



The Second Section

Minutes from the July 21, 2016 Meeting



President Bernie Hanmore called the membership meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, PA.

Attending the meeting were Bernie Hanmore, Dennis Mead, Ed and Suann Cronin, Carl and Vanessa Timko, Bill McComas, John Snyder, Jack Sheets, Stan Niwa, Chris Manning, and Ron Stafford.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Cronin read the current balances, including for the Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.

Budget / Finance

Ed Cronin met with leaders of the area's Heritage Perspectives, LLC, most notably Marilyn Black of the Oil Region Alliance, Melissa Mann of the Drake Well Museum and Lois McElwee, an industrial senior project manager. Ed inquired about what they would charge to research and write grant applications for the FCVRRHS, to help with the costs of loading and transporting the snowplow to Meadville.

The proposal listed the tasks that Heritage Perspectives would take on. They included research sources for possible grants for the snowplow, select keywords and aspects for this project, identify public and private sources, examine, assemble and classify into good,

moderate, and low probabilities for potential grantors. Heritage Perspectives would provide a matrix of potential sources, including contact information and timetable of current or next available grant cycles. They would then prepare a written report with recommendations and submit the report electronically.

The responsibilities of the FCVRRHS would be to designate one single contact person, provide a written description of the project, include a budget and presently identified grant sources, provide the ownership history of the snowplow, provide photos of the snowplow and the future display site, and indicate what potential sources are not to be contacted.

A rate per hour was quoted with a maximum of twelve hours, which changed after the meeting. This necessitated a revised quote for doing just one grant application.

Upon approval, the grant research would begin immediately, with the associated tasks and reports completed within six weeks.

Switching focus to the calendar, Denny Mead explained that there is not enough photographs left from the Ladner collection to complete the 2017 calendar. He said that other photographs are available and the combination of the available photos would

make this a transition calendar. It is hoped more photos can be found, either from private collections or public collections, such as from other museums and historical societies.

Property / Equipment

The Bessemer and Lake Erie boxcar project is progressing quite well. Footboards have been replaced along with patching a hole in the floor, scraping the loose paint off, priming and painting the new boards, fixing a leak in the roof, making new catwalk supports, and cutting out portions of the siding that were rotted away.

Work sessions are scheduled for each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The next work session crews will finish painting the first coat on the new boards, and begin priming the exterior. The new boards will get their second coat after the old boards on the one side are replaced. The roof also has to get primed and painted. Patching will also need to be done at the next work session on the 4th of August. Jack Sheets said he would pay for the rental of a spray paint gun, if needed and pick up some galvanized bolts.

Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Museum offered to help with the securing of the snowplow once it is loaded onto a flat car. Rick recently donated, through trade, an engineers seat for the #518.



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Jack Sheets said there may be another couple of hours of work to do on the #518 yet. It is expected that painting the lettering and logo may begin when a little cooler weather comes in. Denny Mead explained it has been too hot for the paint to adhere properly.

Jack reports that the bell from the Erie Railroad #3378 is on loan to the FCVRRHS from the city of Meadville. A decision of where it will be displayed will be made at a later date.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad president Carl Belke stated at the last meeting that he would send a list of available retired signals that are available to the FCVRRHS.

Historical / Archives

Ron Stafford brought two boxes of magazines and railroad rule books. The magazines could be used to sell at the train shows, while the rest may be kept for archival purposes.

Public Relations / Education

"Valley Express" editor, Carl Timko, will need submissions for the upcoming newsletter. A deadline of mid to late October is planned. It is hoped the newsletter will be out in time for the November Erie Train Show.

Model Railroad

Director John Snyder

suggested that even though the model railroad club no longer exists, a club should be modeled after the I-80 Group. John says they have no dues or meetings. They visit one another's layouts and operate them during an evening or afternoon.

The Meadville Tribune recently ran an article on Bob and Tammy Peter's new G scale layout in Conneaut Lake. Much was made of it in the newspaper. Membership chairman Carl Timko sent the Peters a membership application, but has not heard from them as yet.

Special Events / Programs

Carl Timko remarked on the number of programs that the Painesville Railroad Museum has been having. Ron Stafford followed up by noting they are quite good and it is not that far to visit. The museum regularly hosts a railfanning day four times a year. The next one is scheduled for September 10th.

Train shows that are coming up in the next month include Summerail on August 13, at the Palace Theater in Marion, OH. Summerail is usually hosted at the Cincinnati Union Terminal, but this year the Terminal is being renovated. The event features a seminar and a train show. Admission to the seminar and train show is \$25, but only \$5 for just the train show. The Theater is located on Route 95

and Orchard St. in Marion.

On August 20, also at Marion, is the 12th Annual Everett's Train Show and Swap Meet. It is being held at the Marion Union Terminal, located at 532 W. Center St.; hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 20 and 21, the N-Scale Weekend will be at the Jaffa Shrine Center in Altoona, PA. The Shrine Center is located on Broad and 22nd St. Admission is \$4 with hours on Saturday being 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Painesville Railroad Museum will have a railroad memorabilia show at the museum on August 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. The museum is located at 475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH.

Membership

Members who have not sent in their dues should do so soon. The dues are vital to all projects the FCVRRHS is currently conducting.

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be Thursday, August 18, 2016, at the display site in Pomona Park, Meadville, PA, weather permitting. Those attending are advised to bring a chair.





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