

General Meeting - July 13, 2013

Location - 1833 8th St. NW, ABQ, NM

Introduction - Dr. Mike Hartshorne, President

We welcomed new member Mike L. from CA. who comes in a couple times a month for his work.

Rich B. has worked very hard on our website so if you haven't checked it out lately, please do so. It looks really nice!

We also have a new DVD from our members in FL, Jim and Debbie V. on rebuilding the roundhouse.

We didn't have a meeting last month so there are no Minutes to put on the website except for the Treasurer's Report.

This is our legal Annual Meeting and our Election time.

Treasurer's Report - by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, June 8, 2013	\$32009.59
Total Cash Assets, July 13, 2013	<u>\$32608.52</u>
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$4942.53
Free Cash	\$27665.99

Grant Status

Lockheed Martin grant (for locomotive #2926 restoration): \$2000, expense \$0.00, balance \$2000

*BNSF Foundation grant (for flexible stay bolts): \$15000, expense \$13057.47, balance \$1942.53

*NMSLRHS member donations for locomotive brake shoes: \$3000, expense \$0, balance \$3000

NMSL&RHS Checking Account

Beginning Balance on June 8, 2013	\$10728.67
Ending Balance on July 13, 2013	\$11324.11

Deposits: \$9803.69

06-12-13	\$527.00 (Bankcard: donation by Doneldon Dennis \$500 + sales \$27)
06-25-13	\$1500.33 (Pay Pal transfer: memberships, donations, 4 flue sponsors)
06-25-13	\$5234.92 (Memberships, sales, donations, 1 flue sponsor)
06-27-13	\$567.00 (Bankcard sales for June: \$60+\$20+\$311 +\$30+\$40+\$45+\$61)
06-30-13	\$1.44 (Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union checking account)
07-01-13	\$1973.00 (NM Department of Tourism Grant for "NM Remembers WWII")

Expenses: \$9208.25

06-08-13	\$129.49 Paint brushes, saw blades, drinking water
06-08-13	\$39.63 Button-head fittings for lubrication points on locomotive
06-10-13	\$100.00 NM State History Day award (to 5 girls from Silver City, NM)
06-12-13	\$21.00 Marking pens (3)
06-15-13	\$167.88 Hand truck tires, wheel barrow tires, gloves
06-15-13	\$432.61 Steam cylinder honing parts, pipe plugs, combination square
06-15-13	\$2403.33 BNSF flexible stay bolt: Large flexible stay bolt caps (325)
06-15-13	\$9.77 Grinding stones \
06-15-13	\$35.00 Business license - City of Albuquerque
06-18-13	\$332.19 Hardware for mounting running boards & feed water pump
06-22-13	\$74.02 Steel bar: 1 1/8" x 240"
06-29-13	\$118.46 Monthly bill for onsite telephone: 505-246-2926 (CenturyLink)

07-01-13	\$881.43 Expenses/tools: trip to Pueblo, CO, to obtain parts from #2912
07-01-13	\$74.79 Monthly bill for computer diagnostics & service
07-01-13	\$1736.00 Liability 2926 work-site insurance premium 5-27-13 to 5-27-14
07-01-13	\$1520.25 NM Remembers WW II 2013: reimbursement of \$506.75 each to National Atomic, Holocaust and Bataan Memorial Museums
07-06-13	\$52.35 Bankcard fee
07-06-13	\$64.20 Monthly commercial monitoring & response by Armed Response Team (ART)
07-07-13	\$689.96 Cleaning brushes, hand cleaner, water hose, drinking water
07-09-13	\$31.56 Paint brushes, electric box covers, glove holders
07-02-13	\$180.30 Reflective tape (2 rolls) for hard hats and for general use
07-06-13	\$114.03 Black paint for locomotive general use

NMSL&RHS Savings Account

Deposits:	\$3.49
06-30-13	\$3.49 Interest dividend, US NM Federal Credit Union savings account

Balance as of 06-30-13	\$21234.41
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Cash Box - Store Sales

On-site cash (formerly pretty cash)	\$50.00
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The BoD just voted this morning to spend money (\$17,426.80) for the staybolt sleeves.

CSO Report (Chief Safety Officer) - by Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, July 20th beginning at 0900 in the Reefer Conference area.

We would also like to remind everyone that temperatures have been very high around the work site this summer. Please remember to drink plenty of water, take frequent breaks and be sure to use sun block.

