

Minutes of General Membership and Board Meeting July 20, 2024

Jerry opened the meeting since Bruce was not present

Those present were Jerry Hellinga, Mick Smith, Ric Walch, Diane Gule, Allen Dobney, Scott DeVries, Ken Hill, Donna Hill, JR Donovan, and Phil Wilkinson.

Jerry moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jerry presented the treasurers report. Discussion was had about that and the proposed budget.

Committee Reports:

Medco 4—Jerry spent one day working on the locomotive and made extensions on the piping to allow for lubrication. There is a long list of things that need to be done and the challenge is finding people to do the work that Jerry can't do. He will be working on the Medco 4 exclusively from here on. He is currently working on removing the cross head from the piston rod as they won't come apart. He needs to make an appliance to cross head and get them to come loose. Jerry will find out who can do some of the work. We now have plenty of money to pay for the work since Dan's locomotive was sold.

Ric offered MedFab services at cost for the machining of the parts. Ric asked what things Jerry needs to stop doing. Jerry reported that every Saturday he finishes up the weed eating in the park and blows grass clippings from the stairs of the displays and the museum. All agreed that other members would need to step up to cover the chores that Jerry has been doing. He will not be regularly working the Burger Shack but will fill in when needed.

Burger Shack: Jerry will have the measurements for the roof by Monday. Ric says he can get the materials at cost through MedFab, and they would install it for nothing. Jerry says we need get an estimate from a contractor. JR asked whether the floor needs to be replaced. Allen said that the plywood needs replacing and framing should be inspected during the removal and replacement of the plywood. Ken said we need to schedule that after the run season. (not sure if anyone agreed to see about getting a contractor estimate)

Personnel: Donny has been doing a great job at the Burger Shack. Jerry will be bowing out. That will leave us short one person. Ric has another couple of people who might be available long term. Jerry will contact Joseph about helping at the Burger Shack. Ric says his brother will help get us through this year. Our restaurant licensed just expires 7/14. Jerry will take care of that. Ric suggested using outside groups who might be willing to help out. Jerry says that as long as they have insurance and that the cook has a food handler's license. Diane suggested FBLA and FFA groups from the schools.

Allen looked at the cost of all the ingredients and did the math and set the prices. Ric wondered about the profit margin. Allen suggested that if someone sees a problem, they should bring it up a future meeting. He says we are staying below the cost of similar food at restaurants in the area.

Website: Allen paid the website fee, and we are up do date.

Butte Falls Report: They are generating a written documents that says we can use the property in question. Before that is done Ric wants Scott to walk the area to ID what space we will need for our intended excursion railroad operation. Jerry and Allen have walked the property and have done all the grades and elevations.

Allen wanted some clarification on the adjacent private property-tree farm. Allen estimated this as 3.5 acres. Discussion of the layout. Jerry and Allen will take another look at the radius' and be sure we have enough room to delivery rolling stock with lowboys and cranes.

We have 2.8 miles that we are planning on using for our excursion train.

We need to have the definition of a permanent/temporary structure. County/City fight about that. Ric will follow up on that issue. We need a car shop 30'x100' and the engine shed would need to be 80'x80'.

Excess sales: Allen has generated \$2800 so far this year.

Old business:

Ken had a report on the motor car cover. We need it to be 12' wide and 16 long. One side would have to be on pier blocks. We now have legs at 5' spacing. He recommended a metal cover that is 12'x20' and will cost \$1199. We would have to assemble and install it which would require a few more dollars for concrete/pier blocks and such.

We can approve it as a budget amount and Jerry recommends \$1300.00.

New business:

Membership application for Donovan Brown was proposed and approved by the membership.

RR Show: there will be letter sent out to the vendors and we will have a smaller sales area. Model RR club is managing the show.

Budget:

Jerry distributed proposed budget for the next fiscal year. And explained the details.

Jerry suggested that we budget \$1300 for the motorcar cover

Mick moved for approval of budget. Jerry seconded and it was unanimously passed.

Jerry/Ric said Saturday on run weekend at 3 pm would be the best for most members. The members present agreed to switching our monthly meetings to The Saturday before the first run day of the month at 3 pm. Next meeting will be August 10.

Big question: Is Bruce going to be involved and the meeting dates? And since Chris will be unavailable to attend meetings for most of the rest of the year the question of who would be secretary.

Since Ric is the vice president, he can handle conducting the meetings. Mick has been keeping minutes and was willing to act as secretary for the remainder of the year.

Jerry nominated Mick to be secretary. The board members agreed to Mick serving as secretary. That leaves the office of national advisor open, and Scott DeVries has agreed to serve as the national advisor. The board agreed and Scott will arrange to pay the National dues and Mick will bring him up to speed on the duties.

Good of the order:

Landon had a stroke and just before that Jeff Byrd was in the hospital with a heart attack.

Quilt report: Diane reported that she has received \$117 in raffle ticket sales.

Ric: Jville #1 is still on the table. The owners may be willing to let us have it if they retained ownership. Are we interested? Discussed our options.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and all members agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at about 12:20.

The next meeting will be on August 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the MedFab conference room.