

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors & Regular Meeting
At the MedFab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

Meeting Called to order by President Ric Walch at 3:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Those present: Ric Walch, Mick Smith, Donavin Brown, Ken Hill, Donna Hill, Trish Callahan, Lyle Bozworth, Eric Muller, Russell Homan, and Bruce Kelly.
2. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting were read and were accepted as read.
4. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown presented the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted as presented moved, seconded. and it was accepted. Prior to the opening of the meeting the Board worked on the budget for 2025-26 and will consider its adoption at the next meeting.
5. New Member: Russell Homan was present, submitted his application and described his experience with light rail in Southern California. He forwarded our meeting notice to NARCOA local members. He was nominated for membership and was unanimously accepted by the group.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Ric mentioned the concerns with the dining car cover and getting the #8 oil pan emptied. We will tarp it with a canvas tarp until it dries out and then repair the holes in the roof.
 - b. Motorcar has been moved to MedFab and Ken Scales will be working to repair it with no labor costs and the club will reimburse him for any needed parts.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Medco 4: nothing to report
 - b. Burger Shack: nothing to report
 - c. Website: nothing to report
 - d. Butte Falls: Jerry Scriven and Jerry Lynn have resigned and will not renew his membership and those of his family members. Trish will now be the committee chair and Chris and RuthAnn Bray have not been involved and are apparently not going to continue.
Ric said he will concentrate on seeing who in BF can continue being involved. Donnie Hammon Bruce Hailicka are already helping out. We have somebody to load, offload and carry the rails/ties to BF and that should be done before the snows falls.
Trust for Public Lands has sent out the grant information to Trish. Trish and Christine will meet this week to determine our requirements going forward.

Jennifer from the Landing is in contact with Trish. We need to commit to writing memoranda of understanding with Jennifer and other partners in the project. Allen is going to be working on the MOU's.

Can we use the 17 Acres near the forest service office that's separate from the community forest? Trish/Ric/Christine will look into it .

The Boyer property may be available and Trish/Ric will look into that as well. It has room for 6 lots and plenty of space for a rail yard. The city has 620 acres but no \$\$\$. If our group can put together an offer for the land so the liability issues can be avoided for the city, that might be a further avenue to explore.

- e. RR Park: Park information: Bruce Kelly said the city arborist has taken down a walnut tree and trimmed others in the Steamers' area. There is firewood available for anyone who wants to cut it and take it away.
- 8. New Business: Albany & Eastern has been interested in having one of our Santa Fe cabooses; store it, repaint it, and use it. Bruce said he saw no problem with that and Ric said that A&E could get it and transport it. The cost of using it is \$250 per group/person and if it were moved up there, our club members could ride it for free.
- 9. Officer Elections: Ken moved to retained the current board for the next year and the members present unanimously reelected the current board members. Bruce will no longer serve as representative for the Board of Governors. Mick has agreed to serve as our representative for the park board.
- 10. Good of the Order: Drawing for quilt was done and the quilt was delivered and the take on the raffle was \$400.
Ilan Dock is willing to donate a riding mower w/o the mower unit. Ilan has contributed several trash cans and cleaning supplies to the club in the last year. Janet Dock's husband David has had some health issues. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2026 at 3:30PM and needs to be changed on the website.