

BAGRS Board Meeting 12/11/2012

7:10 P.M. - meeting called to order

Board members and guests present:

- Chip Gierhart, Richard Murray, Bob Evans, Ray Turner, Nancy Norris, Mike Paterson, Jim Anthony, Eric Moe, Steve Smith, Frank Lucas and Bill Allen

Secretary Report – Minutes from the 10/21/2012 board meeting were sent out to board members prior to the meeting. Reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as sent out.

Steamers Report –

A request to replace the existing steam track was made by Richard Murray.

The board had requested a budget amount at the October meeting.

In order to present an accurate budget, a design team was put together prior to this meeting.

It was determined that the existing track is no longer usable for larger and high speed engines because of the sway in the wood sections and poor track connections. In addition to this, the sandwich board legs make it hard to get the track level.

Richard noted that there are seven things the new track will need to be:

- 1. Weatherproof
- 2. Lightweight
- 3. Strong enough for big trains
- 4. Extended life of at least 20 years
- 5. Resistant to damage from loading and unloading
- 6. Setup time less than the existing track
- 7. Cost effective

Here is the tentative design the team came up with:

- Deck material to be 3mm Dibond which is a composite material sandwiched between two aluminum sheets. This is used in outside signs and is very stiff and light
- Sides will be 2" x 2" x 1/8" aluminum angle slitted on the curved sections.

- Fasteners will be aluminum rivets
- Track sections will be joined to welded steel leg sections with steel pins and a cam-lock clamp.
- Legs will be telescoping with the upper half steel and the lower half PVC or a material to be determined.

The expected budget including contingencies is \$4500

A motion to approve this was made, seconded and passed with acclaim.

Treasurer Report – Bob reported the following:

Attached is our current cash report.

Here's a quick and dirty budget estimate for next year, based on our estimated sources of revenue and my experience with bills paid this year:

Revenues:

260 members X \$35.00.....	\$9,100
150 Annual meeting registrations X \$20.00.....	3,000
Misc. income and donations.....	200
TOTAL REVENUES.....	\$12,300

Expenses:

Annual Meeting	\$3,000
Postage.....	900
Printing.....	700
Insurance.....	2,200
Misc. expenses and reimbursements.....	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$7,800

NET.....\$4,500

Newsletter – Steve reported that he is willing to transition the new editor over when we find one.

Membership report – Frank reported:

2012 isn't over yet, but here are some numbers as of today.

So far, we are ending 2012 with 267 member families. (For comparison, we ended 2011 with 286, and 2010 with 292.)

During 2012, we gained 22 new members.

This number may increase by the end of the year.

And lastly, we now have 31 members renewed for 2013. (In 2012, we had 106 renewals by 1/1/2012)

Open House Report – Ray Turner will be stepping down as the coordinator and Mike Paterson will be taking over. Mike will be trying to hold two supervisor meetings a year and will be looking to realigning the districts based on the number of railroads. He will also be looking at increasing the social aspect of the open houses.

Open House material will be available at the annual meeting

Roving Railroad/Outreach – Nancy reported she will be setting up three new work parties to replace the tarp and perform maintenance on the cribbing and other parts of the trailer.

President's Report- Chip reiterated that the apparel sales have dropped way off since we went on line and that we need to do something to revitalize it. Several ideas were thrown out including tying something to the annual meeting, new member forms and renewal notices.

Chip also brought up the endowment of the \$165k and Bob suggested that that might require a bylaw change and it might be better to just make it a policy from the board with some limit on the amount the board can approve without notifying the entire membership. Chip and Bob will come back to the board with a suggestion.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Adjourned at 8:26 PM