

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.

- f. Excess Sales: nothing besides the books sold at the Mall during the Garden Railroad display time.

- g. RR Park:
 - a) Water will be turned off this week.

- h. RR Show: no new information

- i. 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 for President and Ken for vice president. Bruce Kelly was willing to continue as president and Jerry nominated Bruce.
- c) No nominations for secretary and Mick will continue
- d) Mick nominated Donnie Brown for treasurer
- e) No nominations for national representative so Scott 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 p.m.

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