

General Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2018

Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Treasurer’s Report – John Gibbons

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| <b>Total Cash Assets, January 6, 2018</b> | <b>\$216,957.75</b> |
| Deposits (Incl. Inv. Plus Dividend)       | \$230,179.85        |
| Expenditures (Miscellaneous)              | \$ 6,158.58         |
| <b>Total Assets February 3, 2018</b>      | <b>\$224,021.27</b> |
| <b>Less Encumbered Cash</b>               | <b>\$105,937.34</b> |
| <b>Free Cash</b>                          | <b>\$118,083.93</b> |

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

CMO Report – Rick Kirby

Rick spoke with Mark, our tool car mechanic, regarding any updates and progress. The cold weather still, for the most part, has him handcuffed. He did say our Amtrak Inspector assigned to our car, which he met in January at the RPCA Convention, gave him permission to work on some of the smaller appliances that he can carry into his small heated work space.

He advised Rick he needed to procure an Amtrak “8000” number prior to shipping the wheel sets to Chicago where a wheel shop is located. They will perform the NDE work there.

Rick contacted Lee Trombecky at Amtrak and he sent him a form to fill out to obtain the required number. After examining the form Rick concluded he’ll need to contact Railinc and change the car reporting mark prior to submitting the form. There is much information required which he’ll need to dig out at submittal. The whole process is like falling dominos.

Mark currently has all four wheel sets removed from the trucks. The next step prior to shipment will be to thoroughly clean the inner side of the wheel to reveal each wheel’s identifier.

Next week or the week after Rick will be attempting to meet, in Belen, with the Mesa Oil manager regarding our oil delivery, and also meet with BNSF’s Casey Pena’s replacement. We’ll see if we can take some photos of a PTC equipped engine and possibly get some air brake hoses donated. Rick will be accompanied by hopefully Paul and Gordy. He also wants to discuss the condition of the turntable.

Rick contacted the sales manager at Mesa Oil and he sent him a form to fill out. The form is now in his hands so we can be placed in their computer system. He will then get the folks in Belen to get in touch with Rick.

Rick also was able to get in touch with Railinc to change the car number to our reporting mark. He expects to hear from them by this coming Friday or first of next week for the next step. More batches of forms to fill out to Umler.

### **CSO Report** – Jon Spargo

The first Annual Safety review session was held on January 20, at the 412 Union Hall. A total of 63 volunteers attended. That means there are roughly 25 volunteers who have yet to attend an annual refresher. As a reminder, if you don't attend one of the two sessions, if you wish to continue to work on the site after March 31 you will have to attend a full new member orientation. Also, there are roughly 20 volunteers on the authorized workers list that have not paid their \$30 annual contribution. Again you they must do so by the March 31 deadline in order to continue working at the site. Madam Secretary will gladly accept your annual contribution.

The second (make up) session for the Annual Safety Review will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 09:00 in the Reefer Conference area at the site. (No burritos!) This year's topic is "Things You Should and Should Not Do around a HOT Steam Engine!"

There is mounting interest in having a new member orientation. We propose to do so on Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m. after the general membership meeting.

John Howard is coming next week if we have any questions on the MU system or anything else.

### **Operations & Business Plan** – Bob DeGroft

Bob talked with NMDOT and they wouldn't talk to us about insurance issues until they have a Safety & Operation plan in their hand for approval. Jon, Bob & John T. will discuss today and hopefully have something to give them within 30 days. We have to satisfy NMDOT, Rail Runner (MRCOG), Amtrak and BNSF. Since we're not an actual RR running consistently on our own RR we have to get one that we run on everyone else's RR line. He's trying to come up with one from someone that is running like we are.

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

ABQ Community Fund – We have money we still have to spend against the \$10,000 we received so until we spend that down we can't ask for more.

BNSF – in limbo

John H. Emery Fund - \$50,000 requested

Tom Dailey - \$15,000 requested and we might hear in 4-6 months

Christmas card donations have been greater than \$30,000 since December including membership renewals, etc. Best ever!!!

Candelaria Fund – Mike talked with Richard Tower and we might be able to get a generator for the tool car underwritten, but we've got to find one we can use with all appliances with it. Rick is going to work on that part.

NRHS – 2-3 years before we can ask again.

Smith's/Kroger- we're getting half of what we used to get mainly because we have people still trying to use their old system. They have a new system and we need to go back in and redo what we once put in under the new system before it will get to us or whomever you have designated for your donations to go towards.

Smile Amazon is also out there for people to sign on to give us some money or your choice of organization. It's out there to get money from. You've got to use Smile Amazon instead of just Amazon.

EBay is another source of getting money from a sale or a purchase. You can set up your organization of choice through them as well.

Bob D. says Green Velvet is no longer, but taken over by Brennan Oil out of Durango, CO. His quote with them for a 55 gallon drum is \$1008.

Marcia Baynes mentioned she needs one more person to make our order for winter black jackets with the logo on back. It takes three to make an order and she's got two that want to buy. They are \$125 each plus whatever shipping is needed.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – **March 10, 2018 @ 8:30 AM on site.**

Submitted by,

**Gail Kirby**

Secretary, NMSL&RHS