

General Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2017

Meeting called to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer's Report – by John Gibbons

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| Total Cash Assets, May 6, 2017 | \$163,872.39 |
| Deposits | \$ 6,228.42 |
| Expenditures (Miscellaneous) | \$ 19,375.64 |
| Total Assets June 3, 2017 | \$150,725.17 |

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – by Rick Kirby

Rick hoped this would be our last preliminary hydro. After the hydro last week, it appears we'll have more hydro tests to do. It's still leaking in places that aren't acceptable. Once the big leaks are fixed we may be able to contact the FRA.

Our painting schedule for this past week was a bit of a misunderstanding. Rick understood they were going to work every day during the week, but apparently he was wrong. The coming week's schedule has been passed out and we'll get bodies to fill the slots.

Dave V. will be designing a seat for the designated pilot due to the lack of space. We've also been working on a solution to help with the loading of the superheaters.

The 26L brake stand is complete and operating sans a few leaks they are tightening up. We now need to begin adjusting the slack rods. Bob D. brought up that there was a pressure relief valve to be installed and that should be the last to go on the system. He also said the painter painted over the letters/numbers yesterday as they were still bleeding through the sanding they have done. They might be back today to sand off the paint to see how it looks.

Rust Bullet has sent us eight more quarts of their product so we don't run out. They have always come through for us when we needed the product.

Our heat is getting worse during the summer and be sure to hydrate yourself and get out of the heat when possible. Sunscreen is also recommended to be used as often as possible.

CSO Report – by Jon Spargo

As we begin with tests of the 26L brake system there are two things we need to worry about. The first is fingers! The application of direct air pressure to the engine and tender brakes (independent brake system) results in the shoes moving very rapidly to engage the wheels and with great force. Anyone asked to engage the brakes must be aware of both sides of the engine and make sure everyone is clear before applying brake pressure. Anyone making adjustments

must make sure the system is locked out (blue flagged or tagged) before performing maintenance or making adjustments.

The second concern is about the air system valves (angle cocks) in several of the air lines. People working on these lines and using these valves must know that most of the angle cocks work as follows. If the handle is aligned with the pipe the valve is closed. If the handle is at right angles to the pipe the valve is open. There is one glaring exception! Than angle cocks on the train air brake line at the front of the engine and the rear of the tender operate in the reverse manner. When the handle is aligned with the pipe and hose it is on and when at a right angle to the pipe or hose it is off.

Please keep in mind that blue flag rules apply to all maintenance and testing of the air brake system. If you will be working on this system you should have Madam Secretary Gail make you a blue tag badge with your picture on it. This badge can then be attached to the brake system while you work on it.

We will be putting together a training session given by Paul Baynes about the air brake system in the near future.

Elections – by Frank Gerstle

Ballots must be in or postmarked by July 1, 2017. Ballots must put in an envelope with your name and address on the outside somewhere.

Announcements

Dr. Mike mentioned the Open House coming up September 23, 2017 from 9-5.

Dr. Mike also wants us to watch our visitors during the summer and if they look as if they are having a difficult time get them in the shade and get them some water.

June 25th at 8:30 am, KOB/NBC will be airing when NM True came and filmed us on the site. You can view it at <https://www.youtube.com/user/VisitNewMexico>.

ABQ Community Foundation has given us another \$10,000 grant. We got \$8,000 last year. Thanks to Chuck M. for writing the grant and for Dr. Mike giving them a presentation here in ABQ.

Pat H. announced we need to collect monies for a table for the Rails Along the Rio Grande Model Railroad Club. We need \$67.50. We passed the hat and collected enough for our table. The event will be November 19-20 at the Balloon Fiesta Park. Last year was a great moneymaker and exposure event for us.

Last Sunday Julie and some volunteers went to the Rail Yard Market. We made about \$65 in donations and was good exposure as well for us.

Dr. Mike will be giving his yearly presentation down at the Las Cruces, NM Railroad museum later in the year.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting – **Annual Membership Meeting – July 8, 2017 at 7:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby

Secretary, NMSL&RHS