



The Second Section

April 21, 2016



President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

Members attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl Timko, Bill McComas, Jack Sheets, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Stan Niwa, Al Reibel, Jim Saulsbery, and Ron Stafford.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly financial report was read by Treasurer Ed Cronin, disclosing balances, income and expenses. Income included merchandise sales and donations. Expenses were Pipp Graphics and Design for assembling the newsletter, insurance and Penelec bills, and Olan Wood Products for milling the yellow pine boards for the boxcar.

Committee Reports Property/Equipment

Jim Waters of Silk Road Trucking was contacted for a quote to haul the DL&W Russell snowplow to Meadville, using a roll-on trailer. The original request was to haul the snowplow to a connection with the WNYP in New York, but Mr. Waters stated that it may be cheaper to haul it straight to Meadville, due to the high cost of escort service by the New York State Police. Silk Road is to receive a new trailer and is interested in using it to haul the

snowplow. A quote has yet to be received.

Ferlin Patrick, of the Growth Resources of Wellsboro, contacted Bob Whitmer of Williamsport Crane Co. The plan would be to lift the snowplow and hold it until a flatcar is rolled under it, then lower it. It would be the responsibility of Norfolk Southern and Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad to secure the snowplow. (*ed. note:- The board received a quote since this meeting, and is considerably lower than the quote of Mansfield Crane.*)

Volunteers are planning to travel to inspect the snowplow Thursday, May 5th. The plan is to meet at Pomona Park, then pick up Dennis Mead at a planned meeting point.

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society will print an article in the June 2016 issue of its "Diamond" magazine about the FCVRRHS acquiring the snowplow. They will mention that the FCVRRHS will accept donations to help defray the cost of transporting the snowplow to Meadville. We surely appreciate the publicity.

Any individual may make donations by using the website at www.fcvrrhs.org. By opening the home page and scrolling down to near the bottom of the page and clicking on the "Donate" button, payments may be made to our Paypal account. The

other ways of donating are by directly donating to a board member, or sending it via postal service at the following address: FCVRRHS, P.O. Box 632, Meadville, PA 16335. It is asked that donors mark their remittances for the Snowplow, if that is their intention.

The boards for the side of the B&LE boxcar are milled and stored, ready to be stained and installed onto the boxcar. Work sessions are scheduled for early May. The first job to do is remove the braces, which number at least three. Then the boards will be stained on the inside face. After they dry, they will be installed and stained on the outside face later. Quotes for stain, along with recommendations on the type of stain must be secured first. John Snyder was appointed to check out the stain products. Members are asked to bring brushes, paint trays, gloves and rags when the work session is scheduled. So far, no response has been received concerning the promised payment from the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society to cover the cost of staining the boxcar, whether in part or in full, depending on the cost.

Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum president Rick Rowlands has asked when he can meet with members to exchange ALCO S2 parts. Mr. Rowlands would like to acquire the radiator headers from the #518 in trade for cab components. The board had

agreed to proceed with the exchange in an earlier meeting. Secretary Carl Timko will notify Rick when the work session is scheduled for the boxcar.

Public Relations/Education

Dennis Mead received a letter from a group in Bellevue, Ohio that is interested in visiting the display site. He wrote back and told them that we are not currently open, but plan to open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Carl Timko received a phone call from an individual in Sinclairsville, New York who visited the website and wanted a brochure. Carl sent the caller a newsletter in lieu of a brochure.

The website update is progressing nicely with the webmaster, Dianne Jones and Carl Timko diligently working to get it ready to be released. Several pages have yet to be reworked.

President Bernie Hanmore called for the committee rosters to be posted on the website, so every member that is committed to a committee can be assured of any committee meetings or notices.

An article in the January 2016 Railfan & Railroad magazine had tips on how to have successful tourist visits. The article had quite a few useful ideas that could be implemented at the display site.

The May 2015 Trains issue ran an article on what railroad historical groups are currently experiencing with limited funding and volunteers.

Special Events/Programs

Upcoming events for the next three weeks are listed as follows:

May 7 - Dubois Mall, train show, Dubois, PA - free admission, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 7 - Painesville Railfanning Day, Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 12-14 - Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Train show - Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH - admission \$6, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 14 only - Spring Spree All Gauge Train Show - Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

May 14 - Chautauqua County Railroad History Weekend - 4th National Train Day - Toy Train Show and Sale, Classic Car show, "Train Robbery", appearance by American Viscose 0-4-0 #6 and WNYP locomotives - 211-217 W. 2nd St., Jamestown, N.Y. at the Jamestown Gateway Erie RR Train Station.

May 15 - Chautauqua County Railroad History Weekend - 165th Anniversary of the first train arrival - Chautauqua Co. Fairgrounds, Gate 2, Waldorff Rd., Dunkirk, N.Y.- appearance by American Viscose 0-4-0 #6, display of former B&M 0-6-0 #444, Toy Train show and sale, chicken barbeque (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Membership

The annual picnic and business meeting will be held at Terry and Maryann Martin's residence on Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. Details will be announced after the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at Pomona Park, Meadville, PA, weather permitting. Members are asked to bring their own chairs. Should it be necessary to change the venue, members will be notified by email or by phone if they do not have email.

