



## GREAT NORTHERN & CASCADE RAILWAY MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the GREAT NORTHERN AND CASCADE RAILWAY was held on Saturday May 6, 2017 at 4:30 in DEPOT PARK, SKYKOMISH, WA.

Board members present:

Kevin Weiderstrom, President  
Mike Pierce, Vice President  
Bob Alkire, Treasurer  
Alyssa Weiderstrom, Secretary

Members Present:

Rich Lee  
Alex Bieniek  
Kevin Vick  
Ron Williams  
Barrett Bertran  
Jessica LeBar  
Kieth Sternberg

Junior members present:

None

Visitors:

None

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Weiderstrom at 4:44 pm.

Minutes were approved as written.

Moved by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$11, 086.32 in the Bank.

Bob is still working through the financials and has made considerable progress.

A Statement of Financial Position dated April 30, 2017 and a Statement of Activity from November 2016 – April 2017 were provided.

### OLD BUSINESS

\$Culture grant has been awarded. Payments are quarterly so no benefit in a separate bank account for that grant money.

Alyssa was hired and the new depot schedule is

November through April

Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm

May through October

Thursday through Monday 10:00am to 4:00pm

We received a grant from the BNSF Foundation for \$5000 to go towards landscaping the tunnel.

We are getting approximately \$10,000 from the Department of Ecology also for landscaping the tunnel.

Still working on use agreement with the town.

## NEW BUSINESS

The bank stated that a business our size does not need to have 2 signatures on checks. Alex moved to change the bylaws to allow checks to be signed by only one officer. Kevin V. seconded and the motion carried.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Kevin appreciates EVERYONE in this organization. They prove every day that this organization will be here for years to come.

Mike Pierce also extends his sincere appreciation of everyone's efforts.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Mike Pierce stated that with the new track extension, we will need to have strict train orders with designated points clearly marked along the route to avoid collisions.

When the new extension is complete, our rides will be a double loop with each train going around both the inside and outside tracks on the west end and around the east end 2 times.

The town council has the location of the SD-40 on the agenda for their next meeting. Hopefully they will make a final decision in favor of the locomotive being placed at the northwest end of the depot.

2017 Opening day statistics:

Riders: 472      Donations: \$302.95      Gift Shop: \$456.03      Total Income: \$758.98

2016 Opening day statistics:

Riders: 263      Donations: \$327.17      Gift Shop: \$826.25      Total Income: \$1153.42

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting and Alex seconded. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Alyssa Weiderstrom, Secretary