

The Meeting was called to order at 07:42 AM on the Sunday morning following the 2014 convention. The meeting took place in the Yakima Hotel and Convention Center Conference room.

Present were James Dick, Chris Frissell, Aaron Gjermundson, Bob Makins, Doug Shearer, Kent Sullivan. Ken Vogel, William Zidel.

Absent was Alan Dahlman

Old Business:

- 1) Grant to Ritzville Depot Group for Train Order restoration. Grant Committee wished to note that this was one of the best written grants ever submitted to them.
Motion to grant funds was made by K Vogel, Second by Bill Zidel. Passed Unanimously.
- 2) Convention recap: Attendance was 166, no financials were given at time however thought to be positive. Discussion regarding recording the vet's panel and more.

New Business:

- 1) Convention concerns
 - a) Cost concerns of \$160 per night at Fargo convention. Alan Dahlman had written earlier of his concerns via e-mail to the BOD. Aaron Gjermundson also wished to note concerns. Suggestion was made to have convention chair submit three bids.
 - b) Concern of length of days of convention. First convention was two day affair with open projector one day, car trip to Duluth and return second day. Later, convention at large portion used to start on Thursday morning ending on Saturday evening. Several years ago, Wednesday morning registration was earliest event. Then Tuesday evening and now Tuesday afternoon. Where will it end? Suggestion was that this should be addressed in a President's Column to collect feedback.
- 2) Wallace Update – everything looks good. Date to be finalized.
- 3) Press Release – John Berg suggested that we (NPRHA) announce in newspapers along the former NP that the society has awarded a grant and this would let local concerns know that we give out grants and there are grants available.
- 4) Insurance Concerns – does our insurance cover field trips, women's tours etc; Do we have insurance? Ken to investigate.
- 5) Family memberships – should the NPRHA offer family memberships.
- 6) Roy, WA Water tower? Turned over to Harold on Grant's committee. Doug will follow up with Roy people.
- 7) Grants Proposal to
 - a) Raise limit of grants from \$2500 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) to \$5000 (five thousand dollars) and
 - b) remove limit of times grant can be applied for in two year periodMotion made by Chris F, second by Ken V – Motion Passes – Unanimous.
- 8) Membership voting. (?)
- 9) Future Conventions – Fargo 2015; Wallace 2016; Helena or Duluth? B Zidel or Paul Anderson – Bill Z stated that he would give Duluth group until Sept. 1 to turn in proposal.
- 10) Topic of giving out awards (per suggestion of Duane Durr at membership meeting) was discussed and pended. Consensus of BOD was that membership and participation is better off without awards. In past, awards had appearances of popularity contest and G Tarbox ended them.
- 11) Suggestion by Jim Dick that size of BOD be tapered down to seven due to concerns in getting qualified people to serve. Motion to table by K Sullivan. Second by K Vogel. Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Motion to adjourn - Kent Sullivan

Original notes recorded by Aaron Gjermundson
Transcribed by James Dick