

FRENCH CREEK VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2014 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 7:28 p.m., on the display site grounds at Pomona Park, Meadville, PA. The meeting followed the annual picnic with everyone enjoying each other's company and great food.

Attending the meeting and picnic were Bernie and Laurie Hanmore, Dennis and Donna Mead, with their dog Phoebe, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill and Yetivemarie McComas, Jack and Linda Sheets, John and Lynda Snyder, Larry Johnson, Tom and Sindi Collard, Al Reibel, Huntington Christie, Terry and Maryann Martin, Stan Niwa and his wife, and guest Frank Mount.

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Cash on Hand

- a. Beginning balance for July 2014 \$5,243.07
- b. Closing balance as of July 17, 2014 \$5,124.60
- c. Restricted funds (Heist and Bingham) \$1,978.91

2. Dues

- a. Membership dues were to be in June 30.

B. Committee Reports

1. Museum

- a. Quiet Phase of the fundraising has started
 - 1.) \$300,000 of \$550,000 has already been raised for the building. Purchase of the building cannot be done until \$ 1 million is raised.
 - 2.) Developing relationships with Erie businesses and local businesses.
- b. Cambridge Springs Trolley Station
 - 1.) Paid \$1 for the building
 - a.) \$51,000 left in the estate
 - (1.) Attorney John Swick represented the Heritage Center in court to file for the remaining funds. CCHS retains control of the estate funds and will release them to the Heritage Center as needed.

2. Membership

- a. Election of officers and board of directors
 - 1.) The following retain their seats by unanimous vote of the attending members.
 - a.) Dennis Mead - Vice President
 - b.) Ed Cronin - Treasurer
 - c.) Jack Sheets - Board of Directors
 - d.) Bill McComas - Board of Directors
- b. New members and returning members
 - 1.) James Knights is a new member
 - 2.) Tim Vogt has returned as a member.

3. Property/Equipment

- a. 518
 - 1.) Work that needs done
 - a.) Repairs to the sheet metal
 - b.) Replace the windows
 - c.) Paint and Decal the exterior

- d.) Nose needs repainted
 - e.) Firecracker antenna has been mounted.
 - b. Baggage Car
 - 1. Have an agreement to have the roof recoated
 - c. B& LE box car
 - 1. \$8,000 to \$12,000 needed to move the boxcar from North East.
 - a.) Decision needs to be made whether the organization proceeds to move t the boxcar.
 - 1.) A motion was made by Jack Sheets and seconded by Ed Cronin to delay the decision for one month. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b.) Jack Sheets faxed Silk Road Trucking regarding their services to bring the boxcar to Meadville.
4. Public Relations/Education
 - a. Newsletter
 - 1.) Bill McComas was recognized for another fine issue of "*The Valley Express*".
 - 2.) Bill McComas asked to have someone else take over as editor of the newsletter.
5. Budget/Finance
 - a. Scrap Metal Drive
 - 1.) Members are asked to collect the scrap metal and take it to Lincoln Metal In Meadville. Those that do not have an adequate vehicle can call other members to take it in for them. Members are asked to donate the proceeds to the FCVRRHS.
6. Special Events/Programs
 - a. Train Show
 - 1.) NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Train Show, July 13 - July 20
 - b. ELHS fall meeting
 - 1.) Efforts are under way to bring the meeting to Cambridge Springs,.
 - a. Planning to tour the trolley station, use Riverside Inn for rooms, Possibly a train ride on the OC&T RR. Event may be in the last two weeks of September.
 - c. Jamestown , N.Y. train station
 - 1.) Jack and Linda Sheets went to see the renovated trains station and were very much impressed.
7. Model Railroading
 - a. Scenery is being installed on the TT scale layout. An SW9 has been purchased.
 - b. Sound equipped locomotives have demonstrated on the HO layout
 - c. Rod and Loraine Armstrong, owners of the former Hobby Headquarters hobby shop have donated several pieces of merchandise left over from their old store.
8. Historical/Archives
 - a. A motion was made by Carl Timko to create a new position of archivist to take care of the inventory of donated materials. Included in the motion was Carl to be appointed as the archivist. The motion was seconded by Ed Cronin and approved by the attending members unanimously.

C. Next Meeting

1. Scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville.

D. Motion for Adjournment

- a. Motion for adjournment was made by Ed Cronin and seconded by Bill McComas. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.