

January 2025



Membership Most of you have probably already renewed your membership, if not please do not forget to send it in soon. We need everyone's ideas, support and insight as we struggle with ever larger projects and commitments. **We need you; sign up soon, sign up often. ...**



Ken Hill loading motorcar for trip to MedFab for cleaning and repainting

THE MANIFEST



WE ARE ON THE MOVE— DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND

**It's been a year of growth and adjustment,
but we have had our share of successes.**

NEW ROOF ON THE BURGER SHACK

Thanks to a contribution of steel by MedFab and skilled labor from Dillon the roof on the shack is complete.



Thanks to Ric, Ken and Mick who helped.

WATER TANK ADDED TO MOTORCAR TRACK

After tireless effort in his garage Ken Hill delivered to the Park a water tank car that will serve to suppress fire hazards as well as permit easy weed spraying on the line. BIG THANK YOU KEN!!



PAINTING AND REPAIR IS ALWAYS NEEDED

Thanks to Jerry Hellinga for repairing the roof of the CB&Q as well as to Mick Smith and Angelo Gordon for sanding and repainting the steps to the CB&Q and the Flanger.

THE BURGER SHACK

Thanks to Phil Wilkinson and Donnie Brown for keeping the hamburgers moving this past season. Phil stepped into the breach to take care of order/inventory cooking throughout the season and Donnie kept track of the cash .

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

Thanks to Jerry Hellinga for keeping the grass down pretty much throughout the year. That grass keeps growing the leaves always seem to end up on the ground. Mick and Ken have nearly finished rounding them up and shipping them off. Thanks.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS!!

Bruce Kelly managed to keep us moving forward this year by agreeing to wear the Live Steamer hat and be the President. Thanks for hanging in there!

Ric Walch stood ready to do what needed to be done as VP and kept us moving forward in Butte Falls.

Again, thanks Ric.

Jerry Hellinga...what can't he do? As treasurer he faithfully kept the books, dotted all the I's and crossed all the T's for us this year. Thanks Jerry for leaving us with a sound financial foundation!

With *Chris Manley* having to tend to family earlier this year, we lost her ever ready smile and great secretary/newsletter skills. Mick Smith is going to have big shoes to fill. Thanks to Chris and Mick.

Ken Hill, Mick Smith and Scott DeVries have each acted as our representative with the National this year. It's a pretty easy job but someone has to do it. And thanks to Allen Dobney for keeping the website "clicking" and for his slide presentations at meetings.

Thanks Guys!

PRICELESS VOLUNTEERS

Finally, it wouldn't be right not to acknowledge the contributions of all those other members who faithfully showed up on all the run days to set up, run the burger shack, act as docents on the cabooses, and help run our motorcar ride: *Larry & Alice Mulally, Jeff Byrd, Donna Hill, JR Donovan, Donnie Brown, Phil Wilkinson...*

My apologies to anyone who I may have left unmentioned that helped out this year.

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**THANKS WE
COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT
WITHOUT YOU**

**DON'T FORGET TO BE AT THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR ON
JANUARY 11 AT 3 PM AT THE
MEDFAB CONFERENCE ROOM.
SEE YOU THERE**

Minutes of the Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Membership and Board of Directors
Regular Meeting 3:00PM December 13, 2024
At the Medfab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:02 p.m. by president Bruce Kelly
2. Roll Call: Bruce Kelly, Rick Aubin, Diane Guler, Ric Walch, Mick Smith, JR Donovan, Donnie Brown, Scott DeVries, Jerry Hellinga, Ken Hill and Donna Hill, Angelo Gordon, and Francis Gaultier.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes: No comments about the minutes. Jerry moved and it was passed
5. Treasurer's Report: Jerry presented the Treasurer's report. Jerry needs invoices from the reroofing of the burger shack. Ric will follow up on getting that to him. Scott moved to accept the report
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Medco 4: sand bunker has been repaired by a company in White City. Saved about 80% of the structure of the box. It needs to be sandblasted and painted. JR said that there is a place in WC that does soda blasting.
 - b. Burger Shack: nothing new.
 - c. Newsletter: Mick will work on the Manifest
 - d. Website: changes the website suggested by Mick have been made
 - e. Butte Falls: Ric said the agreement has been signed and we will be able to look it over and sign soon. The new owner of the Schott's property, Don Hammond, is willing to have us use any portion of his property if we need it. He's very supportive of the whole project. The question of being able to go to the Landing appears to be resolved. Ric has 10 new

members from Butte Falls and there are another 25 who may be new members. As soon as he gets those altogether, he will submit them. The residents that have been contacted are all positive. Mayor and one member of the city council have submitted an application.

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- f. Excess Sales: nothing besides the books sold at the Mall during the Garden Railroad display time.
- g. RR Park:
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 - a) Water will be turned off this week.
- h. RR Show: no new information
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- j. Communications: Condolences for Jerry. Birthdays for Donna and Ric.

7. Old Business:

- a) Leaves are off the walnut tree and more than half have been carried away in Ken's trailer. Remainder will be cleaned up when weather clears.
- b) Larry has no plans for the sign machine and wants us to see if we can sell it. JR and Jerry said we need to scrap it. JR so moved and Scott seconded. Mick will see about getting it to the dump.
- c) Some of the items in the yard have been put out of the weather in the open shed next to the hopper car.
- d) Books and magazines from the telegraph shack have been pretty much inventoried and those of value have been held back to see about selling them on Ebay. The remainder are being sold/given away at the Garden Railroader's display area at the Mall. Ric has taken the Lionel train sets to check out their value.
- e) Mick has not come up with any proposals about outreach or bylaw revisions as yet.
- f) #1 locomotive in JVille: City would love to turn it over to us as the owners aren't doing anything to protect it. All the wood needs replacing. Ric will follow up.

8. New Business:

- a) Election of officers for 2025: Jerry will handle

- b) Mick nominated Ric Walch for President and Ken Hill for vice president. Bruce Kelly was willing to continue as president and Jerry nominated Bruce.
- c) No nominations for secretary and Mick Smith will continue
- d) Mick nominated Donnie Brown for treasurer
- e) No nominations for national representative so Scott DeVries will continue
- f) Voting for president was done by written ballot and Ric Walch was elected.

9. Good of the Order:

- a) Diane gave the proceeds of the quilt auction to the treasurer, \$264. The quilt raffle winner was a lady from Redding.
- b) Display motorcar and the A3 is on its way to MedFab and the A3 will be painted by Chico's next door. There is no impact on the budget as Ric, Ken and Mick will cover the paint costs. Jerry says he will recheck colors. But we will just go with yellow.
- c) The other motor car near the caboose is repairable but it will take some mechanical skill.
- d) Live steamers have picked up the 1956 American 4-4-0 from Larry Edwards.
- e) Jerry suggested that the group get a laptop for the treasurer and Quickbooks and Microsoft 365. Something for the next meeting. Rick Aubin said we could get one for \$300-500.
- f) There is a push from Butte Falls to give it to our group. The town probably owns it. (I think this refers to the caboose??)

10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:51.

Next meeting will be on January 11, 2025 at 3:00PM.