

## General Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2016

### **Meeting Called to Order – Dr. Mike Hartshorne**

#### **Treasurer’s Report** - by John Gibbons

Total Cash Assets, March 5, 2016	\$108703.72
Deposits Checking (Incl. Inv. Plus)	\$ 71839.35
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$ 5576.96
<b>Total Cash Assets, April 2, 2016</b>	<b>\$174966.11</b>

Engine House Campaign: \$130936.04: Expense \$986.13: Balance: \$129949.91

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

Per Bob DeGroft our audit is done and is in the process of being reviewed.

#### **CSO Report** – by Jon Spargo

We have been in contact with Bill Craven at the NMDOT. He has responded with a list of items that will be required in the Operational Safety Plan. It is a long list! There is a planned meeting with NMDOT next Wednesday afternoon during which there will be a discussion about the Operational Safety Plan. Stay tuned!

#### **CMO Report** – by Bob DeGroft in Rick Kirby’s Absence

Several people have been asking about another air test however we need to get all our repairs completed prior to another test. Machinists are repairing the washout plugs as quickly as they can.

Danny is doing his welding as much as he can. When we get close Rick will talk again with Welches at that time.

Rick has a preliminary report provided by Justin Sobeck for the car at the Monticello RR Museum. (A summarized copy of his 14-page report is available for those that want to see it.)

On several of Rick’s trips over the years he has noticed the use of some type of electronic speed indicating equipment. The most unique he’s seen was during his last visit out to Monticello. They mounted the “pulse” speed indicator inside the original heavy metal paper type. It also contained an event recorder so after more research Rick would like to incorporate this idea into the 2926 leaving the original pick-up wheel and piping in place, thus keeping the original look to the locomotive. Repair parts have been ordered for the pick-up wheel.

We expect the arrival of new brake shoes shortly. The backing plates have already been fabricated and are in the hands of the foundry. Bob may have more info on this subject.

More sleeves and caps have been ordered due to our crew fracturing some as the old ones which are thin and need replaced.

Rick has contacted Bill R. regarding a meeting of the minds here on site. He asked them to review some acceptable dates and try to come here to coordinate and resolve questions we have.

NRHS Convention News – July 19 – 24 in Denver, CO. Anyone that goes must become a member and they are taking reservations for the convention now. Rick recommends that someone from our organization goes on our behalf.

**Our summer hours will begin on May 4, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.**

Bob D. reports that it will be at least the end of the month, possibly longer, for another air test. Bob also says the brake shoes are in the process of being cast.

Bob also reported that he, Rick and Jon met with the DOT this past week mainly to get help with non-responses from AMTRAK. It was an upbeat meeting and Jon has been given marching orders to come up with a Safety Program along the lines of what the Rail Runner has. He'll begin work on it soon.

Bob also asked Herzog about our 8<sup>th</sup> St. to main line spur and a possible inspection. Gandy Dancer's might have to step in. A Capital Outlay fund to do this is something thought about but might be hard to come by.

#### **Form 4 Update** – Frank Gerstle

Frank briefly went over what had been done in the past month. The team continues to proceed as planned.

Frank also wanted to announce that there is a **Board Election** in July 2016 at the General Meeting. The Board terms are three years and this meeting serves to announce that Gail Kirby and Bob DeGroft terms are concluding and if they plan to run again they need to get the nomination forms completed.

In order to run to the Board you must be a member in good standing and have at least 500 volunteer hours in order to be nominated. If it's less than the 500 hours you must have the Board's approval for your nomination. You have one vote per member, family or lifetime member. Nominations must be in by May 14<sup>th</sup> and if we have no more than the two nominees mentioned there will be no election per our Bylaws. The Annual meeting is in July 2016 at the general monthly meeting.

### **Engine House Update**

Dr. Mike has signed the contract to begin work and the down payment has been made. Rick will be putting out a sign-up sheet for people with keys to open and close and other volunteers during the work sessions. We're hoping to have an Engine House by Memorial Day.

### **Community Relations Report** – by Steve Bradford

#### **Concluded since last report:**

1. 16 March Meeting: Bob DeGroft and I met with Bill Woldman who is Sen Udall's Albuquerque Office field rep. Lasted about 45 minutes. He was interested and has prior knowledge of our project. We explained our major concerns regarding the need to develop a strategy to satisfy the NMDOT liability insurance requirement and the difficulty we are having getting a dialog going with AMTRAK. He knows we will come back if we need help with that from the Senator.
2. 23 March Site Visit: El Dorado Senior Center visit organized by Bernie Brock's wife Dorothy (466-3848). There were 15 people who arrived about 1015 and stayed until around 1130. They then had lunch at the IPCC and visited WHEELS after lunch.
3. 30 March NM Rail Meeting: Met with Jon Messier, Chuck Larabee and Lyn Aldrich as we planned the evolution of the former SW Chief Coalition into a broader NM passenger rail advocacy group to be called NM Rail.

