

The Second Section

Minutes from the August 16, 2012 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the board and general membership meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

In attendance were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Carl Timko, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, John Snyder, Carl Ferguson, and Stan Niwa.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin respectfully submitted the report via email. Secretary Carl Timko read the report as written. Noted were balances, expenses, income, and outstanding expenses. The treasurer is especially concerned that there are still forty members who have yet to renew their memberships. The expiration date on all memberships (with the exception of those who joined in the past six months or less) is June 30. All funds are needed to get the 518 home to Meadville. The secretary sent out a reminder via email on Wednesday, August 15.

Committee Reports

-Museum-

The museum board is working to get a siding built for the Erie Lackawanna SDP45 #3639, in the event the board is able to acquire the unit. Ed Cronin, who is

also the president of the museum board expects to resume talks with Norfolk Southern's directors regarding the #3639. This unit is expected to be an eye-catcher for the museum.

The museum board's fundraising committee is looking at all avenues to obtain grants and is setting up database of donors for future use.

Also discussed was the possible acquisition of a portion of a Warren truss bridge that spanned the Shenango River at Shenango yard, south of Greenville. Ideas for the portion of the bridge included using it as an entrance to the museum or as a life-size frame of a steam locomotive mock-up exiting the bridge.

-Property/Equipment-

The 518 project is back on its feet with the newfound reduction in the ALCO's weight. The less weight results in a better deal from the transporter. As of August 16, the board was waiting for a reply from Silk Road. Jack Sheets said he would contact Dailey's Express again for any revised rates. *(Editor's note: The board struck a deal with Dailey's and will be at Jefferson on August 29 to haul the 518 to Meadville. It is expected to have the S2 on the display track the*

following day).

Mike Schleigh of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society prepared and send drawings of the Erie Railroad logo and the lettering so stencils, decals or vinyl lettering could be produced for the 518.

As stated under the museum committee news, the FCVRRHS was offered the portion of the Shenango bridge by the contractors who are disassembling it. It was noted at the museum board meeting and at the FCVRRHS meeting that the contractors were willing to ship it Meadville at no cost.

The ladder and number brackets have been removed from the signal mast that was donated by the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society. The mast may be ready soon to be sandblasted and powder coated. The next phase would be building forms for pouring a new concrete base for the signal mast to rest on.

The CEO of the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad informed the organization that the tool car does not need to be removed if we take possession of it, which by all indications, is planned. The board would like to inspect the interior of the former baggage car and patch a hole in the roof before the winter season sets in.

-Public

-Relations/Education-

The next possible caboose tour would be the Labor Day weekend. If anyone is interested, please contact Carl Timko at blebuddy@yahoo.com, and arrangements will be made. This will probably be the last public tour for the season.

-Historical/Archives-

Drafts of the 2013 and 2014 Erie Railroad Historical calendar have been made up using photos from Stuart Ladner's collection. The FCVRRHS appreciates Scott Ladner for letting the Society use his father's photographs. Dennis Mead and Mike Vickey, who is the publisher, worked to set up calendars for the next two years. The back of the calendar has not been finalized yet. Plans are to start with an initial order of 150 calendars. If more are needed, we can order more from the publisher. Funds from the calendar are going to the 518 project.

-Model Railroad-

There was no work session at the model railroad club on Wednesday August 15. A work session is intended to be scheduled for Wednesday August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

The HO layout is starting to take shape after having to dismantle a portion because of warping boards.

The HO Christmas layout is in need of attention. The work on this layout will need to be completed by November so it can be ready to go on Thanksgiving weekend. A location has not been determined yet.

Plans are in the works to start model railroad layout tours amongst the membership. Bernie Hanmore has a list of potential available layouts to tour and operate. If any member would like to be included on the list, please contact Bernie or Carl Timko. The plan for the first year is to operate one member's layout during one month, then the next month would be a different member's layout. Saturdays would be the open house with Sundays being the day for an operating session. The hosting layout would provide a light refreshment, with a lunch before the operating sessions at predetermined locations. The second year and years following would be open to the public. This would be an opportunity to get to know members of the FCVRRHS, as well as have fun operating a layout.

-Special Events/Programs-

The Ashtabula Carson & Jefferson Railroad will host the American Viscose 0-4-0T #6 for excursions on Saturday, August 25 and

Sunday August 26. This unit recently ran on the OC&T in Titusville with Flagg Coal 0-4-0T #75.

Correspondence between Anderson Tours and the FCVRRHS have started for the possibility of transporting members to the 2014 Cleveland National Train Show at a new convention center that is currently being built. The show will be July 13, 2014 through July 19, 2014. It is hoped that we can interest enough of our own members as well as members of the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society and the NMRA Shenango Chapter of Greenville, to charter one or two buses. It could help in raising funds for the FCVRRHS. If anyone is interested, please email Carl Timko. If you don't have email, send a note to Carl in care of the FCVRRHS, P.O. Box 632, Meadville, PA. 16335.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

