

General Minutes - August 8, 2015

Call to Order - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report - by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, July 11, 2015	\$32,840.36
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$12,822.27
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 2,134.41
Total Cash Assets, August 1, 2015	\$43,535.98
Less Encumbered Cash*	\$10,628.21
Free Cash	\$32,907.77

Encumbered Cash

*Engine House Campaign \$10,628.21 - Expense - \$0 - Balance \$10,628.21

The Treasurer's report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CSO Report - by John Cekala, Safety Officer

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, August 15th beginning at 0900 in the reefer Conference Area.

Recent observations by various safety officers have brought to our attention for the need of a few reminders. They are listed below.

- If you are using a power tool and need to change the bit, dill, wheel, stone etc. at the arbor or chuck you need to unplug the power source be it electric, hydraulic, pneumatic. Multiple NMSLRHS workers at the site are guilty of this. The 30 seconds to power down and then back up is much shorter that lost labor and a trip to the ER.
- If you are a NMSLRHS worker assigned to grinding, power wire brushing, mechanical cutting etc. double eye protection is a must.
- If you are giving a tour to one or more of our esteemed guest(s) please take the effort to not only give them Head Protection but Eye Protection and let them know we value their visit and with all the activity on site prior to steam up their safety is important as well as we want them to return to see 2926 under steam.
- Please also pay attention to extension cords and air hoses on the concrete walking surfaces and be sure to mark them with warning cones.

CMO Report - by Rick Kirby

To begin with Rick has been in contact with Bob K. regarding the safety valves. He has removed them from the Basin Valve Company and has placed them in the hands of Greg Gass with Bermingham Valve Co. which overhauls and manufactures valves used under ultra-high pressure environments.

They work on all the ship valves for the Navy and other purposes like electrical generating plants. He is very confident the valves are in the right hands. He gave no time frame as to when they would be complete.

We received a quote from Welches for the upgraded boiler water level gauges. Rick will undertake an alternate way to procure these gauges.

Friday we received a long awaited donation. In the shipment was a complete set of cab communication equipment consisting of three headsets, two of which have radio transmission capabilities, necessary antennae, charging equipment, control box, voltage converter and associated wiring. All told this is just under \$2500 worth of electronic wizardry. This equipment will eliminate all the shouting between engineer, fireman and pilot personnel. This has come to us by way of the hard arm twisting by Jim V. our member and helper in FL.

Discussions regarding cab electrical design as well as the complete locomotive needs are being handled by John H. from 3751 and one of our newest members, Bill R. They both talk the same electron language.

Rick has decided not to remove the camelback from the sand dome. Instead he has ordered two pieces of 1/8" flat steel to overlay the affected areas and seal-weld all around. Should have it onsite by Wednesday.

Rick wrote a letter to BNSF regarding items missing from their brake stand parts collection. We got an email back saying he will contact the person in Belen to see what more they can do.

Our paint cans are a mess for closing. Especially with the Rust Bullet when air hits, it will harden fast. Please keep the groove of the paint can clean with solvent or brush when pouring it out.

Rick reports that our insulation will go on last so that when we run test runs we can tell if there are any leaks. The insulation is dense material and will fall apart if wet. He also reports that Bob K. is a master at ceramics and we will have Bob come to ABQ and do our firebrick as he did for 3751.

Fundraising Report - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

1. BNSF Foundation Grant (\$25K requested for flue install expense) Submitted by Chuck Mangold Dec 2014. Subsequently Ms. Deanna Dugass contacted after 90 days and was "on my boss' desk". Recalled June 2015. He has made a weekly phone message to her for last 6 weeks. No response to any phone messages left.
2. John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. \$50K requested for completion of restoration. Electronic submission done June 14, 2015. We've heard we will be awarded \$25,000 but will be a matching grant. So we have

- some things to get together before we can get the money. (I.e. volunteer hours, donations, etc. which we do have)
3. GoFundMe Engine House Campaign. \$11,645 of \$200k raised by 66 people in 1 month. Any donations we get through mail we are not charged GFM percentage but included it's included in the thermometer gauge.
 4. Smith's Reward card charity. "Received this from Smith's: \$29.83 from only 10 participants for our first quarter. A follow-up email indicated that a correction would be forthcoming. Hope it's an increase. Increased participation to 100 extrapolates to about \$300/quarter, which would cover the liability insurance and some incidentals. Best" (Frank)
 5. Amazon Smile. Now working. Payoff is 0.5% of any purchase exclusive of shipping and coupons. (Note: There is a restriction about "advertising" this source of support. In New Mexico, and many other States, a message exclusively about using Amazon Smile to support an organization is prohibited. However, it more than one way to support an organization then the message is NOT EXCLUSIVELY about Amazon Smile.) **Need: Add this to "How to Support" on the website.**
 6. Albertson's Community Partners Accepted July 1, 2015. Key cards with barcode received July 27, 2015 and being distributed. Notification July 2, 2015 that the program would be terminated at the end of the calendar year. Payout is 1% of purchases up to \$50,000 purchased per quarter. Higher if quarterly purchases exceed \$50,000.
 7. Website parts sponsorship funding: Fly crank sold for \$300 this month. Most donations were to the Engine House Campaign.
 8. Chuck Mangold's application Albuquerque Community Foundation was not submitted after a change in deadline.
 9. Albert I. Pierce Foundation in Albuquerque. Local foundation supporting arts, educational, and cultural programs with grants to qualified 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations which are tax exempt. Grants for specific projects, operating expenses, and capital expenses are considered. \$10,000 and \$5,000 (25% match required) now open for 2016 awards. Chuck will research and submit our grant proposal on or before November 15, 2015.

Open House – by Dr. Mike

This year it's happening on 9/26/15 from 9-4. Thanks to Frank G. we have additional parking for our visitors this year.

Announcements – None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - September 12, 2015 at 7:30 AM

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL & RHS