



The Second Section

Minutes from the June 16, 2016 Meeting



President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 7:48 p.m., at the residence of Terry and Maryann Martin, 9899 Franklin Pike, Meadville, PA. The meeting followed the annual picnic, hosted by Terry and Maryann. Those that did not attend missed out on a great picnic. Those attending browsed Terry's museum and were treated to a demonstration of Terry's bells and whistles.

Members and guests attending were Bernie and Laurie Hanmore, Dennis, Donna and Phoebe Mead, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Jack and Linda Sheets, John and Lynda Snyder, Stan Niwa and his nephew. Also attending were Carl Belke, Hunt Christie, Dan Leech, Paul Martin and his wife, and Sandy Porter.

Treasurer's Report

Assistant Treasurer Vanessa Timko read the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Ed Cronin. Current balances, income, and expenses were included. The income came from donations, merchandise sales, and a refund from Erie Insurance after coverage on the #3378 bell was cut in half. The coverage for the #518 and the boxcar were included in the report. Expenses were

1. materials purchased from Hovis Truck and Auto Parts for the 518 and for primer purchased from Sherwin-Williams for the boxcar. Dues and donations received this day were not included in the report.

Committee Reports Budget / Finance

A polo shirt was sold to a member while at the meeting. All shirts, sweatshirts, hats, 2016 calendars, and the Erie RR book with Mr. Ladner's photos, are all still available. If anything ordered is not in stock, it can and will be ordered.

Dennis Mead suggested to start working on the 2017 calendar so it can be published in time for the fall shows.

A motion was made in absentia by Ed Cronin to use the Bingham funds to pay for finishing materials to be used at the display site. The motion was seconded by Dennis Mead and carried by an unanimous vote of the attending members.

Property / Equipment

Current work being performed on the boxcar include scraping away the old paint, removing the brackets and ladders, and priming the new boards that are now stored in the boxcar while they dry. Jack Sheets received quotes from several parties to coat the roof of the boxcar.

None of the quotes were within budget. He suggested that we could do it with less expense. Jack noted that Lubiniecki Welding and Equipment has donated a formed piece of steel. A thank you letter was sent to them for their generosity.

Dennis Mead received word from Ray Grabowski that the check promised for paint for the boxcar should be in the mail this month. Dennis is sending photos to Ray of the work the membership is doing to refurbish the boxcar.

To all members who are interested in helping, work sessions are scheduled every Thursday starting at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting. Should the weather not cooperate, work sessions will be scheduled for either the Wednesday before or the Friday after the originally scheduled work day.

Stan Niwa has welded several pieces of steel to improve the outward condition of the #518. He still has some work to do on the engine. It is hoped that the lettering will be done very soon. Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Museum has still to come up and remove the radiator headers in trade for some cab parts that he is willing to let us have. Secretary Carl Timko is maintaining contact with him through Facebook.

The city of Meadville has



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determined that they still own the bell of the Erie RR # 3378. It formerly belonged to Tony Petruso. This prompted two questions: is it on loan to us by the city, or will they donate it to the FCVRRHS? And will the city pay for the insurance of the bell?

John Nagurney did not attend the meeting, so there is no report as to the status of the deed for the Smock property.

Carl Belke, president and COO of the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, told the membership that he can have a crew haul the needed rails and ties to the proposed display site for the snowplow, using a boom truck. Mr. Belke also stated he has several signals of which he may donate one or two to the FCVRRHS.

The only crane contractor that is still being considered for lifting the snowplow onto a TTX flatcar is Williamsport Crane. All the others are higher in price or not responding to calls. An application for a TTX flatcar has been completed and sent electronically. The plan is to load the snowplow onto the flatcar and have it hauled to Olean, via the G&W, NS, and WNYP railroads. Carl Belke will talk to NS officials about hauling the load to Salamanca, NY at no charge. He believes the G&W would haul it over their rails at no charge and the

WNYP would not charge the FCVRRHS for transporting it. At Olean the snowplow would be lifted off the flatcar at the engine facilities and set on WNYP rails. It then would be transported on its own wheels to Meadville. Mr. Belke said it would cost the organization up to around \$1000 to have the snowplow tied down to the flatcar. Dennis Mead figured the total cost to haul the snowplow would be at least \$7500. Donations and grants are definitely needed.

Historical / Archives

The Erie Railroad text book that Mr. Winters donated is being cataloged and copied onto CDs by Carl Timko. It is planned to sell the CDs for a nominal price to raise funds for all the FCVRRHS projects. A price is to be announced later.

Special Events / Programs

Train shows for the next month include the Greenberg's Train and Toy Show at the Monroeville Convention Center, located at 209 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA, on July 16 and 17.

Public Relations / Education

Dennis Mead revealed that "Trains Magazine" will feature an article on the plight railroad historical societies are having in negotiating with class I

railroads to transport historical equipment. Former FCVRRHS member, Steve Sweeney is an associate with "Trains", and has been in contact with Denny. The article is expected to be in the August or September 2016 issue.

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society is expected to run a short article in their "Diamond" magazine soon featuring the DL&W snowplow that the FCVRRHS is acquiring.

Members are asked to look out for all sorts of funding to get the snowplow to Meadville.

Membership

Membership dues are now due.

A motion to decide raising the membership fee was defeated. It is thought that the organization would be risking losing members if the dues went up now.

The Election of officers and board of directors was the last action of the meeting. The following were reelected by an unanimous vote of the attending members. Bernie Hanmore as president, Carl Timko as secretary, John Snyder, Tom Stewart and Stan Niwa as directors.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, Pa



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weather permitting. Should the weather prevent the meeting from being at Pomona Park, it is likely that it would be at the U.S. Bronze. Members will be notified should this occur.

