



The Second Section



Minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill McComas, Jack Sheets, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Stan Niwa, Al Reibel, Pete Gifford, John Nagurney, Ron Stafford, and guest Nick Ozorak.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin read the monthly financial statement, including balances and expenses of postage and insurance. Assistant Treasurer Vanessa Timko reported the sales total from the Erie Train Show. The organization again did very well from sales of merchandise.

Committee Reports Property/Equipment

An update on the progress of the transportation of the DL&W snowplow was given by Dennis Mead. He reported that efforts were being made to contact Mansfield Crane to get an estimate for their services. He was advised by another party to contact a crane service company

to unload the snowplow in the Olean, N.Y. area. Denny also said that the wheel bearings on the snowplow have been lubed.

A work session was scheduled for the following Tuesday, March 22, to load and deliver the yellow pine boards to a local business to mill the tongue and groove joinery in them for the B& LE boxcar. Members were to report at the Pomona Park display site at 10:00 a.m. Given the legal problems some historical societies are having, it was deemed necessary to write up a contract with the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society for the lease of the boxcar. The contract would protect both organizations against any legal ramifications. John Nagurney made a motion to authorize the president and vice president to sign the contract under a "Secretary's Certificate" on behalf of the board. The motion was seconded by Ed Cronin and carried with an unanimous vote of the attending members.

Carl Timko received a message from Rick Rowlands, who is president of a steel mill historical society in Youngstown. He is interested in trading some cab components to the FCVRRHS for the two radiator headers on the Erie Railroad S2 #518. Mr.

Rowland's organization has two S2s, one of which is being used for parts to keep the other one in operation. The board approved of the trade with no formal vote.

Attorney John Nagurney, now has the deed to the Smock Property and will work towards transferring the title to the FCVRRHS.

The city of Meadville recently donated a bell from Erie Railroad 2-8-4 #3378 to the FCVRRHS. The bell is in storage and will eventually be on display at a location yet unknown. Ed Cronin will get a quote for insuring the bell.

Jack Sheets brought in a roll of valuation maps that were donated by the Meadville Sewer Authority. Evidently, they were found in the old diesel shop, which the sewer authority now owns and uses. He also noted that David First has donated several photos of Erie Lackawanna train wrecks.

Bernie Hanmore reiterated the need to get work done at the display site so the caboose can be opened up for visitors this year.

Public Relations/Education

Carl Timko stated that if no one had any more submissions for the Spring issue of the "Valley Express", that the

newsletter would be ready to send to Kevin Pipp of Pipp Graphics and Design. He will do the layout work before sending it to be published. This issue will conclude the "*History of Stony Point*" by Dennis Mead.

Details concerning a proposed excursion train were discussed. After hearing all pertinent facts, President Bernie Hanmore called for a vote to approve or disapprove the proposal. Before that took place, John Nagurney made a motion to vote by paper ballot. The motion was approved and the voting ensued. The motion to approve the proposal of the excursions train was voted down by two votes. The main reasons for the disapproval were there was not enough time to plan and coordinate the event properly and the financial risk to the FCVRRHS should anything go wrong. The event was to be part of the Allegheny College's "Year of Meadville" event. Nick Ozorak noted there will be space available if the FCVRRHS were interested in selling its merchandise at the "Year of Meadville" event.

Budget / Finance

Sales of FCVRRHS clothing since the last meeting resulted in the sale of two polo shirts, two 518 t-shirts, one hooded sweatshirt, one hat, and no caboose shirts. There were many that were interested in the caboose shirts had their sizes been available. Four more hats

are to be ordered for members at this meeting. It was asked to inquire if the logo on the hat could be enlarged. Other merchandise sold were six calendars and no Erie Railroad books, though twelve were to be taken to the Kirtland, Ohio train show on March 19 to be sold to the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society. Members wanting to order FCVRRHS gear can use the For Sale link on the website (www.fcvrrhs.org). Sizes and availability can be confirmed before ordering by emailing the secretary, Carl Timko at blebuddy@yahoo.com.

The motion to redesignate restricted funds for which the need no longer exists, was tabled. The motion was put before the board at the February meeting.

Special Events/ Programs

Upcoming train shows are as follows: April 2,3 - Greenberg's Train show at Rochester, N.Y.; April 3 - Beaver County Model Train Show at Center Stage, Monaca, PA; April 9 - NETS Swap and Trade train show is at the First Church of Christ in Painesville, OH; April 10 - Great Batavia Train Show in Batavia, N.Y.; April 10 - the Youngstown Model Railroad Association train show at McMenamy's Banquet Hall in Niles, OH; April 14-16 -TCA Eastern Division Train Show at York, PA (it was learned that this show is a "closed" show).

It was also learned that Amtrak will not be participating in the

National Train Day that they started several years ago.

Model Railroad

Ed Cronin informed the membership that the territory that the FCVRRHS is in, has changed recently. The organization is now in the Western Reserve Division of the Mid-Central Region, Division 5. The website for this division is www.mcr5.org. The question was asked if the FCVRRHS should join the new division now, the response was not at this time. Division 5 organizes the annual Railfest held at the Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio every March.

Membership

Condolences are extended to member Wayne Brown and his family on the passing of Wayne's wife in February.

The rosters of all committees were updated at this meeting. The following committees listed are noted with members who serve on their respective committees. Those that wish to join a committee can contact Carl Timko at

www.blebuddy@yahoo.com

Budget/Finance - Ed Cronin (chair), Bernie Hanmore, Vanessa Timko, Pete Gifford

Historical/Archive - Carl Timko (chair), Pete Gifford, Bernie Hanmore, Ron Stafford

Membership - Carl Timko (chair), Ed Cronin, John Snyder

Model Railroad - Bernie Hanmore, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Al Reibel

Museum - Ed Cronin (chair),
Bernie Hanmore, Dan Higham

Property/Equipment - Bernie
Hanmore, Jack Sheets, Tom
Stewart, Stan Niwa

Public Relations - Dennis
Mead (chair), Carl Timko, John
Nagurney

Special Events/Programs -
Carl Timko, Jack Sheets, Al
Reibel

The annual picnic and busniess
meeting will be at Terry and
Maryann Martin's residence on
Thursday, June 16. More
details to follow in upcoming
meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be
Thursday, April 21, 2016, at
6:30 p.m. in the conference
room of the U.S. Bronze
Foundry & Machine, Inc.,
located at 18649 Brake Shoe
Road, Meadville, PA.

