

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Membership and Board of Directors
Regular Meeting 3:30PM February 12, 2025
At the MedFab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:47 p.m. by President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Allen Dobney, Bruce Kelly, Ric Walch, Mick Smith, Donnie Brown, Ken Hill, Eric Muller, and Russell Homan.
3. Comments on the Agenda: Formalities were skipped so that Allen could present his comments and leave the meeting to attend to family needs. Allen provided an accounting for the Butte Falls line item totaling \$39, 866.25. Donnie concurred with his figures and also paid Allen our club's Jackson County Heritage Association dues.
4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were summarized at the meeting. No additions were suggested. Ken moved that the minutes as corrected be approved, Donnie seconded and it was approved unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Donnie presented a new budget and current statement form for review. Mick asked if the next statements could include money spent the prior statement. The report was otherwise accepted as presented.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Medco 4: nothing to report from Jerry Hellinga.
 - b. Burger Shack: nothing to report
 - c. Butte Falls. Trish Callahan was not present to provide an update from last month's information. Ric said some Butte Falls members continue to work on the CN motorcar. Ethan should be loading the rails, and we have a trucker to move them and the owner of the Butte Falls Garage will unload them soon. Ric will check in with Trish.
7. Old Business:

Motorcar: Ken Scales is working on it and they are making progress. Ken says we need it by first week in April.

Signs: No info on the signs for the static displays that Rick A had mentioned last month. Bruce suggested a map that would detail each of the static display items. 2 sided on map of the park and other detail. Mick was fortunate to get Vanessa to

revise our brochure and will bring in the sample to next meeting. Mick will send the image to Ric and Bruce.

Ric said that he is working with Lebanon group to offer use of our Santa Fe caboose that is located in White City. Ric wants to send the other Santa Fe up to Butte Falls.

The Garden RR swap meet is set for May 7, 2026. Details are forthcoming.

8. New Business:

Russell will seek help from NARCOA members to staff the motorcar in the NARCOA newsletter. They should be there to fill the vacancy left by Jerry Scriven's resignation.

The Rogue Valley Manor residents would like to again tour the park and Eric has proposed Wednesday May 20 for that visit. Bruce will be sure the Live Steamers will be available for that date.

Staffing issues were discussed for the park opening in April and for this year's run days. Mick suggested that the Burger Shack, Motorcar, and each static display have a job description for each attraction and that we have a punch list for opening and closing run season.

Power wash: engine shed needs cleaning inside and out. All terrain lift? Boom lift? Bruce will bring this up at the next Board Of Governors' meeting. Our big forklift is pretty much toast. We could rent a lift. Ric will check on the cost. There is a problem with cat and racoon poop in the engine shed. That needs to be addressed.

Sign machine: Larry Tuttle has said that he can store the machine at his home in Rogue River and the question is how to get it to Larry's house. Ken will see if we can get it loaded and Ric will help with moving it.

Museum--Simulator: Mick questioned its utility. Ric wants to assess that before we do anything with it. If we don't want it, let's sell it. Bob at Eagle Point antique store and a lady in Cave Junction that runs an antique store may be an outlet for moving some of our stuff on consignment basis.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 12, 2026 at 3:30PM.

Post Script: The National Office will be available via Zoom at 4:00 that day to conduct a “Fireside Chat” with us so that they can share what works for other chapters of NRHS.