

General Minutes - February 8, 2014

Treasurer's Report - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne for Ernie Robart who was absent

Total Cash Assets, January 11, 2014	\$ 181,482.59	
+Deposits	\$ 8,158.86	Checking
	\$ 3.61	Savings
	\$ 36.74	Investment Plus Account
-Expenses	\$ 12,232.48	
= Total Cash Assets, February 8, 2014	\$ 177,449.32	
(Encumbered Cash)	\$ 110,670.63	
(Free Cash)	\$ 66,778.69	

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

Wednesday the "Pit Rats" came out from under the locomotive and proclaimed there will be six more weeks of winter, more likely twelve (12).

Bob D. constructed a shipping crate and sent one of our trailing truck brake shoes to Utah. We will have a report regarding the crossheads from Bob D.

Rick expects a Mechanical Contractor here around 10:00 am to discuss the possibility of providing welders to help out with the remaining staybolt sleeves.

Work on the radial buffer is almost complete. When finished, work will begin on the superheater assemblies.

Bob K. has received the pop valves. He is soaking them to dislodge the bottom washer before taking them to Basin Valve for rebuilding.

Beginning next Wednesday we will be hosting loads of school kids with their adult escorts. Another bunch will arrive on the 19th and yet again on March 12th. These dates are all on Wednesdays. We will need to be cautious with them on the site.

The 19th is Gail's long-awaited surgery so Bob D. will be standing in for Rick for a few work sessions and doing TW3 reports to keep everyone up to date.

Bob D. reports the condition of our crosshead shoes is unknown. He's trying to get a report about plating issues.

CSO Report - by Jon Spargo

The second 2014 Annual Safety Refresher will be held on February 15, in the reefer conference area beginning at 09:00. The session should last less than one hour. There are a number of volunteers that need to take this session.

If you cannot make either of these sessions you need to contact Jon Spargo to make arrangements. If you do not complete the annual refresher before March 1st then you must sit through the next available new member orientation before being allowed to work on site again.

There will be a new member safety orientation on February 22, beginning at 09:00 in the reefer conference area. This will be the first "new member" for 2014.

If you have not paid your annual contribution (\$29.26) by March first, you will not be allowed to work onsite until you have paid.

Engine House and Siding Track Repair – by Frank Gerstle

Four out of five contractors responded for bids on 1/29/14. They are two and a half times more than what we have in our budget for this project. Frank and Don M. are working with a contractor to see what we can do with the track. Contributions for materials are harder to come by as the construction companies are hurting with our economic climate.

Plans & Funding Committee – by Ed Kibel &/or Steve Bradford

We had a great presentation for 2926 in Santa Fe at the Land Commission Office and it was quite disappointing for attendance, but we made some good contacts. The Land Commissioner and Secretary are planning to make a visit to our site. All of the presentation has been taken down and brought back. We can use that in other areas if need be. Many thanks goes out to Ron T., Doyle C., Ed K. and others for their help and work to get this nice presentation done. It was open to the public for a month. The Land Commissioner works in ABQ on Wednesdays along with his Secretary.

We have some school groups coming to visit our site as Rick stated in his report. Some are Home School groups and a Charter school. All are Wednesday dates.

Announcements

Dr. Mike and Bob D. are going to communicate with BNSF with the notion to think of what 2926 could do for them. Consider us as a loco for hire for whatever they want. We'll see what they have to say. It never hurts to ask or put that idea in their minds.

We're also approaching Grand Canyon Railway to get us there hopefully by 2016. Not sure how Xanterra will take this information, but Sam L. will make the presentation for us. Sam will do this within the next couple weeks. We could gain operating experience through them.

A lot is tied to productivity right now. We need to push ourselves to show up and work hard to get this engine done hopefully by 2015 to stretch her legs and shake her out with a few runs.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting - **March 8, 2014 - 8:30 am**

Submitted by,
Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL&RHS