

General Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2013

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

On October 19 a new member orientation was held. 6 new members participated. Please join me in welcoming William Wilhelm, Joe Burnside, Joey Burnside, Kasi Burnside, Charles Kizer and Alex Hess. We are looking at possibly one more session this year in early December. If you know of anyone interested please have them contact us.

On November 2nd, we had a training session for Permit Required Confined Space Entry and for both horizontal and vertical Confined Space Rescue. The sessions were presented by John Cekala, Jane McSweeney and Bill McSweeney. We now have 27 members who are qualified, are current and ready to go. Eight volunteers who were previously qualified have lapsed and we need to arrange to get them up to speed as well. A complete list of qualified volunteers can be found in the gray Confined Space 3 ring binder.

We would like to give a great big thank you to Jane & Bill McSweeney for their efforts in providing the rescue training. We couldn't have done it without them.

Treasurer's Report - by Ernie Robart

Total Cash Assets, October 12, 2013	\$49,228.60
+Deposits	\$14, 535.12 Checking \$3.81 Savings
+New Account - Investment Plus Account	\$100,006.58
-Expenses	\$4373.54
=Total Cash Assets, November 9, 2013	\$159,400.37
(Encumbered Cash)	\$100,900.00
(Free Cash)	\$50,400.37

Dr. Mike added that you never know who you might be touring around the site. They might later on send us money of a sizeable amount.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

Rick wanted to give everyone an update regarding the crossheads. Sam and his crew have run into some complications as they have attempted to apply the tinning to the aluminum slides. The slides must be tinned prior to pouring the Babbitt on the slides. Frank G. may have more info as to what has transpired with our contact people at Sandia Labs.

Bob D. and Don Mac. have been looking into the possible siding repair contractors and metal building supplier for our property. For those of you not aware, we have

received a donation that should cover all or most of the cost to erect a building to house the locomotive and tender along with the siding repair.

We may have a welder from Welch's today. Keith emailed Rick saying one of his guys may come in on his own.

Rick's been having a problem in keeping various supplies on hand. When someone comes in to him and says we're all out of this or that it's because no one told Rick we're getting low. So if you see supplies are getting low Rick can usually get things replenished in a session or two.

Please put tools back where they belong so people can find them.

Several contacts are being made regarding the brake shoes.

We'd like to take the speeder over to WHEELS so it will be out of the weather and people can really see it. As it is it's under covering and it has to be taken off for people to see each time. We'll need an MOU like we did with the tractor that's there.

We also need to adopt a MOU regarding the PUP. From now on if you unlock the PUP please see to it that it gets locked before you leave. This past week it was found to be unlocked and the lock was also missing. So in order to get it locked we had to find a lock to replace it temporarily. Rick would appreciate your help in this matter.

Thanksgiving is coming and a vote was taken to not work the Wednesday before which would be 11/27/13; we'll be closed that day.

Additional comments:

Bob D. reported on the track repair. He and Herzog are playing phone tag. Kiewit met with Bob and Frank and is working with us on a bid.

Bob also looked into the tinning problem we're having on the crossheads. He contacted someone at Timken and he will look into the issue. Bob also called Horizon Metals about the tinning.

Plans & Funding by Dr. Mike as Ed K. has been out of the country but now back. He reported about a volunteer we've been in contact with who is now a member, Alex.

Steve B. has been talking with our city and county government officers.

Lew Wallace Elementary School came to visit the site on Monday; about 80 kids, teachers and other adult helpers. They walked from their school to the site.

From Chuck M., he'll be retiring next summer and is getting a different pilot rating. So he's busy doing that and reported that we didn't get the Train's Magazine grant, but we'll keep trying. He submitted several grants that won't let until next year. So we're playing the waiting game on those.

New Business

Frank reported on the siding and engine/tender storage building. The south rail sinks at 9 ½". Our equipment will no longer push the engine and tender once completed. Some of the rail people don't want to talk to us until we get certain information reported back to them such as compaction, soil conditions, etc. Need to make sure how much ballast we need as we probably need more ballast than we have and new ties. Don Mac., Bob D. and Frank are in the process of working this out.

Christmas cards will go out the weekend after Thanksgiving.

We have a new cat caretaker. Mrs. Lory T. will help us out with feeding them along with Ron who will come in to check on things at the site.

Sandia High School is restoring an early 1900 flatbed rail car belonging to Cumbres & Toltec Railroad. Their teacher, Mr. Gillespie was contacted by Rick K. and he is excited about the possibility of having the kids come to our site and take a look around. Mr. Gillespie wanted to come to the site first and see what we're doing.

Various speaking engagements are going on. If you know of someone that would like us to come speak to a group please let us know.

The next RYAB meeting on the Master Plan for the back shops is 11/21/13 at 3:30pm. They have eight amendments to reword and other things to put in the "plan" before it goes to the EPC. Once they are done with what they want to do then it goes to the City Council.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is **December 14, 2013 at 8:30am.**

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary NMSL&RHS