

**General Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2018**

**Call to Order** – Mike Hartshorne

**Treasurer’s Report** – John Gibbons

<b>Total Cash Assets, June 2, 2018</b>	<b>\$245,328.19</b>
<b>Total Assets July 7, 2018</b>	<b>\$218,954.94</b>
<b>Less Encumbered Cash</b>	<b>\$120,800.00</b>
<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>\$ 98,154.94</b>

This report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

John said Hulcher’s bill was paid and sent.

**CMO Report** – Rick Kirby

Unfortunately we lost another devoted member of our organization. On June 26<sup>th</sup> my brother-in-law, Hugh “Tommy” Ryan died of heart and diabetes complications. He was a true and consummate rail fan as he would rather ride the train for three or four days than to take an airplane for three or four hours. He was a lifetime member and an annual donator to this organization. Gail and I will miss him and Rick regrets that we, as an organization, were unable to get the 2926 up and running prior to his death.

Our tool car is progressing with all the trucks disassembled, sandblasted and die checked. The first official FRA inspection visit will be on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>. So far no defects in any of the castings have been found.

Pit reconstruction is well underway with the 14” H beam and rail being installed along with gussets being installed to eliminate the H beam flexing. Yet to be done is to weld the rail retainers to the H beam.

Gail and I want to thank all of you for soldiering on in our absence to Alabama.

**CSO Report** – Jon Spargo

We will conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter New Member Orientation on Saturday July 14, beginning at 09:00 in the Reefer Conference area. There will not be another new member session until the last quarter of this year which will begin in October. Pass the word to anyone you might know that might be interested.

When pit repairs are complete and we start yet another run-up to first steam-up we need to do a review of the steam-up procedure with the steam-up team with a “walk-through” for

members of the steam up team. Recent delays have diverted our attention and we need to re-focus on the process.

**Fundraising Report** – Dr. Mike Hartshorne

The Candelaria Fund is pending when we find our things to ask for. Derail/Rerail – Promises on delivery at least \$15,000. We need about \$19,000 to include the remake of the store. Rich and Julie are hard at work to gain more cash on our web site and/or Facebook.

**Open House**

We need the pit to be done first before we can steam up. Hope to have the speeder running by then. Also to give out our invitation cards personally to people we come into contact with. Not to be left in a bunch such as a grocery store.

Bill Wilhelm and his wife Vicki will be making homemade ice cream for us on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 01100. It will be fresh strawberry and peach. We'd like to ask other volunteers to bring cookies, cake or whatever you'd like to bring to go with the ice cream.

Trip Advisor sent us a certificate of excellence for 2018. It is attached to your Agenda.

**Announcements**

Ron T. & Bob T molded 2926 plaques in brass and presented to Dr. Mike and Rick as gifts. Others will be sold and they are numbered and will be sold for \$100 each.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting – **August 11, 2018 at 0730 on site**

Submitted by,  
Gail Kirby  
Secretary, NMSL&RHS