

The Second Section

Minutes from the June 17, 2010 meeting

President Dennis Mead called the business meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. in the banquet room of the Italian Civic Club, located at 869 Water Street, Meadville, PA. A dinner preceded the meeting.

Attending the dinner and business meeting were Dennis and Donna Mead, guest speaker Steve Timko, Jr., Bernie Hanmore and his wife, Bill and Yetivemarie McComas, Tom Collard, Larry Johnson, Jack and Linda Sheets, Denis Manross and his wife, Lee Greenfield, Elaine Bingham and her daughter, Nancy Malena, Loyd Mitchell, Al Reibel and his wife, Wayne Brown, Dwayne Jindra, Brendan Simonette, Mr. and Mrs. Rydbom, and Carl Timko.

Elections

First order of business was the election of officers and board of directors. Vice President Bernie Hanmore, Treasurer Ed Cronin, Director Bill McComas, and Director Jack Sheets were all reelected unanimously by vote of the attending members. Each will serve a term of two years.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary Carl Timko read the treasurer's report submitted respectfully by Ed Cronin via email. Noted were the current balances,

income from the recent weathering clinic, and the printing costs of the recently published newsletter, *The Valley Express*. Those costs were paid by Bill and Yetivemarie McComas. Many thanks to Bill and Yetivemarie. Dennis Mead then read the fiscal year report to the membership.

Committee Reports

-Property/Equipment-

The hood and railings from the ALCO S2 #518 have been painted and are now stored on U.S. Bronze property until the rest of the locomotive can be finished.

No progress has been reported on the trackwork at the display site.

We are closer to having electricity at the caboose. Grounding rods need installed, along with outlets and the final wiring.

-Public Relations/

Education-

The June 20 caboose tour will feature trolley and railroad book author Ken Springirth, selling and signing his books, between 1 and 4 p.m. at the caboose.

Handling the tour will be Bill McComas, Larry Johnson, and Tom Collard.

Al Notarione conducted a course on weathering model railroad rolling stock at “@ the Bank”, 940 Park Avenue, Meadville on

Friday, June 11. Several members and one potential new member attended. Refreshments were available as Mr. Notarione demonstrated numerous tips and tricks to weather rolling stock. The clinic replaced June's monthly “bull session” that is held in the “@ the Bank” on the second Friday of the month, between 6p.m. and 8 p.m.

-Museum-

The current choices for a museum site has been narrowed down to two. The former A&GW Railroad building located on Bessemer Street in Meadville has been leased and is no longer available. The remaining viable sites are the 84 Lumber Co. and the Erie Railroad freight house.

Bernie Hanmore suggested forming a committee to do research and get a tour of the freight house. Dennis Mead to contact Dan Higham and include him in the committee. Bernie, Jack Sheets, and Tom Collard are interested in serving on the committee.

-Special Events/Programs-

The Titusville One-Day Museum is Saturday June 19. No one from the FCVRRHS is prepared to attend the event. A poor attendance last year did not help matters.

-Membership-

The membership should be aware the deadline for the dues is June 30, 2010.

An honorary membership card was presented to guest speaker Steve Timko, Jr., in appreciation for his presentation on the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Timko offered a look into the beginnings and the struggles of the WNYP.

The attending membership commended president Dennis Mead for his leadership and efforts to move the organization forward. Dennis then offered his own commendations. Recognized were Bill McComas- for efforts as editor of the newsletter, *The Valley Express*. Ed Cronin was thanked for his expertise in the financial field and as president of the museum. Jack Sheets received kudos for his skill as a communicator and for erecting the flag pole at the caboose display site. Tom Collard was lauded for serving as events chairman, his hobby store, and the weathering clinic held six days prior. Elaine Bingham and her daughter, Nancy Malena were thanked for graciously accepting their dinner invitations and for donating articles and funds in the memory of Bob Bingham. Elaine expressed her gratitude for accepting Bob

into the society.

Also commended were Carl Timko for his performance has secretary, Dan Higham for the use of the conference room at the U.S. Bronze and his insight and role with the Crawford County Historical Society; Larry Johnson and John Snyder for their time and efforts on the board of directors; Wayne Brown, Lee Greenfield, and Al Reibel for their input and labor .

Next Meeting

The next board and general membership meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:13 p.m. A presentation by Steve Timko, Jr. immediately followed the meeting.

