

## **General Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2015**

**Call to Order** - Dr. Mike Hartshorne

**Treasurer's Report** - by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, October 3, 2015	\$81,943.30
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$ 8,846.86
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 6,909.10
Total Cash Assets, November 7, 2015	\$83,081.00

Engine House Campaign: \$39,500- \$0 Expensed - Balance \$39,500  
Emery Rail Heritage Grant: \$25,000 - \$5,125.75 Expensed this month, Total Expensed \$11,764.51 for a balance of \$13,235.49.

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

**CSO Report** - by Jon Spargo

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, November 21, 2015 beginning at 0900 in the reefer conference area. Note: This will be the last New Member orientation for 2015. The next one won't be until late in the first quarter of 2016.

On January 23, 2016 we will hold the annual safety review. Warren Scholl, retired safety trainer from BNSF, will give the presentation. We will announce the location for this at a later date. As we approach the operation phase of 2926 we have to start thinking of operational safety. As well, the NM Dept. of Transportation has told us that we need to put together a safety plan for operations.

Folks, this is a whole new world for us. Railroad safety rules are very different and much stricter than we are used to on our site. Therefore, it is almost mandatory such that, if you have any aspirations of becoming part of the operational crew, you must attend this session. This will be the only session that Warren can give in 2016. Warren was the premier safety trainer for the BNSF training center at Overland Park, Kansas.

Our second session for the Annual Safety Review will be in February and will be on a different topic. Again, this is a no fooling deal so make your plans now to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

**CMO Report** - by Rick Kirby

Not a whole lot of news to report this month that most of you don't already know.

That being said we received another important cab device due to the efforts of Jim V. in FL. The unit is the receiver for the End of Train Device (EOT). It has some specialized connector pins so those associated cables are being investigated at this time. Apparently those cables are on their way along with a diagram.

Behind the scenes negotiations are ongoing to bring the Railroad Passenger Car Association (RPCA) convention to ABQ in 2018. The current contract language is not

100% acceptable to your Board. Further discussions are pending. We were approached a few months back as to our interest in hosting the convention. It usually lasts about four days and our group would be required to provide support personnel and most of the organization of their activities.

The KKOB Channel 4 film crew will be here this morning to shoot a spot regarding the Engine House GoFundMe Campaign. Colton Shone contacted Rick earlier in the week and Kai Porter will be doing the piece this morning.

Bob K. says the safety valves are an ongoing project at this time. He's updating us often.

Bob DeGroft is trying to find additional parts for brake system.

**Community Liaison Report** - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne filled in for Steve Bradford The Annual Santa Fe Rail Yard Christmas Train event is Saturday 12/12/15 and we have a table there. Steve needs people to help sell merchandise as there are a lot of people that attend this event. Please let Steve know if you can help out.

Dr. Mike sent out a video clip to everyone regarding a spot on the Government TV that was about 25 minutes talking about 2926 and our organization.

**Fundraising Report** - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne The Albert I. Pierce grant was submitted yesterday (11/13/15). This grant allows for you to submit operating expenses/costs.

Christmas card campaign is about to begin. Look for those cards in the mail soon.

### **New Business**

Pete Adair says our beanie/skull caps are a good time to purchase before it gets into really cold weather. Also our jackets with your name and logo embroidered on them can be ordered now. Pete has to order four at a time, so if you'd like one please contact Pete for the order. His email is [adairinabq@comcast.net](mailto:adairinabq@comcast.net). They would make a nice Christmas gift!

### **Announcements** - by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

- Cub Scouts will be here on the site today.
- Rich and Linda B. will be traveling for a week or so, but they will have their computer for a few downloads while they are away.
- Brian Smith with TRAINS Magazine wants to do an article on 2926 and our GoFundMe campaign.
- The torch for Facebook has been passed off to Julie T. so if she contacts you please be as cooperative as you can with info for her.

Next Meeting - **December 12, 2015 at 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,  
**Gail Kirby**  
Secretary, NMSL & RHS