

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Membership and Board of Directors
Regular Meeting June 11, 2026 3:30PM
At the Medfab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:40 pm by President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Donnie Brown, Mick Smith, Eric Muller, Francis Gauthier, Allen Dobney, and Donna Hill.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes of the May meeting were made available. Ken moved that they be accepted, Donnie seconded and was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown presented the Treasurer's report. Next report will be our year end. His report was accepted as presented.
6. Committee Reports:

Medco 4: shafts will be ready by August and Jerry will go pick them up. We need to have someone who will work on the #4. Allen says that will work if Jerry is a consultant on the project. Allen said that Jerry thought that was a good idea. Ric suggested a project manager to handle that job and a certified mechanic.

Jerry's tools—if Jerry is willing to allow others to use necessary tools that will work. If not, Jerry needs to remove them and we will have to purchase replacements.

It would be better to finish everything around the boiler in place because once it is certified we have a 7 year clock that begins ticking when the last inspection step is certified.

What about the #4 fund? Project manager should be the one with signing authority. Donnie should check with Rogue about who can sign. Jerry can suggest but he can only suggest. Allen: get project manager and he sits down with Jerry to work through the process.

Burger Shack: nothing new; Allen used it this morning for JCHA meeting.

Newsletter: nothing new

Website: Allen will be changing our web host soon.

Butte Falls: Trish was not present and there are some issue with the city that we will take up at the next meeting.

Excess Sales: \$3529.22 is sales in May; \$1397.76 in sales in April

RR Park: Authorization to buy new weed eater—Ric's is repaired but it was \$250; Allen and Francis suggested Ego electric. Mower, weed eater and blower is available at Costco. Francis offered to lend his to the park so we could test it. We will take him up on Shane is mowing it now and he uses his Cub Cadet. Mick will text him and see if we can use his mower.

Russell is willing to keep the grass mowed if we have the equipment

New or used—battery or gas—storage—who's going to use it?

7. Membership Applications: none at this time

8. Old Business:

Rogue Valley Manor. We have received a number of donations. Eric runs a program there and the residents enjoy themselves. Mick will send out thank you letters.

9. New Business: Ric and Donnie need to get signed up with NRHS. More track for the speeder: Ric talked to the city and asked if we could switch it out to the other end. It goes out there another 300 yards. We have several switches that we could use.

10. Good of the Order: July 23 the next Board of Governors meeting is going to be held at the park.

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

Next meeting will be July 30, 2026 at 3:30PM