



The Second Section

Minutes of the May 24, 2018 Membership Meeting



Vice President Dennis Mead called the membership meeting to order 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.

Attending the meeting were Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill McComas, Jack Sheets, John Snyder, Stan Niwa, Terry Stewart, Ron Stafford, and new member Nick Ozolak.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin, disclosed the new balances after bills for the snowplow transportation and Penelec were paid. Those that were paid were Williamsport Crane, Norfolk Southern, Rick Rowlands, for tying down the snowplow, Wellsboro & Corning Railroad, for use of their siding, rental of a welder for Rick Rowlands, and purchase of two tensioners at Tractor Supply. No income was reported.

Committee Reports Budget / Finance

A motion was asked for by Ed to move the Bingham Fund and the Heist Foundation Fund to the General Fund. Jack Sheets made the motion and was seconded by John Snyder. The motion carried by an unanimous

vote of the attending members. The motion results in the funds all being in the Unrestricted Funds for now.

Stan Niwa reported that Wayne Brown is planning to donate a carport and awning to the organization. Stan said he would take the awning and carport and donate \$60 to the organization. The board agreed with his request.

Membership

Next month's meeting will be the annual business meeting and membership picnic. The picnic and meeting will be held at Terry and Maryann Martin's residence located at 9899 Franklin Pike, Meadville, PA at 5:30 p.m. Please note the starting time, as it is an hour earlier. Members are asked to bring a tureen.

The elections of officers and directors will also occur at this meeting. Those up for re-election are President Bernie Hanmore, Secretary Carl Timko, Director Vanessa Timko, and Director John Snyder. Bernie, Carl and John will continue serving the board. Vanessa has declined another term, which leaves one director's position open. Nominated were Ron Stafford, by Dennis Mead and seconded by Carl Timko; and Nick Ozorak, nominated by Ed Cronin, and seconded by John

Snyder. Anyone else in the membership that would like to be nominated, please contact the secretary at blebuddy@yahoo.com before June 20.

Model Railroad

We are starting to run out of time to build the new layout. The layout needs to build by November so it can be ready to go on the day after Thanksgiving. All those interested in helping can contact any officer or director.

Nick Ozorak proposed a Youth Model Railroad Club to get the younger generation interested in the hobby of model railroading. His proposed club would start with 4 or 5 kids that would meet once a week for two hours after school for the purpose of learning to build a model railroad layout. Tentatively the club would meet at the Parkside Commons (the old Meadville Junior High School). The club members would learn some railroad history from railroad historians and field trips. Nick asked for a specified sum to pay for a Woodlands Scenic layout kit, expenses to get the kids started, and supplies. He has a potential donor for half of the funds requested along with the possibility of a donation of HO trains for the club from a known business man. The plan is for the club to start in the Fall of 2018 and continue to the Spring

of 2019. A motion to accept the proposal and fund the Youth Model Railroad Club was made by Ed Cronin and seconded by John Snyder. The motion carried with an unanimous vote.

Property / Equipment

There is about one hour's work before the door to the B&LE boxcar is installed, as stated by Stan Niwa. Three of the four rollers are installed. The door will be lifted with the help of the WNYP maintenance crew and their boom truck. A work session was planned for the next day.

The DL&W snowplow is now loaded and ready to be moved to Corning, N.Y. to be interchanged with the Norfolk Southern. Dennis Mead, Ed Cronin, and Stan Niwa travelled to Wellsboro to help with the loading. There was some prep work to do before the cranes could lift the snowplow onto the flatcar. So it will soon be on its way.

Dennis Mead said Mike Vickey will draw up the stencils for the lettering for the snowplow. It is planned to letter it for Conrail and the number 64658, its number when it served Conrail.

We will need to have signage created to credit all those who were instrumental in bringing the snowplow to Meadville.

Now the job is to get the lot ready to lay the display track, including grading and ballasting. There also was a discussion about the other two

lots being surveyed, although the original lot already has been surveyed.

John Snyder talked about getting some bricks from the city of Meadville to lay a brick walk way at the display sites.

The caboose is planned to be opened in June. We will need volunteers to help guide the visitors on the display site. The display site will be opened on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If any member is interested, contact the secretary at the aforementioned email address to sign up, or go the FCVRRHS Facebook site. Volunteers are reminded that the visitors can enter the caboose, but are not permitted to climb the boxcar, locomotive or the signal.

Special Events / Programs

There are four train shows listed for June and July.

June 16, 17 - Titusville Train Show at the Perry St. Station in Titusville, PA. Admission is free with the purchase of a train ticket on the OC&T Railroad. Departure time is 11 a.m. If not riding the train, the admission fee is \$3, \$2 for children.

June 18-23 - Big Train Operators Club 40th Anniversary Convention at the Bird-In-Hand Family Inn at Strasburg, PA. Members registration is \$100.

July 21,22 - Greenbergs Great Train & Toy Show at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA.

July 21 - Jefferson Historical

Society Train Swap & Sale Event at the Jefferson Community Center, 11 E. Jefferson Ave., Jefferson, OH. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.

There are two excursions of note in June. The first is the Father's Day excursion on the OC&T Railroad in Titusville, PA, on June 17. Dads can ride for \$10 with the purchase of a full price ticket. Departure time is 11 a.m.

The other excursion is also on the OC&T, June 22-24. It is the OC&T Steam Weekend featuring American Viscose 0-4-0T #6 and Jeddo-Highland Coal Co. 0-4-0T #85 (known as "Mack"). Departure times are Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Riders will need to arrive one hour before departure. Those not on board before the whistle blows, indicating five minutes before departure, will not be permitted to board. Ticket prices are \$45 for 1st Class and \$25 for coach.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be at Terry and Maryann Martin's residence, located at 9899 Franklin Pike, Meadville, PA, at 5:30 p.m. Again, note the time change. Please bring a tureen of food to share. See you there!



