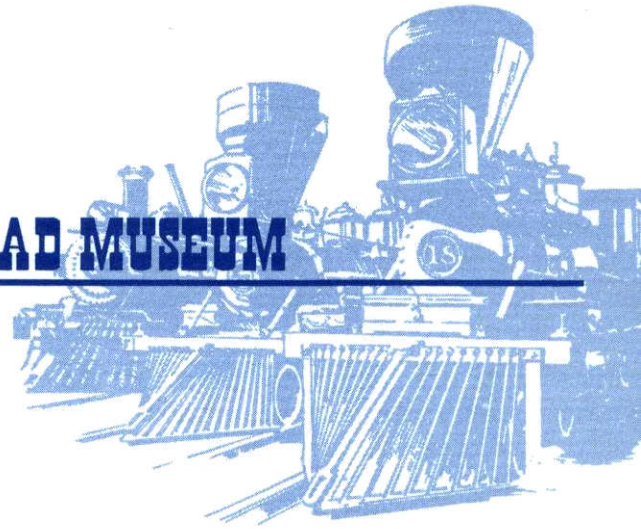


# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

P.O. Box 1330  
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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2011  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

**Roll Call** – Present were, Ron Allen, Ralph Elligott, Stan Cronwall, Chris MacMahon, Kurt Dietrich, David Brambley, and Matt Digangi. Absent and excused were Darlene Berry, Bruce Armbrust and Peter Barton. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Kurt Dietrich presented the June 2011 minutes. A motion was made by Stan Cronwall, seconded by Kurt Dietrich, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – Ron Allen stated that he received the agreement for the 2011 tax return and audit.

**Treasurer's Report** – Darlene Berry (not present) reported the current fund balances as follows:

Checking Account – \$6,323.92

Money Market Account – \$14,992.53

**Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting** – None.

### OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Audit Committee** – No Report.

**Brick Sales Committee** – Laning Clifford reported that three bricks have been sold during the past two months.

Stan Cronwall stated that the brick display should have been placed during the last steam up. Loren Jahn stated that he was busy with the station signage, however he will make the display a priority.

**Election Committee** – Nancy Humphries stated that she would like to receive the minutes from the Friends’ board meetings. Kurt Dietrich stated that he will make sure she is on the distribution list.

Nancy stated that August 22<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for resume submissions. To date, she has received two resumes. Election results will be announced during the annual meeting in October.

**Finance Committee** – No Report.

**Fund Raising Committee** – Bill Kohler discussed the possibility of hosting stamp cancelations aboard the McKeen Car. Ron Allen stated that the last V&T RPO Manager may be available for the event. A discussion took place regarding the use of historical or contemporary stamps. Bill will provide comparison pricing at a future meeting.

**Interpretive Committee** – Loren Jahn presented three sets of scale station signage.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported the following membership levels as of July 1, 2011:

Seniors:	202
Individuals:	125
Family:	287
Senior Couple:	264
Sustaining:	67
Contributing:	15
Patron:	3
Life Time:	6
Student:	7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 976

**Membership Recruitment Committee** – Stan Cronwall thanked everyone for increasing the membership, and specifically thanked Susan Allen for following up on renewal notices.

**Operations – Motorcar** – No Report.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe stated that year after year; train revenue has increased by 60%.

**Promotions and Publicity** – Barry Simcoe stated that the first movie in the “V&T in the Movies” series is the Harvey Girls. The series will be held in the annex building, alongside the original equipment. Ron Allen will follow up on a possible appearance from an actor/actress.

Barry Simcoe stated that the Promotions and Publicity Committee is open to all members; attendance is encouraged.

Nancy Humphries stated that she has contact with the Harvey Girls chapter at the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – The next issue is the Fall issue. September 6<sup>th</sup> is the submission deadline.

**Website Committee** – No Report.

**Youth Program Committee** – Chris MacMahon stated that the track laying crew will be at the Virginia City Camel Races.

Ron Allen stated that the Youth Program Committee has done an excellent job.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – Ron Allen stated that he has been approached by members asking if there will be food at the annual meeting. Ron asked the Board to reconsider their position of no food for the annual meeting. Ron stated that we may be able to have a no-host bar to help offset the cost of food. Chris MacMahon, seconded by David Brambley, made a motion to approve an amount not-to-exceed \$300, for the cost of food, to be provided at the annual meeting. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – No Report.

**Upcoming Events** – No Report.

**Other New Business** – Frank Ackerman stated that there are four positions currently vacant at the NSRM, including Museum Attendant, Restoration Specialist, Custodian, and Groundskeeper. The State has received 177 applications for Museum Attendant.

The NSRM will be under the new Nevada State Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Board or Trustees Member Comments** – Kurt Dietrich stated that the direct mailing for the Symposium should occur during the upcoming week.

**General Comments** – Bill Kohler stated that there should be activities in place for children, during the Santa Train event. Ron Allen recommended bringing back the Inyo photos.

Tom Butler recommended that advertising should be in place alongside the highway. Ron Allen stated that we do have a banner, and it should be used during special events.

Tom Butler recommended approaching the local McDonalds, to assist in distributing timetables.

Barry Simcoe stated that he may have another contact for a possible appearance during the upcoming Harvey Girls movie showing.

**Adjournment** – Chris MacMahon, seconded by Matt Digangi, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt M. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "K".

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary