

The Second Section

Minutes from the June 20, 2013 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the annual membership meeting to order at 7:19 p.m., at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, Pa., after the family picnic.

Attending the meeting were Bernie and Lori Hanmore, Dennis and Donna Mead, and Phoebe, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl Timko and Vanessa Rounds Willoughby, Bill and Yetivemarie McComas, Jack and Linda Sheets, John and Linda Snyder, Larry Johnson, Tom and Carol Stewart, Tom and Sindi Collard, Carl and Joyce Ferguson, Stan Niwa, Denis and Delores Manross, Terry and Maryann Martin, Ray Grabowski, Al Reibel, his brother and nephew.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report submitted.

Model Railroad Club

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There was no treasurer's report submitted.

Committee Reports

-Membership-

All nominated officers and board of directors were approved for two year terms. Approved were Bernie Hanmore as president, Carl Timko as secretary, Larry Johnson as a director, John Snyder as a director, and Tom Stewart as a director, replacing Tom Collard who declined to accept another term.

Membership dues are due by June 30.

The crowd were surprised and pleased that Vanessa Rounds Willoughby and Carl Timko announced their engagement. The proposal was made in the caboose where a romantic table setting awaited the couple.

-Museum-

Heritage Center president Ed Cronin gave a brief report concerning the museum board's activities.

Porter Consulting Engineering will be doing the site work. Ann Barton Brown will help manage the upcoming capital campaign.

An architect suggests that the museum board consider what the exhibits will be for display. The French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society was thanked for providing the refreshments for the Heritage Center annual meeting on June 10, 2013.

-Property/Equipment-

The crew members that worked on the #518 were thanked for all their hard work. The goal for completion of the work is this fall. A work session is scheduled for Thursday June 27, at 9:00 a.m. Crews are asked to show up at Terry Martin's residence to help load a trailer.

Dennis Mead brought to light that the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society is willing to lease their Bessemer and Lake Erie wooden boxcar to the organization in three renewable five year leases. The Lake Shore Railway Museum would also forward \$500 for the first

year for painting and upkeep.

The FCVRRHS would be responsible for transporting it to Meadville, and back to North East, upon the expiration of the lease. A vote by show of hands was asked on whether to acquire the boxcar. A majority approved the idea. Negotiations will begin soon. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

The history of the B&E boxcar is it was built as Union RR # 10012, then became B&E #80412, later renumbered to #A205, when it entered maintenance of way service. It has a 50 ton capacity, a steel underframe, and archbar trucks. Some of the wood will need replaced, but it is in decent shape.

-Public Relations/Education-

"The Valley Express"

newsletter editor, Bill McComas, was thanked for his efforts in producing the latest issue. Great work, Bill!

The secretary made note that T-shirts in some sizes will need to be ordered before November.

-Historical/Archives-

Several checks were received from the Meadville Market House for eight calendars sold. Two other calendars were sold at the secretary's yard sale. Thirteen calendars are left in stock, with a few at various vendors.

The time to start planning for the next calendar will be soon.

-Budget/Finance-

A couple of ideas for fundraising included salvaging

and recycling metals, and selling an O gauge train set that Bill McComas has, on Ebay. Other ideas are still needed.

-Model Railroad-

Bernie Hanmore says he can arrange for the model railroad clinics to be held at the Masonic Building outside of Meadville, in the near future.

There will be model railroad tours this summer, with Dennis Mead and Carl Ferguson ready to show their G gauge layouts.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society in North East, PA. Carpools are suggested.



*Carl Timko and Vanessa Rosend Wiloughby
Photo by Linda Sheets*