

The Second Section

Minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting

President Dennis Mead called the board and general membership meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA.

Attending the meeting were Dennis Mead, Carl Timko, Bill McComas, Tom Collard, Larry Johnson, Jack Sheets, Al Reibel, Denis Manross, Wayne Brown, and Gene Vilkie.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin respectfully submitted his report via email. Noted in his report was the account balances and the FCVRRHS raised \$260 for Toys for Tots with the train set raffle, during the model railroad layout display in the Hobby Headquarters hobby shop.

-Committee Reports- Museum

There was no report from the Museum Committee.

Historical/Archive

Carl Timko reports the collection donated by Larry Smith was inventoried on January 8, 2010, entered on file, and on disk. However, there is no, nor will be, any appraisal of this collection, or any collection currently in possession.

Jim Cray met with some

former Erie Railroad

employees, recently. He mentioned the wreck of Erie RR #3391 in Meadville and was told that the date had to be before 1940, as they were working on the Erie Railroad by then and do not recall the wreck. Best guess would be either 1938 or 1939, if this is true. More discussions evolved in the search for clues from the photographs of the wreck.

Dennis Mead displayed to the attending membership Sanborn Fire Insurance maps that can be found on the internet. The maps are from the early 20th century and were of Meadville and Cambridge Springs.

Budget/Finance

There was no report from the Budget/Finance Committee.

Property/Equipment

A question was asked as to whether the caboos has been wired up yet. Jack Sheets explained the wire is buried and the cabinet is bolted up, but has not been connected to the caboos.

The Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad crew has not forgotten about completing the track work for the display of Erie Railroad S2 #518. It is likely that will happen in the spring.

Dennis Mead received word from Ashtabula Carson & Jefferson

Railroad CEO Bob Callahan that the #518 is not able to

be worked until the snow melts.

Jack Sheets received a quote from Lloyd's Rental for use of a 70 ton crane to set the #518 onto the display track. He noted the quote was for the use of their equipment, and that use of equipment that isn't Lloyd's would cause the quote to be higher in cost. Jack has the quote in his possession.

Dennis Mead donated his old computer to the FCVRRHS for use in research and storage of files electronically.

Public Relations/ Education

The winner of the train set raffle was Ron Kerr of Meadville. Congratulations to Mr. Kerr, as well as to all those who contributed and helped out at the model railroad layout display. A big thanks and good luck to Rod and Lorraine Armstrong and family. They gave us a place to set the layout up while the Hobby Headquarters was winding down to its final day.

Jack Sheets submitted a newspaper clipping with photos and an article of Mr. Kerr and the Armstrongs.

Special Events/Programs

Al Reibel asked whether the organization will be holding a Railroad Roundhouse or Railroad

Days this year. So far, no discussion to plan such an event has taken place recently.

The planned hobby shop bus tour was discussed in more detail. Several visitors to the layout display signed a sheet so they may be notified in the event the bus tour comes to fruition. It was noted Anderson Coach has various sizes of buses, including vehicles small enough for a small gathering. Dennis Mead and Tom Collard agreed to meet later to discuss the trip or trips. Dennis suggested Tom may sponsor the trip to advertise his hobby shop, Tom's Train Terminal.

Model Railroad

Tom Collard announced he soon will carry art supplies in his hobby shop. He also announced he accepts Visa and Master Card credit cards. Tom is also offering the membership a ten percent discount on purchases. Members must show their membership card to qualify for the discount.

Tom said he will ask Ed Fine of @ the Bank about the possibility of the layout being displayed at the facility in December 2010.

Membership

The FCVRRHS welcomes its newest member, Gordon Valentine. Welcome aboard, Gordon! Other potential memberships are pending.

Jack Sheets announced he cancelled the reservations

with the Elk's Lodge of Meadville for the 2010 annual dinner and business meeting. The dinner is to be held at the Italian Civic Center in Meadville, Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

A letter was sent to Elaine Bingham, widow of departed member, Bob Bingham, notifying her of the receipt of her donation and the plans for its use, in the name of Bob Bingham.

Other News

Dennis Mead announced he is involved with the Erie Zoo's building of a new G-scale garden railway. Currently, he noted that he is building twenty-four inch trestle bents for the outdoor layout.

Next Meeting

The next board and general membership meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the conference room of the U.S. Bronze Foundry & Machine, Inc., located at 18649 Brake Shoe Road, Meadville, PA

