

The Second Section – Minutes from the meeting of August 15, 2013

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:30 PM, in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA. Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl Timko and Vanessa Rounds Willoughby, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, Tom Collard, Denis Manross and Stan Niwa.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Cronin read the treasurer's report, noting the checking balances and expenses, in addition to income. The Treasurer reports there are still 40 members who are not current with their dues.

Model Railroad Treasurer's Report

There was no report submitted.

Committee Reports

The museum is making study to see what displays should be considered for the railroad industry. Both wall and floor displays are being considered, so as to determine the square footage of the area that would meet the needs of the railroad-oriented displays. Six railcars could possibly be used for additional display and storage.

It was reported that the railroad signal, planned for the display at the park, is wired and is still stored in Corry. It may be moved to a closer storage site near the 518/caboose display. The 518 handrails are now in place, and the front pilot steps have been straightened out and primed. Ed Cronin plans to obtain quotes from Jeff Conner in Greenville, PA for the painting and/or lettering of the 518. Costs could be as high as \$5000 to \$6000 to complete the work needed. High-lift yellow was selected and approved by the Board for the paint color to match Armour Yellow used on Erie Railroad diesel locomotives. Suggestions were made by Ed Cronin to possibly use an automotive-type epoxy system to apply a new body panel onto the 518 cab. No decision was made. Another work session was planned for Thursday, August 29, at 1:00 PM at the 518 site. (Eight individuals came and worked on sanding and painting the handrail stations, as well as other miscellaneous small projects.) Extending the display track another 20' for the addition of the B&LE wood boxcar is pending on permission from City Manager Rick Williams.

Tom Collard has suggested modeling sessions (no site given yet) for both AM and PM hours. Each session would be a different subject matter, and individuals would pay a separate fee for attending each session. Those individuals attending both sessions on a given day would receive a discounted attendance fee. The money from the sessions would go into the Society treasury. Forming a committee to address this proposal was suggested, as well as a fall schedule.

Ed Cronin requests that any donated materials from the model railroad club be bought by Ed himself, then the donor can write a check to the Society.

There were no reports from the Historical/Archives of Budget/Finance committees.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM, in the conference room of U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

Motion for Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Bernie Hanmore and was seconded by Carl Timko. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.