

**General Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2015**

Meeting brought to order by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

**Treasurer’s Report** – by Dr. Mike for Ernie Robart who was absent

Total Cash Assets, February 7, 2015	\$86,688.71
Deposits (Checking (and Investment Plus Interest)	\$ 6,758.70
Expenditures (Miscellaneous)	\$27,005.02
<b>Total Cash Assets, March 7, 2015</b>	<b>\$66442.39</b>

**Grants/Donations/Encumbered Cash**

Funds for welding flues & tubes: \$25,000 – Expense \$0 – Balance \$25,000

TRAINS Magazine grant brake stand \$10,000 – Expense \$0 – Balance \$10,000

Dailey Foundation Grant – Brake Sub System - \$7500, Expensed - \$7500 – Balance \$0

The Treasurer’s report was received, reviewed and filed for audit.

**CSO Report** – by Jon Spargo

Two new members went through the Safety Class last Saturday. They are Mike Mason and Dave Jenkins. Welcome to those new members.

A walk around was done with Keith from Welch’s Boiler Service and we are satisfied that we are all on the same page with regard to confined space entry and permit required confined space entry. We have also conducted a confined space rescue training session with participation by two of Welch’s personnel.

To date we have yet to get into permit required confined space activities as no welding of flues has taken place. We are ready when that does happen.

As of today 69 tubes/flues are welded and they anticipated to finish Wednesday or Thursday, but more rolling needs to be done.

**CMO Report** – by Rick Kirby

- Jeff Schmid has put Rick in touch with a gentleman at BNSF named Joe Sloan. He is in Denver and works in the office of Public Affairs. Joe Faust is no longer in our Region with BNSF. Jeff spoke with him regarding our 26L

air brake conversion needs. He suggested Rick send him a list of parts we need. Jeff said Joe would look it over then kick it on for review. Joe also requested our 501 c 3 status which Rick included with a little PR info. The list only included items we need for redundancy. Hopefully we will get our spares from BNSF stock.

- Bob has informed Rick our purchased 26L parts were weathered in the Dallas area and we now expect delivery Monday or Tuesday.
- Rick has provided a supplier for cab wiring. He plans to use period correct cloth covered style for the exposed wiring.
- Bob K. has ordered yet a third set of pressure springs for our safety valves. Apparently the stainless springs did not retain the proper pressure once exposed to the temperature and pressure during testing.
- Curt Potter, who wants to donate a Santa Fe baggage car, says he is looking for non-speed restricted trucks for it. Rick reminded him we don't have any current funds available for trucks or even transportation to ABQ. He felt NS and BNSF could bring it out here as a donation. The car is located 200 miles east of Chicago on NS track.
- Hopefully our new staybolts will arrive in a few weeks which may coincide with finishing the boiler tube project. Welch's said we could use their air quality monitor while we seal weld the staybolts. Rick didn't see any reason to spend a pile of money on our equipment just to have it get timed out sitting on the shelf.

Rick also reports Welch's re-rolled everything so we can work in the smoke box area.

Staybolt material went out this week.

We have 99% of our 26L brake parts from Jessup.

Bob D. added that Welch's would like to be here when we do the hydro and firebrick. He's checked on the firebrick and a place called Ram Refractory has cubed-like modeling clay and forms up to your specifications. It takes about five days to set up. Tack welds have to be made to form around to hold it on.

## **Community Liaison Report** – by Steve Bradford

### 1. **4 March OASIS: Lifelong Learning**

I conducted a "class" on that date from 1- 2:30 pm on the Restoration of 2926. The asked lot of questions and seemed quite interested and kept me going for the full 1.5 hours. There were about 30 attendees who paid to attend. There will be a follow-on field trip to the site on 20 May by up to 30 folks at 1000.

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### 2. **Upcoming Events**

**21 March:** I am driving to Pomona CA, to give a presentation to the Rail Giants annual meeting on 21 March. I'll probably leave a few days early.

**11 April:** The Tin Lizzies (a Model T car group) will have a site tour after their 0900 breakfast. I expect to see them between 1000 and 1030. There may be as many as 30 people.

**15 April:** 1030-1115 a presentation is scheduled for the Palo Dura Senior Center.

**17-18 April:** Visit by AAPROC with a BBQ at the site on the 18<sup>th</sup>

**22 April:** Site visit by the Palo Dura Senior Center.

**7-9 May** NM Historical Society.

A motorcycle group came by last week.

### **Announcements** – Dr. Mike

AAPRCO will be here on 4/18/15 and we're arranging a way to get them to and from our site. There will be about 20-40 people attending this year. They leave Sunday for TX. The tourism people will be here as well. Rick is gathering a couple people to meet with an inspector that does the consist early that morning.

Neil Artman negatives – Dr. Mike is going through them and getting what he could to produce photos and a couple is on the bottom of your Agenda today.

Jim Ady's photo – Stan Kistler sent us a print to secure a high resolution copy of it. We have the permission to use it. If people know anyone who has photos of old have them get them to us.

**Fundraising** – by Dr. Mike Hartshorne

Chuck Mangold has submitted a grant to ABQ Community Foundation for up to \$10,000.

After 90 days from our submission to BNSF Foundation we are allowed to request the status. Chuck has called his contact with them and she said they do have it and will let us know.

**Meeting Adjourned** - Next Meeting will be **April 11, 2015 at 8:30 AM**

Submitted by,

Gail Kirby  
Secretary, NMSL & RHS