

Minutes to FCVRRHS 18 July Meeting

The meeting was held at North East, PA as guests of the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society and was called to order by vice president Denny Mead at around 7:00 PM after an enjoyable train observing session from the Lake Shore HS/ North East Depot.

Attendees: Denny Mead, Jack Sheets, Denis Manross, Tom Stewart, Terry Martin, and Bill McComas (acting for Secretary Carl Timko who is hospitalized with eye problems).

LSRHS member Ray Grabowski hosted our group with some goodies and drink-appropriate to the hot weather. Other LSRHS/ Train Buffs attending included (but not limited to): Al Notarione, Jan Nagle, Jon Clark, and Nick Ozorak.

Denny opened by thanking Ray Grabowski and Lake Shore for hosting the meeting so that we could review the condition of the B&LE boxcar.

A. Treasurer's Report

1. No report submitted.

B. Model Railroad Club Treasurer's report

1. No report submitted.

C. Committee Reports

1. Property and Equipment

a. 518

- 1.) Jack reported that he has a lipped cover for the stack. He also reports his painting of the fan cover will have to be touched up due to hot/humid conditions (sticking to horses). He believes we could eventually store items in the 518 cab when it is finally restored.
- 2.) Battery Boxes reinstalled- "one may need bending (straightening)," Terry believes.
- 3.) Hand-rail replacement to be rescheduled for pick-up at Terry's residence this next week.
- 4.) Denny noted that Scott Wood in Greenville recommends Jeff Conner (724) 813-2614) for painting Bessemer logos. He has 35 years experience.
- 5.) Terry asked for a knuckle pin and Lake Shore had one available for which we are grateful to accept.
- 6.) Denny points out that regardless of present position of bell, it was historically moved to the hood.

b. B&LE wooden boxcar was toured.

- 1.) Ray G. estimates 10% of tongue and groove wood will require replacing. He feels that trying to replace too much wood might cause collapse/ distortion of the overall rectangular shape.

- 2.) Terry says roof looks to be in decent shape.
- 3.) Jon C. points out that irregularly spaced bolt/ square metal washer combos on sides likely mark rods extending the width of the unit- periodically installed to control gradual contortion of shape with aging of wood.

2. Budget/ Finance

a. Fund raising Ideas

- 1.) Ray shared some experience with event admission charges- "Donation Box more successful!"
- 2.) Ray also commented that metal recycling requires space to store and newspapers have to be dry and free of shiny paper, e.g. magazines.
- 3.) Bill McComas has 30 sections of pre-war O-gauge 'T' rail track plus one set of switches (fair condition) for sale, courtesy of friend Bill McDavid's legacy. Dave of Mercer Junction said E-Bay ads cited rail value at \$10./rail.

3. Model Railroad

1.) New Model Site

- a. Scott Wood says the Greenville Railroad Park will eventually feature a 12'x 22' O-scale layout where the 'Empire Car' was parked. Also, a 20'x20' addition on the Park's Gift Shop has been agreed to for library/ visitor needs.

D. Next Meeting

1. Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 6:30 PM at US Bronze, Brakeshoe Rd., Meadville.

E. Motion to Adjourn

1. The motion to adjourn was made and seconded- adjourning ca. 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill McComas
Secretary pro tem