

The Second Section

Minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the 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, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl Timko, Bill McComas, Tom Collard, Jack Sheets, Larry Johnson, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Al Reibel, Ron Stafford, Carl Ferguson, and Wayne Brown.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin disclosed the current balances, including income and expenses. The cost for fencing for the display area was the main expense.

Model Railroad Club

Treasurer's Report

The French Creek Valley Model Railroad Club will not have a report until January, however, Tom Collard noted that the rent had been paid.

Committee Reports

-Museum-

Thanks to the eleventh hour negotiation skills of Nate Clark, the museum will acquire a portion of the Erie Railroad bridge from Shenango Yard. It will be stored in Mercer, PA at the facilities of the contractor.

Heritage Center committee members attended the unveiling of the plans for

Mead Avenue bridge recently, and formally requested one or both portals of the bridge. The one side still has some of its ornate details left.

Ed Cronin revealed some bad news regarding the switch from the Spring St. extension. Contractors Bob and Randy Kanuth are now claiming that the switch belongs to them as part of their contract for pulling the branch line from Lincoln Metals to the Crawford Business Park. The Heritage Center board is waiting to hear from Carl Belke of the WNYP Railroad.

-Property/Equipment-

Volunteers performed more work on the 518 recently. One of the coupler pockets was installed, though the installation of the knuckle coupler will have to wait. Terry Martin will be sandblasting parts. He needs two dozen 3/8" coarse thread, hex head bolts.

Seco-Warwick has provided two sheets of steel that are to be installed behind the cab, according to Jack Sheets.

A truck horn was donated by Hafer Trucking for use as the horn on the 518.

Dan Higham is to have an aluminum bell cast at the U.S. Bronze for the 518.

Restoration of the signal mast donated by the Lake Shore Railway Historical

Society is progressing nicely. The signal head is to be wired by a party in Corry. Number plates are being made for the signal and will carry the number 518-2.

Two steel rods were donated for the signal mast project by Anderson Parts. Thank you letters to Anderson Parts, Seco-Warwick, and Hafer Trucking were sent out by the secretary.

-Public

Relations/Education-

The FCVRRHS has promotional material on display at the Cranberry Mall. The Clarion Model Railroad Club would like the material to be picked up by December 23. Scott Wilson has volunteered to pick up the material.

"The Valley Express" newsletter will keep the \$1.00 charge to non-members. The newsletter will be posted on the website at www.fcvrrhs.org. The non-members that want a hard copy must remit \$1.00, plus any shipping if it is to be mailed.

Bill McComas had previously purchased ten newsletters to hand out or sell. His money was refunded to him, but Bill returned the money as a donation to the organization. Bill and his wife Yetivemarie have been paying for the publication of

the newsletter for quite some time now. Thank you very much, Bill and Yetivemarie.

The secretary submitted an email from the webmaster, Dianne Jones, to the treasurer, concerning obtaining a PayPal account for merchandise sales on the website. The information on the email will help in deciding to get involved with PayPal.

-Historical/Archives-

Ed Cronin has been consigned 20 2013 Erie Railroad calendars to sell to Tony Petruso. There are fourteen calendars left besides the calendars that have been consigned to various places of business.

-Model Railroad-

There are three train shows that might interest the membership. The Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum of Gibsonia, PA, is continuing with their holiday show through January 13. They are to be open December 27th through the 31st, January 4th through the 6th, and 11th through the 13th. Their schedule is on the internet at www.wpmrm.org.

The Great Lakes Division Train Collectors Association Train Meet will be held at the UAW Hall at 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., in Parma, Ohio on Saturday, January 19, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$7 for a family, children are free.

The Beaver-Lawrence

Railway Historical Society is having its train show on Sunday February 17, 2013 at the Shenango Township VFD Social Hall, located at 2424 E. Washington St. in New Castle, PA. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Admission is \$4 for those 12 and over, children under 12 are free.

It was decided to wait until after the holidays to start planning the model railroad tours. Dates, times, locations, and prices will be discussed likely at the next meeting.

Tom Collard has located a source for the TT scale turnouts. Work will continue on the TT scale layout once the turnouts arrive.

Work sessions continue on the three layouts on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. for two hours.

It was noted that one of the backdrops has been painted.

Now is a good time to submit your dues for the model railroad club. The dues are \$30 per year and help pay for materials to build the three layouts.

-Membership-

Several delinquent members are being dropped from the roster. Four members were named as being deleted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry and Machine, Inc., located at

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