

The Second Section

Minutes from the May 16, 2013 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, PA. The meeting followed a work session and a pizza break.

In attendance were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Carl Timko and his guest, Vanessa Rounds, Bill McComas, Tom Collard, Larry Johnson, John Snyder, Jack Sheets, Carl Ferguson, Stan Niwa, Scott Royer, Pete Gifford, and Tom Stewart.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary Carl Timko read the treasurer's report as submitted by Ed Cronin. Noted were checking balances and expenses, with no income reported. A motion was made by John Snyder to approve payment to Lloyd's Rentalas a shared payment , with the Heritage Center, to move rail and ties. The motion was seconded by Jack Sheets, and carried by unanimous vote.

Model Railroad

Treasurer's Report

No report was due this month. Received dues were forwarded from the model railroad club to the FCVRRHS for rent. Next month's report will reflect the transaction.

Committee Reports

-Museum-

The annual meeting for the Heritage Center was the focus for the committee report. The event is scheduled for June 10, 2013, in the William Douglass Center, located on Bessemer St., in Meadville, at 7:00 p.m. Members were asked to sign up for the various tasks, including bringing the refreshments and service. Members were asked to wear proper attire. The doors will open for the members at 6:30 p.m. then for the public at 6:45 p.m.

There may be rail available at the U.S. Bronze, either for the siding or for the FCVRRHS's baggage car. Members of the board will talk with Dan Higham about the possibilities.

-Property/Equipment-

Crews were thanked for their efforts of this day, installing the door panels and other parts on the #518.

A glass display case was found at a garage sale, but not purchased. It was decided to wait until the wooded steps were reinstalled to the caboose before purchasing one for the caboose and used for displays.

-Public

Relations/Education-

Editor Bill McComas announced that the newsletter, "The Valley Express", will be published

soon.

-Historical/Archives-

There were no reports of calendar sales this month. Carl Timko will attempt to sell some at a yard sale this weekend.

-Budget/Financing-

Ideas are needed to start raising funds for the historical society. One idea is to sell a number of crossbucks that is in possession of the organization.

-Special

Events/Programs-

A number of events are forthcoming that may be of interest to the membership. The One-Day Museum at Perry St. station in Titusville will be June 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Lake Shore Railway Museum will have a free public program Saturday, May 18 at 8p.m. (*editor's note: it is regrettable that this event could not be published in time*). The Lake Shore Railway Museum also will have its event, Night at the Railroad Museum, on June 15 and 16, from noon to 4:00 p.m.; a free public program will be held at the museum at 8:00 p.m. Other events will be posted when the time nears.

-Model Railroad-

Bernie Hanmore cleared the way to hold a clinic at

his lodge in the future. Regarding the planned model railroad tours, former member Ed Blenner, is in the process of expanding his N scale empire. He is willing to open his layout for tours. We'll be looking to see that soon.

Wednesdays is the day to meet when tours are planned. All are welcome. The time to meet is usually around noon at the Shops @ the Bank, in Meadville.

-Membership-

The French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society annual meeting will be Thursday June 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville. It will be a family picnic for members and their families. Scott Royer has a canopy that he will bring. Members are asked to bring a tureen. The board will fund the buns, hotdogs, and burgers. Members are also asked to bring a chair.

The following officers and board of directors are up for reelection and will accept their nominations: Bernie Hanmore - president, Carl Timko - secretary, Larry Johnson - board of directors, John Snyder - board of directors. Tom Collard declined to serve another term on the board of directors due to his schedule. A motion to nominate Tom Stewart to the board of directors, replacing Tom Collard, was made by Jack Sheets, and seconded by John Snyder.

The motion carried and Tom Stewart was nominated and approved to replace Tom Collard.

Other Business

The Lake Shore Railway Museum is to receive a donation from the Norfolk Southern Railroad, a B32-8 for their GE locomotive collection.

The Lake Shore Railway Museum has qualified for a grant to repair the roof on their freight house.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., at the display site, Pomona Park, Meadville, PA.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the membership meeting was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Tom Collard. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

