

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society

Membership and Board of Directors

Regular Meeting March 12, 2025 3:30PM

At the Medfab Conference Center

1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 2:50 by President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Donnie Brown, Janet Dock, Rick Aubin, Mick Smith, Ken Hill, Francis Gauthier, Allen Dobney, and Bruce Kelly.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes of the February meeting were made available. Trish moved that they be accepted, Ric seconded and was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown presented the Treasurer's report. Ric suggested changing the dues to fiscal year. The board reviewed the utility expense and concerns about the budget. We need to separate the expenses for the A3 and CN motorcar repairs. Postage may need to increase to accommodate those who want correspondence by post.
6. New budget items: \$175 for dining car project hard costs; A-3 need line item for that—we are buying the parts and the labor will somewhere between free and his costs. He has already given us (George is working on that) not of hours scrounging up parts. Ken brought the starter and it will be rebuilt; the transmission and clutch parts have

been found—that will be about \$450 in cost. Got all the gaskets. We need to vote a line item. Moved and seconded that we create same.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Medco 4: nothing from Jerry. Allen will call him to see what the status of the parts in Ft. Bragg
- b. Burger Shack: plans are to be open to be swap meet. Donnie said he is going out to restock buying soon. Trish mentioned meatball sandwiches.
- c. Newsletter: Ric will take over that
- d. Website: a little related to the BF website are
- e. Butte Falls: Trish said the meeting had 10 people and they talked about membership drive, birthday parties for kids and dinner to get people involved; Chris Bray is working getting parts for the CN motorcar. Allen gave a presentation. The side steps which were aluminum and were stolen. We need them for safety. Francis will check with the scrap yard to see whether they might have them. No more information about the right of way so far. Trish is trying to get local folks/logging companies to provide MOU for getting that established. Ric says the more we can get local folks toAllen will continue in an advisory role. Rails: we need truck transportation of them. Ric's idea: Nick Rogers??? He has a logging truck and the average length of them is 30' and the shorties can go on top. Trish will ask him.

f. Excess Sales: none at this time.

g. RR Park:

8. Membership Applications: none

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9. Old Business:.

Rogue Valley Manor visit on 5/20. Need to have 3 people, Mick, Trish, Donnie a maybe, check with Ken.

Swap meet is going to be held on 5/7. 15'x15' space available to vendors for \$20. Francis Gauthier has already signed up and paid and Mick will deliver the money to Bruce Kelly.

Speeder shed and yard is going to be gone through and if anyone thinks that is worth anything speak up. Allen said that the set of trucks and switchstands and accessories. Water tank off the 1107? Get rid of all the obvious stuff, wood stuff and discuss and have a meeting at the park to id all the stuff and what needs to be done. Rick will ask the guy in PDX who wanted the #4 and may have info about the certification. Allen recounted that the reason that the PDX group rejected the proposal to transfer.

10. New Business:.

Facebook page issues: Mike... and 9 others left Live Steamers and are bringing up old crap from when they left. Mick was instructed to block him

Robert Henning scanned pictures and gave the thumb drive to Ric who gave it to Allen. If we need the actual slides.

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Allen: hard copies, negatives, slides. Public never gets to see them. He would take those slides make digital copies, cleaned up and copyright them and this will preserve them while the originals continue to degrade. Make out collection become a digital collection. Allen is willing to do the work and already has 20k images and on 4/4 he will start selling them on Ebay. He has a high res digital scanner. He can do 200-300/month. Mick mad e amotion to take stuff from the back room scan it clean it up and sell them. Ric seconded and it was unanimously passed. Robert:

11. Good of the Order:

A. Atta boy/girl for Janet/Ian, Ric Walch, Diane Guler, Russell Walch, Francis Gauthier, Ken Hill, Rick Aubin Mick Smith

12. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 9, 2025 at 3:30PM