

General Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2013

Location: 510 San Pedro SE, Albuquerque, NM – Local 412 Union Hall

Introduction was by Dr. Mike Hartshorne thanking the Local 412 folks for allowing us to use their facility for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, December 8, 2012	\$35525.65
Total Cash Assets, January 12, 2013	\$47739.85
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$15890.11
Free Cash	\$31849.74

Grant Status

*NRHS grant (for locomotive cab: wood lining): \$2900, expense \$1735.83, balance \$1164.17
Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive #2926 restoration): \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000
*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$328.06, balance \$14671.94
*NM Remembers WWII 2013 joint marketing venture: \$4000, expense \$3946.00, balance \$54.00

NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on December 8, 2012	\$14266.24
Ending Balance on January 12, 2013	\$26476.84

Deposits: \$14465.41

12-27-12	\$54.00	(Bankcard sales for December: \$30 + \$24)
12-18-12	\$2938.62	(Memberships, flue sponsor, donation by members, non-members)
12-18-12	\$3619.40	Memberships, flue sponsor, donations by members and non-members, donation for locomotive brake shoes)
12-31-12	\$2.33	(Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
12-31-12	\$1729.90	(Memberships, flue sponsor, donation by members, non-members)
12-31-12	\$4841.50	(Memberships, flue sponsors, donation by members, non-member)
01-07-13	\$1279.66	(Memberships, sales, donations by members)

Expenses: \$2254.81

12-03-12	\$17.67	Bankcard fee
12-08-12	\$134.30	Monthly bill for onsite telephone: 505-246-2926
12-08-12	\$362.88	Gear oil for side rod roller bearings (140 weight, 5 gallons)
12-08-12	\$150.18	Postage stamps (300), CD-R disks
12-11-12	\$24.06	Gojo hand cleaner, flint for torch lighter, metal testing sheet
12-15-12	\$30.07	Office phone (new), phone jack filter
12-15-12	\$53.88	Florescent ballast, scratch awls, brass plugs
12-15-12	\$116.04	Wheel bearing zerks, envelopes. Space heaters (2), moistener
12-18-12	\$25.00	Application for ABQ Police Dept. False Alarm Reduction Unit
12-28-12	\$48.38	Hardware for locomotive brake cylinders
12-29-12	\$74.79	Monthly bill for computer diagnostics
12-29-12	\$21.35	Acetylene fill
12-29-12	\$570.17	Gasoline for welder, light bulbs, cleaning brushes, rubber hose for forge, clamps, pipe fittings, 2 ¼" wrench
01-02-13	\$15.56	Bankcard fee
01-05-13	\$133.29	Monthly bill for onsite telephone: 505-246-2926
01-05-13	\$64.20	Monthly commercial monitoring & response by Armed Response Team (ART)
01-05-13	\$324.90	Fuel to transport re-manufactured locomotive pipes from Salt Lake City, UT, to the 2926 site in Albuquerque
01-05-13	\$21.83	Boxes for the donated Bill Zulch book collection
01-05-13	\$29.26	Refund John Mastrobuoni's membership (he paid twice)

01-08-13 \$37.00 Hardware parts for forge

NMSL&RHS Savings Account

Deposits:	\$3.60	
12-31-12	\$3.60	Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account
Balance as of 12-31-12		\$21213.01

Cash Box – Store Sales

On-site cash (formerly petty cash)	\$50.00
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This report prepared by Ernest Robart, Treasurer, NMSL&RHS, January 11, 2013.

-Dr. Mike added that for anyone that has made \$250+ donation we will be sending a tax letter by the end of January so if you don't receive one please let Gail Kirby or Ernie know.

CMO Report: by Rick Kirby

To begin with Rick wanted to thank the members of Local 412 for the use of their facility. They were also instrumental in getting the 3 ½" steam supply lines to the turret manifold refabricated along with the large water supply pipe to the hot water boiler feed pump. All of these pipes required very intricate bends. 412 provided the materials and labor cost for all of it. A big thank you goes out to them.

Looking ahead to 2013 Rick hopes to have all of the external piping and appliances reinstalled along with the cab.

The next hill to climb is finding a source for the sheet metal work, some of which could begin immediately. The sheet metal workers union was approached several months ago in hopes they could help us much like 412 has. However, they declined to be a part of the restoration. Since then Rick sent our request to four of the larger sheet metal companies requesting assistance. To date we haven't received a response from any of them. If any of you know an individual, retired or otherwise not working, get them down to the site if you can.

For those of you who aren't aware of it the Grand Canyon Railway will be rebuilding our cross head slides. All we need to provide is the Babbitt material to repair the bearing surfaces.

