

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society  
Membership and Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting 3:00PM March 8, 2025  
At the MedFab Conference Center  
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

Meeting Called to order by President Ric Walch at 3:11 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Those present: Ric Walch, Mick Smith, Donavin Brown, Jerry Hellinga, Ken Hill, Donna Hill, Diane Guler, Angelo Gordon, Janet Dock, Ric Aubin, Trish Callahan, JR Donovan, Allen Dobney, Jeff Byrd.
2. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 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. Mick moved, JR seconded. and it was accepted.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Medco 4: nothing to report driveshaft is Ft. Bragg and is being worked on.
  - b. Burger Shack: Phil will bow out this year and will turn over the dishes and materials that he has on Monday March 10, 2025.
    - 1) Painting group will be there Saturday to paint the Burger Shack and what other buildings. Ken will be replacing the decking that needs repaired. Ken will purchase the plywood as well. Mick will inventory the brushes, rollers, ladders at the park and Mick and Ric will bring ladders and Jerry will share his ladder from the engine shed.
    - 2) Someone needs to contact Lynette Gaines about working in the Burger Shack.
    - 3) Jeff mentioned that Square space can be added to a tablet to streamline the payment process.
    - 4) Mick will check with Chris Manley about what we have sold before.
  - c. Newsletter: Still need articles for the next Manifest which should be out in May.
  - d. Website: Allen says he has updated the website and the minutes can be seen there.

- e. Butte Falls: Ric has about 20 new members from BF. Donnie Hammond is in the process of buying the Schott property and wants to relocate the track off the truck road. He will let us use his barn for storage. The wet-land issue is being resolved. Discussion concerning use of flat cars for BF was had.
  - f. Excess Sales. none
  - g. RR Park: under Burger Shack and new business.
6. Old Business: None other than those items in New Business
7. New Business:
- INSTALLATION OF motorcar COVER. It's stored and ready to be assembled.
  - DINING CAR ISSUES—Ric had his fabrication guy look at it. It's at a point where it needs a lot of help. Ric wants to know what the club wants to do with it. The whole roof and some of the supports are ruined. We need to figure out how to protect it short term. We will explore those short-term options. Matt says that we could put in some light gauge tin and seal it. He and a helper one day with 20 hours labor would end up costing \$1000 plus materials. It is a 1918 Harriman dining car, and it is the only one in the country. The generators under the car are serviceable right now. Scott Devries said that there is a building that may provide shelter. The board will contact him. Everyone was asked to think about where we go from here.
  - YARD CLEANUP & DISPOSAL OF UNNECESSARY SCRAP FROM THE PARK
  - REPAIR OF BURGER SHACK DECKING AND PAINTING OF BUILDINGS: all were in favor of clearing out all the unnecessary items.
  - MOVING CN MOTORCAR TO BUTTE FALLS FOR RESTORATION  
Jerry said that there are some parts that are in the engine shed. Ken will work on that.
  - LANDSCAPE WORK ON WEST END OF MUSEUM  
Ken is going to use his tractor to remove the landscaping and rocks. The soil can be moved to the Garden/Steamer area. The plan is to put our extra motorcars in the area west of the Museum.
  - Ken and Rick Aubin will be ok to scrap the extra motorcar.
8. Good of the Order: Janet's son Ian Dock has undertaken the repair of the back door and the window to the flanger and the repair of the bench in front of the #1107.  
Shane indicated that Spectrum will install internet service in the park this week.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.  
Next meeting will be April 12, 2025 at 3:00PM