



The Second Section



Minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting

President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:29 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, John Snyder, Tom Stewart, Jack Sheets, Tom Collard, Stan Niwa, and Scott Royer.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin disclosed the monthly financial status of the organization, reading the current balances, including three restricted funds. He reported no activity with income or expenses.

Committee Reports Museum

The annual Heritage Center meeting will be held at the Cambridge Springs trolley station on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Historical/Archives

The planned book of Stuart Ladner photographs from the three FCVRRHS Erie Railroad calendars was discussed. The publisher will be Mike Vickey, who produced the calendars.

Costs to the organization will include the initial set up fee of \$300, \$7 each for a saddle-stitched binding, and \$7.80 each for a comb binding book. The price is based on a minimum order of 50, with a minimum reorder of 25. The book will have 24 pages and 48 photographs. A motion was made by Ed Cronin to adopt the recommendation of the book. Carl Timko seconded the motion, and the motion carried by an unanimous vote. The price to charge for the book was discussed, with no set price decided as yet.

Recommendations of \$20 or higher were mentioned.

The planned 2016 calendar was to be the next topic, but was tabled until the next meeting. Tom Collard did voice his concern over a proposed calendar of train wrecks, noting that the railroad industry does not need to have more misconceptions of unsafe travel and shipping over the railroads.

Property/Equipment

The members attending the meeting discussed the painting and lettering of the #518. It is hoped that it will be sooner than later. Scott Royer will contact the membership as to when he would be ready to start the application of paint. It was

noted that the cab sides still needs repair, and the cab interior needs to be rebuilt - including finding a set of dial gauges. A coupler lift pin is also needed.

The Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad crew, led by Rob Gilliland, installed a track panel in front of the #518, to make room for the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad boxcar. The track panel still needs more rail added on to the end of the panel along with ballast. Bernie Hanmore stated that the track panel needs to be taken care of before the boxcar arrives. He said that the boxcar needs to be on display by the end of June so the equipment can be opened to the public.

It was mentioned that lighting needs to be added to the units already in place.

Jack Sheets wanted to know what needs to be done with the offer by Charles Smock to have the FCVRRHS buy his parcel of land for \$1. A motion was made by Dennis Mead to begin the process of purchasing the property for the benefit of the FCVRRHS. Ed Cronin seconded the motion and the motion carried by an unanimous vote. A continuing discussion made it clear that the FCVRRHS should try to buy two other adjacent parcels. Tom

Collard volunteered to talk with Andy Walker, the City Manager.

The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad boxcar was moved from its former display site at the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society, to another track on their site, to be more accessible for loading. The boxcar had been sitting on a track located on the northeast side of the depot.

Budget/Finance

Carl Timko showed a proof of the logo designs for the new polo shirts and t-shirts. The members attending gave their approval, but noted a small bit of background needed to be eliminated. Prices and quantities to order should be decided upon at the next meeting.

A grant application to the Tom E. Dailey Foundation for their Railroad Heritage grant was written by Carl and signed by Bernie Hanmore before the meeting started. The grant application is now ready to be scanned and sent electronically to the Foundation. Carl thanked Ray Grabowski for his copy of the LSRHS grant application, which was successful in securing funds for the group in North East from the Dailey Foundation.

Special Events/Programs

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society will be sending out fliers and prices for their Fall Meeting in Cambridge Springs, PA, from September 18

through the 20th. Carl Timko will be taking care of the registrations from the ELHS members.

A conversation between Dennis Mead and WNYP Railroad president Carl Belke resulted in an agreement to have speeders run over the WNYP between a spot east of Cambridge Springs to Miller's Station, during the ELHS Meet. Payment to the speeder owner group will be made as a donation. The necessary arrangements will be made soon.

The only train show of note in the area for the month of June is in Titusville, PA. The Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad is sponsoring a train show at the Perry Street Station on June 20 and 21. Admission is \$3, or free if you ride the train and show your ticket stub.

Jack Sheets noted the Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4 #765 is heading a steam excursion between Youngstown, Ohio and Ashtabula, Ohio on July 25 , and 26. The cost to ride the train is \$89. The train is expected to leave Youngstown at 8:30 a.m., and arrive in Ashtabula at around noon.

John Snyder reports that the Jamestown National Train Day (May 9) had events that included vendors at the station, a trolley that is being restored, and a "train robbery" that included the American Viscose 0-4-0 #6. Dennis Mead informed the members that the Jamestown (N.Y.) depot is being taken over by the city of

Jamestown for a new venue of the Lucille Ball museum. The trolley and railroad artifacts that were displayed at the depot will be moved to the old diesel shop in Jamestown.

Membership

Ed Cronin said board member Larry Johnson is not doing very well . Larry had to stop tending to the Stereoscopic Museum on Chestnut Street, because of his health.

Due to the number of members that have been in ill health or the number of members or former members the have passed, an initiative to buy some blank cards to send to those needing a get well wish or a sympathy card, was started. Members would sign a batch of cards at the membership meetings to have cards ready to send out.

Not mentioned at the meeting were the the officer and board of directors whose terms are expiring. Dennis Mead as vice president, and directors Bill McComas and Jack Sheets are up for reelection at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting is also the annual picnic and business meeting. The meeting will be at Pomona Park, weather permitting, on Thursday, June 18, 2015, Meadville, PA. Members are asked to bring their own chairs and a tureen of food to share. Hope to see you there!

