

General Minutes - May 10, 2014

Siding Update – Frank Gerstle

Our siding report was given by Dr. Gerstle and it appears to be that the first half is complete. Another two weeks it should be completed.

Treasurer's Report – by Ernie Robart

Savings majority of money was transferred into the Investment Plus Account to gain a little more interest. We have to leave \$5.00 in Savings as we cannot close it out.

Total Cash Assets, April 5, 2014	\$155,539.54	
+Deposits	\$ 5,854.30	Checking
	\$ 3.50	Savings
	\$ 5,037.16	Investment Plus Account
-Expenses	\$ 11,748.76	
=Total Cash Assets, May 3, 2014	\$154,685.74	
(Encumbered Cash)	\$106,950.50	
(Free Cash)	\$ 47,735.24	

CSO Report – by Jon Spargo

Sometime in June will be a New Member Class, after our track is completed.

Watch for rolling stock on the site.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

Pueblo trip on Tuesday and Wednesday Rick and three others returned their parts to them that we had borrowed for duplication purposes from our theft. They were nicely cleaned and painted and put on the 2012.

Crossheads holes were oval and they've realigned to accept sleeves. Bolts were bent and they are making new ones. They will be ready when we're ready.

Eric Hadder from GCRW will be in town today sometime.

Plans & Fundraising Report – by Ed Kibel

Grant requests – State of NM and The Dailey Foundation

Trip to Las Cruces was a great one. Lots of good contacts down there were made.

Belen Harvey House Update – Martin Sanchez

June 28, 2014 Martin is spearheading the Harvey House Museum project with Centennial panels on display.

Community Liaison Report – Steve Bradford

The Belen Model Train Club event in Belen last Sat-Sunday went well. Martin Sanchez headed up that effort and I assisted. We did have as much with sales as Doyle and Ed did but did talk to a lot of people.

I have been focused on Las Vegas developments as a follow up to the visit Rick, Bob and I made there in January. Our interest was in the feasibility of having a wye track constructed in Las Vegas to facilitate turning the locomotive. Where ever we run 2926, we will need the ability to turn the engine at the destination. Wye tracks currently exist in Rincon, Socorro, ABQ (and turntable), Belen, Lamy (unsuitable) and French (York Canyon mine branch). The

Short distance runs could be made to Bernalillo and/or Santo Domingo. But a turning capability would be required at those locations. There used to be one at Santo Domingo which is easily visible. Talks with the pueblo will take place soon.

The same is the case for Las Vegas which could be a destination and potential overnight excursion location once the La Castañeda restoration is completed. What we need in Las Vegas is a wye.

I spent two days in Las Vegas last week, ostensibly to look for plat information on the location land associated with the old wye. Rick, Bob and I walked the ground in January. We think a wye could be constructed where it used to be. However, I discovered last week that the old wye was bigger than we thought in January. Working with Elmer Martinez in LV (who had Google Earth up), we looked at 1991 USGS overhead image that clearly shows where the old wye track was, and it extends farther back than we realized. The branches go on either side of the roundhouse and extend across Grande Ave and Prince St joining just west of Prince. So it is a bigger piece of track-work than we thought.

BNSF still owns some of the property the old wye was located on. More research is needed. Maybe Don can do rough cost estimation based on the 1991 Google Earth image. Meantime, I am working several avenues to get plat information. (The county did not record deeds before 1995!! So getting plats from the courthouse hasn't worked so far).

Also briefed, the mayor (Alfonzo Ortiz who I already knew from SW Chief Coalition activities), Cindy Collins, Exec Dir. of their Main Street program, and Luna Comm. College president, state Senator Pete Campos. Will brief the county and city managers in the near future

New Business

WHEELS Banquet and Fundraiser will be June 14th. Dr. Mike, Steve Bradford along with Albert Leffler have purchased two tables for the event and are looking for folks to fill those chairs at their tables. A silent auction will take place at the event also.

Doyle Caton went to the Governor's Conference in Ruidoso. Good contacts made there.

Announcements

There are three spots for the election coming up and two nominations so far. The Board will be forced to appoint someone if a third doesn't come forward. Deadline is May 12th or today if you want to hand Frank the form. The Board member must be a member in good standing, 500+ of volunteer hours or a Board member can back you. If we have only three openings and three people running an election does not have to take place according to our By-Laws.

2015 Calendar Prototype - Ron Taylor, John Taylor and Gayle Van Horn put together this "spoof" calendar for Randy's enjoyment and others.

Train Day today and set-up is to begin.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting - June 14, 2014 7:30 am.

Submitted by Gail Kirby
Secretary, NMSL & RHS