Timken restored all our side rod bearings saving us tens of thousands of dollars.

Other significant contributors include Bond Paint Company, Matheson Tri-Gas, Reliance Steel, Gasket Packing and Seal, BNSF Railway Company and Albuquerque Pipe and Pump. It goes without saying if any of you are in need of anything these companies have please patronize them. If it weren't for generous folks like these we wouldn't be as far along as we are now.

Work continues behind the scenes with regards to fundraising and a bit of gentle arm twisting of City and State officials to pave our way to the rail yards. Rick feels, in time and with some patience, we will have a permanent building at the yards.

Thanks to all of you for your past participation and I hope we all have a great year at the site.

-Rick added that over the past week a BIA official came by regarding another issue and he says they have an entire sheet metal building with equipment they are willing to let us use! So all we need is people to run the equipment.

-We're up to 84,000+ volunteer work hours as of 2012.

Plans & Funding: Andy Rutkiewicz

CONTINUING EFFORTS

The Society has had direct communications with NM State Legislators that are members of the RYAB to make them aware of how our needs differ from the Samitaur-Constructs Master Plan concepts. The Society will be present at the upcoming meeting of the RYAB on Jan 9.

Solicitations of Interest in storage of private passenger rail cars in the ABQ rail-yards were begun with contacts to AAPRCO, RPCA, SPRC and CTSR by several members including Bob DeGroft, Albert and myself. Documentation of these contacts could be useful information to have available in summary form for the RYAB meeting. A further task that would be very useful is the development of an Economic Impact Study of the rerouting of the Amtrak Southwest Chief. The committee is developing a strategy to get that accomplished by another agency, using non-Society funding.

An additional estimate for site relocation to the Rail-yards will be obtained from Duke City Transfer. They recently confirmed their interest in the task.

The Downtown Action Team is planning for a greatly expanded National Train Day in 2013 that included #2926, ABQ Cultural Affairs and MRCOG. No further planning has taken place.

The committee is considering the use of a developing fundraising process that is being called CROUD FUNDING. This process uses the web to solicit funds from a large number of individuals for a project that spikes their interest and they would be interest in supporting. The major web site in this area is KICKSTARTER.com. This effort will be on going.

COMPLETED EFFORTS

Christmas cards were mailed to all: city councilors and their staff, all county commissioners and their staff, the ABQ -related congressional delegation and local staffers, all members of the RYAB and the city staffers involved in the project, the Chamber and ACVB. We feel that this should form the basis for a "comp list" of individuals and organizations that are automatically sent the electronic version of our newsletter. The list can be expanded or revised later. There would be no need to ask whether they want to receive it. We would only take names off the list if specifically requested to do so. Otherwise, recipients would be free to use their delete keys.

DEVELOPING EFFORTS

Our champion Grant writer Chuck Mangold together with Albert Leffler will evaluate the feasibility of organizing a #2926 night at an ABQ Isotopes baseball game in the 2013 season as a fund raiser.

We currently have direct contact information for FOX 2 "NM Style" [sale.jayson@krqe.com] to interview and film our activities for a free segment on that program when they have unsold time we will be contacted.

Announcements

Ed Kibel has gone through all the donated railroad books and priced them accordingly and is ready for sale as part of our store.

Danny Rivera sang a memorable song to our recently departed friend, Ralph Johnson, and any others that might go in the future or have already passed on before. Here are the words to that song:

May the work that I have done speak for me.
May the work that I have done speak for me.
If I fall short of my goal someone else will take a hold.
May the work that I have done speak for me.
May the friends that I have made speak for me.
May the friends that I have made speak for me.
If I fall short of my goal someone else will take a hold.
May the friends that I have made speak for me.
May the train that I helped build speak for me.
May the train that I helped build speak for me.
If I fall short of my goal someone else will take a hold.
May the train that I helped build speak for me.
There it is only you sing it with all your heart!

Safety Officer Report: by Jon Spargo

Today, January 12, 2013 marks the completion of the first 2013 Annual Safety Review. Based on the attendance today, a second Annual Review will be scheduled in early February to accommodate members who could not attend today.

As a reminder, if you had your new member orientation during the last quarter of 2012 (Oct.-Nov. - Dec.) you are good to go for 2013 and need not attend the annual review.

We also have some incoming new members and we'll try to schedule a new member orientation as soon as we can to accommodate them.

2012 was a good year for our safety efforts and we wish to thank all who helped make it so. In particular we made major strides with our program for permit required confined space entry and confined space rescue. Thanks to Bill McSweeney for that training. Let's make 2013 even better!

-With the help of Danny Lowery fork lift training was done.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be February 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the site.

Submitted by Gail Kirby,
Secretary NMSLRHS