

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Membership and Board of Directors
Regular Meeting May 14, 2026 3:30PM
At the Medfab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:50 pm by President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Donnie Brown, Rick Aubin, Mick Smith, Eric Muller, Francis Gauthier, Allen Dobney, Trish Callahan, and Lyle Bozworth.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes of the March meeting were made available. Trish moved that they be accepted, Donnie seconded and was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown presented the Treasurer's report. Mick mentioned that the state return may or may not be needed but the return should be filed anyway. Donnie will file both the IRS 990-EZ and Oregon Dept. of Revenue. His report was accepted as presented.
6. Committee Reports:

Medco 4: Ric indicated that he and Ken had closed off the openings in the engine shed so that critters can't get in and they have left a mess of animal feces. Mick had scooped up a garbage can full of it and disposed of it. The plan is to form a committee that will include a project manager for the #4 renovation. We need to communicate with Jerry to give him an opportunity to move his tools and materials from the engine shed. We will help him pack out and transport whatever of his equipment/tools that he wants to take home. We must be open to offering to buy any items that are Jerry's that will be needed to complete the #4. The welder and the torch are his and we may need to obtain replacements for them. Our concern is for him not be worried about his stuff in the shed. We need to figure out what major expenditures we need to make to replace tools and supplies that he takes from the shed. Ric will generate a letter and circulate it with the board. We will also need to make any necessary changes in the #4 checking account

Burger Shack: Sales numbers were detailed in the Run Day reports and have earned \$986.00 after expenses. New patties are a major improvement.

Newsletter: nothing new

Website: just keeping up with the minutes and when we get update on the Butte Falls project.

Butte Falls: not much to talk about. The meeting is coming up shortly. Location is up in the air and the use of the 17 acre plot and the 6-3/4 acres is in the mix. We need to set up an appointment with a Medford city planner to figure out whether we are able to lay track on these plots. We may want to pay the \$175 to the planner so we can know what we need to do.

Excess Sales: Allen has been able to sell a lot of items on eBay, and the April check was \$1421.75. So far, this month indicate that we should net \$4000. He has another 160 sales items that will be put up on Ebay this next week.

RR Park: Signs—simple. Purple bell sign needs to come down. We will mount the blue plastic signs in the flanger, CB&Q and 1107. Hopper car can stay where it is and fasten the blue sign to the step.--Motor car cover: Ric is in the process of finding new 20' length so there is no vertical seams and Ric will pay for them.

7. Membership Applications: none at this time

8. Old Business:

Rogue Valley Manor visit on 5/20 from 10-1:30. Need to have 3 people, Mick, Donnie and maybe, check with Ken. The seniors will need picnic tables, so we need to straighten up and wipe down the tables.

9. New Business:

Francis has offered to cover the cost of the ignition coil for the Amtrack speeder. And Ceasar who has the Lil Hobo will probably join along having his employees help with mechanical issues.

Rick Aubin brought in \$33 from Swap Meet sales. Shane says next year he hopes that next year they will open up the park entirely so we get more people to come in. Francis will offer to bring in other model railroad items and have them sold during run days.

The lock on the bathroom door has been changed, and Mick has a copy of the key hanging in the track shed.

The water fountain on the side of the Beanery is not functional, and Bruce Kelly has ordered a simple replacement at a cost of under \$190. Trish moved and Ric seconded a motion to pay half of the cost of the water fountain, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mick has contacted BC Engraving to order name tags for those who show up on run days. They will cost \$12 each and it was agreed that they be ordered.

Mick presented a bid from American Industrial Door for balancing, lubricating and servicing the West overhead door to the engine shed, Trish moved and Ric seconded a motion to authorize the spending of \$256.45 for the American Industrial Door. It was unanimously passed.

10. Good of the Order: June 11 is the next JCHA meeting is going to be held at the park.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2026 at 3:30PM