

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Member & Board of Directors
Regular Meeting 3:30PM November 13, 2025
At the MedFab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

Meeting Called to order by President Ric Walch at 3:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Those present: Ric Walch, Mick Smith, Donavin Brown, Ken Hill, Donna Hill, Trish Callahan, Allen Dobney, JR Donovan, Bruce Kelly, Lyle Bozworth, Janet Dock, Eric Muller, Ric Aubin, Angelo Gordon, and Jerry Scriven.
2. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus and included:
 - Officer/Director Nominations for 2026
 - Staffing and presentation for Butte Falls Crafts Fair.
 - Staffing and presentation for mall.
 - Discussion, recommendations, and approval of recent developments for BFSRR.
 - Dining car roof update.
 - BF motor car restoration.
 - RR park motorcar repairs.
 - RR park loading platform installation
 - RR park museum extension
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting have been reviewed by all members present at the meeting, Trish moved that they be accepted, Ric seconded and they were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted as presented. Allen mentioned that we used to have a line item for the Butte Falls project. Donnie will be sure that is accounted for. Ric suggested that we create another line item for the project. Mick moved that it be done, Trish seconded and it was approved by voice vote.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Medco 4—Allen asked about painting and pipefitting. Jerry said that the painting needs prep and primed—the tender and the sandbox. Need a good quality of paint and Allen thinks we already have it. Allen said we will be someone who is qualified. Ken said Jerry has been putting pipe together for a long time. Jerry wants to get it all together so he can fire up the boiler. Doors need to be installed, and Allen has asked him when and he hasn't heard back
 - b. Burger Shack: nothing to report

- c. Butte Falls: The rails to be moved to BF need to be identified. Ric is working on getting Ethan to load the rail. Allen has worked up site plans and supporting documents. Ric wants to get with Christine and obtain her okay and generate a list of what she wants resolved as we proceed. 2 things: talk to Silver Butte and Lone Rock to get something in writing as to the right of ways and for the Landing. Trish says Christine wants an MOU. Allen said her input would be helpful. Trish had a long meeting with her and he was given all the documents that relate to the project. Next meeting Trish has she will invite Ric and Allen. Allen wants to duplicate the original celebration that started the building of the railroad back in the day. We have loaders for the rails on both ends and Ric is talking to Timber Products about transporting the rail. We will need to leave a couple of spans to repair the existing motorcar track.
The concern is which site we will choose: the landing or the parcel west of town. Both houses off truck road are for sale and the parcel near the landing is for sale for \$200K.
 - d. Dining car: Ric and Matt have been out to look at it and Ethan who worked on the museum end will make the repair. That should start in about a week. This is just a temporary fix. We should get it done for less than is budgeted. Ric wants any excess to be allocated to the extension of the museum project. If there is asbestos in the roof material there may be a problem, but Ric is going to have it tested. Matt and Ethan will sump out the oil under the #8 and will bring it to MedFab and they will take care of it.
 - e. Craft Fair in BF: Diane will bring her quilts, table and Ric can bring t-shirts and the rack and Insulators will be brought too. Books? Flyers? If we want more we have to print them and they were \$1/each.
 - f. Staffing and presentation for mall: Ric says we set up something that's interactive and static and hit the busy times. We aren't able to staff it fully with our membership. Handouts, flyers, DVD, Diane wants to be there too. Trish suggests that we set up a sign-up sheet. Ask Shane if we can just support what the Garden Railroaders. Anyone who is interested in volunteering send Mick an email.
 - g. BF Motorcar: Ric says that Ken Scales may be willing to do the work to get the motorcar operational. Trish said Christine suggested that the NRC work on the repairs. We need to talk to Ben DeCarlo, the NRC director about getting the students involved in the project.
 - h. Our motorcar needs repair: Ken says we need a forklift to get the motorcar loaded.
6. Old Business: JT Thompson was at the blacksmith area with Ollie Hogan whose parents are Garden Railroaders and is starting to provide training in blacksmithing.
 7. New Business: Bruce Kelly is bowing out of the Board of Governors representative. The group needs \$100/year from each club for supplies and \$75/each for the trash bin that was built this summer. He has talked to the arborist about having a

group complete the trimming of the walnut trees. The police will be using the park site for training on the 18th and 21st.

8. Garden RR is thinking of having a swap meet in May. Ric asked Shane if we could open the concession stand for the event and he is ok with that.
9. Nominations for officers: if no one objects we put forward the existing board. Brice moved that the board be and JR seconded.
10. Mick complained about needing more help at the park. Ric suggests that we need deal with this collectively. Trish asked about a Jr Engineer program, initiate a program at the NRC. Ric suggests a rail camp with all our clubs.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be December 11, 2025 at 3:30PM