#### **Coming Up:**

1. 5 April Presentation: Will do a PowerPoint presentation for the Alegria community where I live at 1030. This is a precursor to a later site visit on 20 April.
2. 9 May Belen Doodlebug Open House. This event involves the Harvey House as well, apparently and will run from 1200-1600. We will have a table, as will WHEELS (provided at no cost). It will be outside so we'll have to check WX. Marty S, Marion Ingalls and I will be there. Steve may take a lot of used books/magazines and see if we can unload some, in addition to our usual merchandise. We will determine what to take on Wednesday. The event has not received adequate advertisement so far.
3. 20 April Site Visit: Alegria community to visit the site about 1030. Don't have numbers yet.
4. 21 April Presentation: Rio Rancho Church of Christ senior men's group. At 7:00 pm. POC is Jim Strait (280-5291). Rescheduled from 14 April.
5. 23 April Site Visit: Bernalillo County Commissioner Maggie Hart-Stebbins to visit about 1100. This was set up by my oldest daughter Kelly who works with the Commissioner on criminal justice reform issues.
6. 12 May Presentation: This is a presentation arranged by member Ed Strebe for his community at Fair Winds at 1330. POC is Ed (994-4278).
7. 21 May Golden Spike Train show: We'll have to decide if we want to play and have a table. I may have left in the RV by then.

8. Site Visit Dates TBD: The Coronado Thunderbird Sandia Labs Retirees will visit at a future date to be arranged. POC is Brian Hermann (822-0866). More as this develops.
9. 6-7 May Las Cruces Rail Days: Steve can't go, but might get someone to cover for us down there.

**Fundraising Report** – by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

- 1 BNSF Foundation Grant (\$25K requested for flue install expense) Submitted by Chuck Mangold Dec 2014. Graciously denied 9/15. Chuck is currently applying for \$10K to support insulation and jacketing and painting. Chuck reports low confidence as they have no website.
- 2 John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust. \$25K granted 8/15. All funds now expended. First report submitted on time at end of October. Second report submitted 1/12/16. Re-application requesting \$50,000 done 1 April 2016. The Trust has filed a 2015 IRS 990 report (for 2014) which showed income ~ \$4,500,000 with one grant of \$1,800 given in 2014 to the Fire Up 611 campaign. August 2015 \$164,400 in grants made to 14 organizations (high \$38,400 - low \$500)
- 3 GoFundMe Engine House Campaign. Over \$68K raised in 7 months. Anonymous donor provided an additional \$65,000 in March 2016.
- 4 Smith's Community Reward card charity. Now working. Payoff \$95.39 last quarter 2015.
- 5 Smile.Amazon.com Now working. 0.5% of purchases. \$42.82 received 2-15.
- 6 United Way of Central NM (\$86.00 received 2-16) (\$134 received for campaign year 2015 3-28-16)
- 7 Website parts sponsorship funding: Flexible staybolt sold for \$300 1/16; the last Union Link sold for \$500 3/16.
- 8 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 request filed with Foundation. Decision this coming spring. No answer to request for status update.
- 9 Tom E Dailey Foundation: Maximum grant \$15,000 requested for completion of 2926 repairs and initial testing 1/7/2016. NMSL&RHS received \$2,500 Grant February 2016. Prior grant to NMSL&RHS August 2014 was \$7,500.
- 10 NRHS application by Dave Jenkins submitted March 1, 2016 requesting \$5,000 for insulation.
  - 2015 application by Dave Jenkins was excellent but declined by NRHS.
    - a. New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico: \$1,000 to clean the engine boiler and smoke box of Santa Fe no. 2926, a 1944 steam locomotive being restored.
    - b. New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Albuquerque NM - \$2,900 To obtain materials for replace and install new engine cab on ATSF No. 2926 (Baldwin 4-8-4).

- 11 Albuquerque Community Foundation Letter of Intention filed by Chuck Mangold 3/2/16. LOI accepted 3-21-16. He will fill out the web based application. There will be a telephone Q/A Wed March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30PM. Subsequent 5 minute in person live presentation with 5 min question period will be scheduled.
- 12 Second GoFundMe campaign for a tool car and operations money under consideration. This would begin upon termination of the Engine House campaign.
- 13 John Gibbons suggested asking our anonymous Texas and English donors for more support.
- 14 Julie and others suggested Hotel and other local support.
- 15 Julie is spearheading an ABQ local tour map with 300K maps to be ready before Balloon Fiesta. Cost is approximately \$775. NMSLRHS would be on the map and on their website. Our membership is for a year and there would be a link to the map on our website so that anyone can pull it up on their portable devices and we'll be able to track how many people are using it as well.

### **Announcements**

Dr. Mike wants people to help load our steel on Bill Mc. trailer to haul off to the steel recyclers this morning.

Anglim's Metal Work is trying to give us an estimate on the steam chests for sheet metal work.

**Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting May 14, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.**

Submitted by,

*Gail Kirby*

Secretary, NMSLRHS