



The Second Section



Minutes from the July 16, 2015 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Pomona Park, Meadville, PA.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, John Snyder, Jack Sheets, Tom Collard, Stan Niwa, and John Nagurney.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin informed the attending members of the current financial status of the organization. Included in the report were balances, income from dues and donations, expenses and the fiscal year report. Ed said that compared to last year, the fiscal year-end balance is down almost \$1000. This can be attributed to membership attrition, lack of merchandise, and various economic factors.

Committee Reports Museum

The annual meeting for the Heritage Center is Monday August 10, 2015, at the Cambridge Springs trolley station. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ken Springirth, a railroad and trolley book author and historian. There are three presentations

this year, Partner of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Historian of the Year.

Historical/Archives

Dennis Mead brought in a sample of the book that is made up of the calendar photos of 2012 through 2014. The cost to publish the book was reviewed, then the price to charge for the book was discussed. The price was determined by a majority vote to be \$14.95 plus tax.

A meeting with Scott Ladner is needs to be arranged, to go over the photos he is willing to let the organization use for its calendar. Fourteen photos for the calendar are needed. There are several that are being considered that are in possession of the Crawford County Historical Society.

Property/Equipment

The installation of the track panel was completed by the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad crew, headed by Rob Gilliland, on June 9. The next day, ballast was purchased from Kebert's and delivered. A five man crew from the FCVRRHS spread the ballast over the track.

Rob Gilliland and his crew used a backhoe and chain to move the #518 ahead on the new track panel on July 7. The move was completed by 6:15 a.m. Terry Martin manned the

hand brakes while six other FCVRRHS members were on hand to photograph and videograph the event.

The 518 will be painted as soon as Scott Royer has the time. He has the paint for the lettering and striping.

It was informed that the trucks on the B&LE boxcar will need painting. The delivery of the boxcar may be delayed two weeks because ITC needs to make some refabrications to their trailer.

Jack Sheets received quotes from the Hite Co. for one 150 watt flood lamp and one 175 watt flood lamp. It was decided that the 175 watt flood lamp will be of better use.

A work session is/was scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 a.m. to install an extension of the fencing. The fencing was to be purchased at Home Depot.

Member and attorney John Nagurney is looking into the procedures of acquiring the Charles Smock property. Mr. Smock acquired the property several years ago from the county. The tax on the property is \$52 per year, but it is thought that the organization may be exempt from paying taxes on the property.

Tom Collard had a conversation with Julie Overton who expressed her desire to

donate many railroad artifacts to the FCVRRHS. The collection is from her family members who worked on the railroad.

Budget/Finance

A recent scrap haul netted \$23 and change for the organization. Members are encouraged to take their scrap metal to Lincoln Metals of Meadville and donate the cash to the FCVRRHS. If a member does not have a truck to haul anything heavy away, they should contact a board member, or someone in the group who does.

The new shirts are in. The price for one polo shirt is \$20, and the price for the tee-shirt is \$17. The polos are gray with a yellow diamond over the heart region, with a black circle in the middle (re: Erie RR logo), with yellow "FCV" lettering. Below the diamond is a yellow rectangular frame with the words "Railroad Historical Society" in black. The tees are ash gray with a photo of #518. Below it are the words "French CreekValley Railroad Historical Society" in black and yellow. To purchase a shirt, contact Carl Timko. Please note that if the shirt is to be mailed to the purchaser, the purchaser will have to pay for the shipping, which will be via USPS Priority Mail.

Special Events/Programs

The speeder rides for the ELHS convention in Cambridge Springs, on Sunday, September 20, have been cancelled. The

WNYP Railroad required an insurance and binder for each car.

Six speakers, one on Friday, the rest on Saturday, will conduct their seminars at the ELHS convention, at the Riverside Inn. The guest speaker during the dinner on Saturday will be Carl Belke, president of the WNYP Railroad. Please note that the fee for each FCVRRHS member is \$60, the same as for the ELHS members. Non-members will be charged \$70. The price includes all seminars, lunch on Saturday, beverages, and dinner.

Slideshows are scheduled to be held on Friday evening and Saturday evening. The FCVRRHS will need members at the vendor table during the entire show. Members are also needed to be on hand at the display site in Pomona Park on Sunday, September 20. Brochures from area railroad historical societies will be available at the convention.

Membership

The elections of June 18 were reviewed. The following were reelected: Dennis Mead as vice president, Ed Cronin as treasurer, Jack Sheets and Bill McComas as board of directors. Vanessa Timko was elected as assistant treasurer. Congratulations to Dennis, Ed, Jack, Bill, and Vanessa!

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting

is scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Pomona Park, Meadville, PA.

