find some shade to cool off in and drink more water!
3. Protect your skin. Wear a good strong sun block if you are not wearing long sleeve garments. Protect your neck and face as well.
4. A reminder that while shorts are cooler to wear in the summer, they are not appropriate attire while working around our site. Long pants protect your legs from sun and other hazards around our site.
5. Sun glasses or lenses that turn dark in sunlight are highly recommended. New Mexico has one of the highest per capita rates of eye cataracts due to

exposure to ultraviolet light.

6. Finally, DRINK LOTS OF WATER!

Mike moved to approve this report, Ken Dusenberry 2nd, unanimous as reported.  
Chief Mechanical Officer's (CMO) Report: by Rick Kirby

- In the past few weeks Bob Kittel from 3751 went over to Basin Valve who I've been speaking to about rebuilding our safety valves. They recently told me they didn't want to fool with them due to liability issues. However, they remembered doing his and said they would do ours. The cost is about \$1000 each not counting the springs. Dave Traudt researched the folio page number so we can get specs on them for pricing.
- Both Danny Rivera and Bill McSweeney have been out trying to procure air monitors for the firebox work. Henderson Construction has promised one to Danny, and Bill has one promised from the Albuquerque Fire Department.
- The springs for the boiler feed pump check valves are in and are ready to be installed.
- The tube expander tools Carlos Osuna researched and procured are performing well. More than 25% of the tubes have been expanded or swaged.
- Andy has been testing his Phytic Acid for removing scale from the superheater bifurcates and it appears to be working. Each Saturday we will fill one set and let it sit for one week then flush them with water. Bob DeGroft has located brushing tools to further remove any left over scale.
- Rod bearing removal is still underway. Steel blanks have been cut to fashion another puller. Bob DeGroft has briefed our Timken friends as to our situation and will have a report later.
- Week after next Gail and I will be in Tacoma for the NRHS Convention. Bob DeGroft and Dave Traudt will fill in while we are gone. Bob D. has submitted a grant request from them and I will be sitting in on the meeting when they announce the recipients.
- Our summer get-together is tomorrow at 12 noon. Brian and Gayle volunteered to host the party this year. The maps are still available in the WHQ. I will need a few folks to load tables and chairs from the PUP into my truck. We may need another truck to haul some of the chairs and deliver them Sunday.
- Bob DeGroft has bearing news at this time.

Jon Spargo had one question about the detector from AFD - how long is it certified for, one or two years? We'll have to find out the answer to that question.

Bearing report - Bob DeGroft

Last bearing puller made and the bearing will not come off. His thought is to pack with dry ice and pour hot oil over and try again, will try that next week. Timken representative will be here on 6/24/11 for three hours only. Will get bearings lined up today for him to see.

Fundraising Report: by Andy Rutkiewicz

#### CONTINUING EFFORTS

- NARF, GRANT SUBMITTED; \$78,382.00
- NRHS, GRANT SUBMITTED; \$5,000.00
- BNSF, GRANTED; \$5000.00

- COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN. ACCEPTED
- GRAINGER CORP, REJECTED
- LOS LUNAS MUSEUM, VALENCIA CO. RAILROAD HISTORY

#### DEVELOPING EFFORTS

- NM CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT GRANT; AWARDED, \$5,000 MATCHING OPENING ~JUNE 4 2011
- SAVOR ALBUQUERQUE, MINI OPEN HOUSE, 4,8,11 JUNE
- GRAND OPEN HOUSE, 1 OCTOBER
- NM TOURISM COOP ADVERTIZING PROGRAM ORIENTATION JUNE 23: MUSEUM COOPERATIVE COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

#### PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK GRAPHICS FOR  
CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT  
MINI OPEN HOUSE  
GRAND OPEN HOUSE
- WWW.RAILPICTURES.NET, BANNER ADD

#### SUSPENDED EFFORTS

- PAST MEMBERS RENEWAL REQUEST; IN PROCESS
- NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Jon Spargo - got letter from NARF saying we might want to add a few more things such as Educational Outreach, our BNSF Employee Appreciation Day train ride, etc., which he did send by email. We should know something possibly by July 2011 if awarded or not.

Centennial Grant accepted. Our exhibits will remain on site.

Mike moved to accept report, Gail Kirby 2nd, unanimous as reported.

New Business:

Mike Hartshorne

- Ballots for BoD - One vote per paid up member, five people running and ballots need to be in before July 1, 2011.
- October 1, 2011 is our Open House for this year. "Holy Water & Whiskey" will be here to play in the morning and "Los Radiators" will be in the afternoon. Someone is checking on the "Territorial Brass Band" to play.
- Donations of store items - We have a policy that if you feel you need to "give" an item(s) from the store to someone, you must fill out the Donation Form we have on file and a BoD member has to sign the form. We've been lax on this rule, so please adhere to this policy.
- Bob DeGroft - BNSF train ride. The treatment we received was absolutely fantastic. Joe Faust wants BNSF to do something for our Centennial for us but unknown what it is. Bob asked about getting a SF Chief engine here on site for Open House and he said to put it in writing for him. Get our Thank You cards today &/or Wednesday to send out to the main players for BNSF. Gail to get email &/or physical addresses and send out to everyone by email.
- Carlos Osuna - He went over to Matheson Tri-Gas and the guy there he talked to said they'd love to help us out in any way. Wade Florence is an ex-Navy welder. Possibly a rod oven, Wade said he'd talk to the Lincoln Representative. He said

they would possibly come by on Wednesday bearing gifts of some sort. He also said he'd give us a better deal on purchases.

- Gail Kirby - Reminder that Staples will give us good deals on any copy work, professional or otherwise, that we need done. We've been dealing with them for some time now and they do give us great deals and discount coupons.
- Randy McEntire will go to our vendors and give out flyers for our Open House this year.
- Bob DeGroft - We got our Insurance Policy in the mail today. This is something our Landlord has asked we provide.

Move to adjourn by Mike Hartshorne, 2nd by Gail Kirby, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be July 9, 2011, 8:00 at the site.

Prepared by Gail Kirby, Secretary