Finally, while not a direct safety issue there is one item I would like to bring to everyone's attention. On numerous occasions I have gone into the container where the remaining driving rods are stored. More often than not I have found items left on top of the rods. Everyone needs to understand that these rods are one of a kind. The alloy used is high strength but also brittle and prone to cracking if mishandled or banged or dinged. If nicked, dinged or cracked they would be very difficult if not impossible to replace. Please refrain from putting ANYTHING on those rods!

CMO Report (Chief Mechanical Officer) - by Rick Kirby

Rick reports that Gail and he will only be on site for this morning's meeting so Bob D. will fill in for Rick today.

The BoD met a few minutes this morning and authorized the purchase of larger size flexible staybolt sleeves. We also decided to purchase bronze bushings to replace the now existent needle bearings used in the radius and timing gear rods.

Rick received an update from Sam L. regarding the crosshead work. He says the machining of the crosshead guides is complete. They are now being polished.

When complete the Babbitt will be poured onto the shoes then machined to fit the guides.

There have been discussions regarding the seats we will be using for the cab. Rick has been a bit reluctant to offer up a discussion due to his communications with Jim V. in Florida. He has been speaking with a company in PA. Jim forwarded them an informational pack containing a DVD detailing our project. After a considerable amount of time our packet found its way to the owner of the company. They very much liked what work they saw going on and have agreed to provide us with two brand new locomotive seats and enough matching material to reupholster the jump seat and the seat behind the fireman. These seats retail for \$1200.00 each. In a few days Rick hopes to get material swatches and give them the seat requirements. We hope to have them on site by open house.

We have reason to believe we are still being visited by uninvited guests so stay on your toes as to what is left out in plain sight. We are taking steps to investigate this further.

John C. reports our generator repair is ongoing.

Bob D. reported that the small sleeves were sent yesterday and should be here this week sometime. It will be approximately \$7000.00 for the larger staybolt sleeves.

Plans & Funding Report - by Steve Bradford

Steve is going to go through all of Andy's files to gather what he still needs to carry on where Andy left off. We will stop WWII Remembers next year. Rack cards were started by Andy and they've been important in many areas. We need money. The large sleeves will deplete our funds. Dr. Mike and Ed K. wrote a grant to The Kaplan Foundation. They were going to be here today to present us a grant check but had a medical family emergency.

Board of Directors Elections for 2013

Frank G. announced there were two nominees for two open positions, Gail Kirby and Bob DeGroft. Both won, as they were unopposed. Doyle C. was unable to help with the counting because of a medical issue. He's doing fine but is in the hospital for observation. This might delay our Newsletter a bit. Polli G., Frank G. and Nate P. counted the ballots. .

Input to Revised WHEELS Plan for the Rail Yards

WHEELS Board voted to revise plans presented to the RYAB. It was not drawn correctly. Our BoD voted for a rectangular engine house to go on site. Frank reported the Board voted unanimously on submitting Option B, the rectangular Engine House Design, in preference to Option A, the Roundhouse Design. Don MacCornack and Frank are preparing an updated input from the Society for use in the Revised WHEELS plan. Don's firm paid \$10K to prepare the architectural drawings that were used in our response to the Rail Yard Advisory Board. Be sure to thank him for his generous donation.

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New Business

Dr. Mike reports there were some reorganization in the BNSF upper management that has delayed their final decisions on grants for 2013.

Bob D. reports we're still making the cab brackets.

The BoD will appoint a member to Andy's position for the next year on the Board. If anyone is interested please fill out our form and present it to a BoD member.

Open House - 9/28/13 from 9-4

There's a raffle involved. We have a quilt and another train blanket. The bands involved will be:

Los Radiators in the morning, hopefully the Territorial Brass Band at noon and then the afternoon is open. Randy Mc. will try to get Amy Anslover's to play again. They were a big hit last year.

Amtrak might bring a car and an engine to place inside our yard.

Our 2014 calendars are now ready. They are \$15.00 and are very nicely done.

Thanks to our artists Gayle Van Horne and Steve Bradford for putting their artwork on the calendars, and to John T. for helping put it together. Warren J. bought the first calendar and paid \$20. Rich B. our Webmaster is trying to put a link on our website to purchase those calendars. Be sure to watch for it soon!

There was a question about the status of our track repair on site. Frank explained we just don't have the money to do that right now. We need to raise more cash before we can step out and do some of the things we desperately need.

Frank G noted that Ken Eckelmeyer and he had determined why drilling holes partway through the walls in the compressed air tanks makes them safer. The holes provide a way for the tanks to leak before catastrophic bursting should the walls be thinned by internal corrosion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is **August 10, 2013 at 8 am.**

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary NMSL&RHS