

Board Minutes of the SP&S Railway Historical Society

November 3, 2016

Held at the Columbia Gorge Model RR Club

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT: Jerry Hildenbrand, President; Doug Auburg, Secretary; Bill Baker, Treasurer; Harald Gjerman, TNOR distribution; and Jim Leonard, Treasurer elect

OFFICERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Paul Hobbs, VP; David Turner, By-Law rewrite & IRS status; Bob Willer, Nominations & Membership Chair; George Hardy, Secretary elect

CTO: by President Hildenbrand at 11:10am

MINUTES: of the September 10, 2016 had been emailed to board members were approved as sent out.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Baker reported that our bank balance as of October 31 is running ahead of budget projections. Bill Baker moved, Harold Gjerman 2nd to approve. Passed. (members may request more detailing information)

Bill has submitted his resignation effective with today's meeting. The BOD needs to appoint an interim Treasurer to cover the period from now until Jim Leonard takes office in January.

We need a resolution to the Columbia Credit Union authorizing the change in authorized signatures. Bill Baker moved, Jerry Hildenbrand 2nd to authorize removing Bill's name from the account and adding Jim Leonard's name. Doug Auburg's name will remain. Passed.

Doug Auburg moved, Harold Gjerman 2nd to add Jerry Pickell and Harold Gjerman's names to the account. Passed.

ELECTION RESULTS: Bill has been receiving and tallying election ballots. So far 61 ballots have been received and all have voted in favor of the constitutional change. Almost as many have voted for the candidates for each office. The election will officially end on December 31, 2016.

SWAPMEET REPORT: Jerry Pickell reported that we have our event insurance for the 2017 swapmeet. So far we have 84 tables rented. We have lost a number of the multi-table vendors to the GAT Show in Puyallup which conflicts with our dates. We have a total of 155 tables

available and need to rent at least 110 tables for the tables to cover the hall rental. Jerry suggests that we raise the table rental fee in 2018 as we are lower than other area swapmeets at present.

There was some discussion of ways we might better avoid conflicts with other events, but no conclusion was reached. Jerry's plan to move after he retires in 2019 have been put on hold and he now does not plan to move out of the area sooner than 5 or 6 years from now.

We need to make new signs before our January meet.

TNOR REPORT: There are several issues that need to be clarified and approved.

1. **Back Issues.** Sending out back issues to those who join or renew after the first issue of the year. If those issues are mailed out immediately, they must be sent 1st Class at a cost of \$2.00 or so. Bob & Harold suggest holding them until the next issue comes out and adding them to that group. The board consensus was that they should be held until the next bulk mailing. But Doug suggested that Bob send renewers and new members an email acknowledging receipt of their membership and telling them that their back issues will follow along with the next issue of the TNOR.
2. **Sample issues.** There was discussion of whether we should offer complimentary back issues of the TNOR. The consensus was that we should not give away back issues but we could offer a couple back issues as an incentive to get new members.
3. **Labels.** There was discussion of Bob's plan to add a "paid through" line to the mailing label. That is still under consideration and no final decision has been made.
4. **SP&S Veterans Membership Rate.** Other historical societies offer a discounted membership fee to veterans. Doug moved, Paul Hobbs 2nd, to approve a \$20 rate for veterans. Passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob reported the following numbers:

2016 Members	207
2017 - 18	16
Life Members	6

CONVENTION REPORT: Bob stated that he thought the Fife convention was very well done. The tours to PNRA and Snoqualmie were excellent and both related to SP&S history and rolling stock.

Doug reported that he hasn't had time to do any research for the 2017 convention. He plans to explore venues in the Gorge, either in Hood River, The Dalles or possibly on the Washington side of the river.

PNRA: Richard Wilkens' appointment as our representative to the PNRA BOD needs to be renewed. Doug moved, Harold 2nd, to appoint Richard for an additional 2 years. Passed.

WEBSITE: There have been some problems with getting the latest information up onto the website. David Turner intends to submit the revised Constitution and by-laws to be put up just as soon as the election ends and the changes are finalized.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: David Turner has everything ready to submit next year as soon as we have filed our 2016 tax return. He will provide a document to whomever does the on-line form with proposed answers.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPANY STORE: The inventory is complete. Doug moved, Jerry 2nd, to authorize Jim Leonard to take possession of the Company Store inventory. It seems that this will likely happen at the next swapmeet. Passed.

CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SP&S COLLECTION: Tarbox has tried to contact the museum director but is not getting emails or calls returned. It was noted that the museum is currently closed for several months for renovation.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT BOD MEETING: Doug announced that the next scheduled meeting will be at the Holliday Inn following the swapmeet. Meeting to start at 4:00pm. He requested that Jerry arrange for a meeting room with the hotel.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Auburg - SP&SRHS Secretary