



# The Second Section

Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Membership Meeting



President Bernie Hanmore called the FCVRRHS membership meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. at the residence of Terry and Maryann Martin, located at 9899 Franklin Pike, Meadville, PA, following the annual membership picnic.

Attending were Bernie and Laurie Hanmore, Dennis, Donna, and Phoebe Mead, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill McComas, Jack and Linda Sheets, John and Lynda Snyder, Stan Niwa, Ron Stafford, Huntington Christie, Jonathan, Stephanie, and Alexis Gable, John Howell, Scott and Joyce Ladner, and John Nagurney.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

The monthly financial statement was read by Treasurer Ed Cronin. The report contained current balances and expenses. No income was reported. The expenses were a bank service charge and an impending payment to the Wellsboro & Corning for demurrage charges of the snowplow.

## ***Committee Reports Budget / Finance***

A motion by Jack Sheets to donate a gift card to a known WNYP employee for lifting the boxcar door into place. The motion was seconded by Ed

Cronin and approved by the attending membership.

## ***Membership***

Membership dues are expected by June 30. Members may pay via the U.S. Mail by sending a check to FCVRRHS, P.O. Box 632, Meadville, PA, or electronically through the website ([www.fcvrhrs.org](http://www.fcvrhrs.org)) by clicking on the "Membership" button and scrolling to the bottom of the page. One could also give one of the officers the payment in person.

Before the elections of officers and directors commenced, a motion to amend the by-laws was made by Carl Timko. The amendment would increase the number of directors (including the officers) from nine to eleven. The motion was seconded by Ed Cronin and approved by the attending membership.

Nominated for re-election were President Bernie Hanmore, Secretary Carl Timko, and Director John Snyder. Director Vanessa Timko declined re-election, opening up a seat on the board, along with two new seats. New nominations for the board were Ron Stafford, Nick Ozorak, and John Nagurney. A motion was made to accept and approve all nominations. The motion was seconded and approved by the

attending membership. John Nagurney will become a director of legal counsel. All positions are for a two-year term.

## ***Model Railroad***

Ed Cronin read a letter from Nick Ozorak, who could not attend the meeting. It went over points made at the last meeting regarding the Youth Model Railroad Club and some new information. Nick met with Eileen Mullen, the director of K-12 Career and Education Alliance, who thought it was an excellent opportunity in the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Nick is negotiating with Parkside Commons for a space to use at the old Meadville Junior High School. A mini-train show has been tentatively scheduled for July 18, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Foundry Co-Works, located within the Parkside Commons. It is planned to use the event to launch the endeavor with the help of the local newspaper and electronic media, such as Facebook. Nick currently has a \$1000 pledge and expects to apply for grants when they become available to support the cause.

## ***Museum***

The former Bessemer and

Lake Erie freight depot is headed for auction on July 7 at 1 p.m. on-site, at 136 Bessemer St., Meadville, with the real estate auction starting at 3 p.m. The Mattocks family owned Meadville Farm & Garden and used the former depot for its business since acquiring the enterprise in 1969. Efforts to acquire the building are planned by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Partnership, of which the FCVRRHS is a partner. Ed Cronin related that there is a 10% buyer's premium with 10% due at the end of the auction and the balance due at closing. President Bernie Hanmore asked the membership what course of action the FCVRRHS should take. Carl Timko made a motion to offer a certain sum, if necessary, towards acquiring the building. The motion was seconded by Ed Cronin, and carried with a majority vote of the attending membership.

### ***Property / Equipment***

The restoration of the B&LE boxcar is nearing completion. The west side door has been installed, but three rollers will need changed. A work session will need to be scheduled to do that job as well as wiring up the headlight on the #518 and the cabooses. Notification will come via the Secretary.

The DL&W snowplow status as of this meeting is that it is in Bison Yard in Buffalo, N.Y., waiting for Norfolk Southern to deliver it to the Buffalo &

Pittsburgh Railroad who will then deliver it to the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad.

In preparation for the arrival of the snowplow, the other two lots adjacent to the new lot need surveying. John Nagurney made a motion to approve funding for the survey. The motion was seconded by Ed Cronin and approved by the attending membership.

### ***Public Relations/ Education***

Attendance at the caboose has been sparse so far. Two people toured the caboose on June 10 and one person showed at the gate the next Sunday. One sale and donation was recorded. Members are advised that volunteers are needed every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested should contact Carl Timko. At least two members should be on hand. Volunteers should make sure the visitors do not climb on any equipment except for the caboose at the appropriate entrance. Safety is a must!

### ***Special Events/Programs***

Train shows on the calendar are as follows:

July 21,22 - Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA. Admission : \$10 Saturday, \$9 Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 21 - Jefferson Historical Society Trains Swap and Sale

Event at the Jefferson Community Center, 11 E. Jefferson Ave., Jefferson, OH. Admission is \$2, hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be an N-scale modular layout and food at the show.

August 11 - Summerail at the Palace Theater, 276 W. Center St., Marion OH. The seminar and train show is \$25, attending only the train show is \$5. The train show will be in the pavilion just west of the theater. Hours are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the seminar and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the train show.

August 26 - Painesville Railroad Memorabilia Show at the Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH. Admission is \$5, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ***Other Notes***

John Howell has started his two former NS locomotives, #538 and #539. They were in need of repair.

Terry and Maryann Martin were thanked for hosting the picnic. The members responded with applause.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next membership meeting will be Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, PA. Members should bring their own chair.



*Coming soon to Meadville!*

