

BSRA Virtual Business Meeting Minutes 09/12/2020

The August 1, 2020 Virtual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

Welcome to the September meeting of the Boston Street Railway Association. This is our third Internet meeting. Our monthly business meeting always precedes the entertainment, and I'll start with the meeting agenda.

The first order of business at this meeting will be nominations for officers for Fiscal Year 2021. Applications for Intermediate and Regular membership will be next. Officer reports will follow, including those from the Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Director and RollSign Director. Next is old or new business. If you have any items for consideration, please post them in your chat box on the lower right corner of your screen now. An update on current transit events from Jonathan Belcher will follow, and finally, the entertainment presentation. This electronic meeting format has been successful, and we will likely continue with it long-term. We are seeing twice the number of attendees that have attended our physical meetings in the past, a very encouraging response. Electronic distribution of RollSign continues with the latest issue, the May-June edition, released last week. The print edition came off the press this week. RollSign is sent electronically to members for whom we have email addresses and have given us permission for our email distributor to deliver. About two-thirds of our Members and Subscribers are signed up. Those who have not signed for email distribution will receive the printed version only. We appreciate your strong response to our Annual Fund Drive for both the 5706 Fund and General Fund. We thank you all for your support and vote of confidence in our work. Project work on Type 5 No. 5706 and our new book on the Green Line have been put on temporary hold as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. We expect work on 5706 to resume once our restoration contractor's new workshop is completed next year. Participation in this meeting is limited to our members and we may welcome others to attend once we have electronic meetings solidly established.

Our Vice-President and Clerk, Tom Athearn, will read the nomination letter followed by a request for any nominations from the floor and a vote to close nominations. Please make sure that if you make a nomination, that you have the nominees' permission to do so and a brief resume from the candidate.

POLL TO BE POSTED BY MIKE WHO WILL READ RESULTS:

Chair opened the floor to nominations, none being presented, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations, attendees were polled on Zoom, passed unanimously.

Names of four applicants for membership were read to the attendees, a motion was made and seconded for the Secretary to cast a token vote for approval, attendees were polled on Zoom, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bahne read the following Treasurer's Report from August 2020:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
Summary Treasurer's Report, August, 2020
(detailed report is available for download)

General Fund

Income.....\$5,688.02
Expenses \$3,269.97
Cash on hand 8/31/2020.....\$20,366.84

5706 Fund

Income.....\$1,314.84
Expenses\$453.90
Cash on hand 8/31/2020..... \$59,490.08
Combined cash on hand 8/31/2020 \$79,856.92

- The MidTown Hotel has refunded \$2,475 to us for 9 meetings that have been cancelled due to coronavirus (April–December, 2020).
- Our thanks go to a total of 115 donors who have responded to our summer fund appeal, which has generated \$10,353 to date.
- Membership renewal notices for 2021 have been mailed.
- Dues and subscription renewal checks will not be deposited, and online payments won't be accepted, until after October 1.

**Boston Street Railway Association
Monthly Treasurer's Report
August, 2020**

General Fund

Cash on Hand: General Fund August 1, 2020 \$17,948.79

INCOME FOR MONTH OF: August

Donations and Grants, General Fund \$1,147.00
Dues, Regular \$125.00
Dues, Intermediate
Dues, Associate \$20.00
Roll Sign, Subscriptions
Postage Surcharges from Members
Roll Sign, Retail \$7.50
Roll Sign, Wholesale \$27.00
BSRA Publications, Retail \$79.95
BSRA Publications, Wholesale \$628.92
Publications, Resale \$1,019.40
Publications, Sales Tax Collected \$11.21
Publications, Shipping & Handling \$142.59
Fantrip Income
Other General Fund Income \$2,479.45

TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR: August \$5,688.02

EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF: August

Management & General Expenses \$120.83

Roll Sign Printing
Roll Sign Postage & Mailing Service \$308.58
Other Roll Sign Expenses
BSRA Publications Printing & Production
Other BSRA Publications Expenses
Purchase of Inventory for Resale \$1,378.89
Publications Marketing Expense (incl. Shows) \$388.54
Publications, Sales Tax Paid
Publications Shipping Expense \$203.84
Other Publications Sales Expenses \$655.00
Monthly Meeting Expense \$69.29
Library Expense \$145.00
Fantrip Expense
Fundraising Expense
Refunds Paid & Returned Checks
Other General Fund Expense
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE FOR: August \$3,269.97
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR MONTH OF: August \$2,418.05
Cash on Hand: General Fund August 31, 2020 \$20,366.84
5706 Fund
Cash on Hand: 5706 Fund August 1, 2020 \$58,629.14
INCOME FOR MONTH OF: August
Donations and Grants, 5706 Fund \$1,313.00
Interest, 5706 Fund \$1.84
Other 5706 Fund Income
TOTAL 5706 FUND INCOME FOR: August \$1,314.84
EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF: August
Car 5706 Restoration Expense
Car 5706 Maintenance & Housing \$450.00
Car 5706 Project Management \$3.90
Car 5706 Fundraising Expense
Other 5706 Fund Expense
TOTAL 5706 FUND EXPENSE FOR: August \$453.90
5706 FUND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR MONTH OF: August \$860.94
Cash on Hand: 5706 Fund August 31, 2020 \$59,490.08
COMBINED CASH ON HAND: August 31, 2020 \$79,856.92
PROOF OF BALANCE:
Cash \$0.00
Checking \$7,520.77
Money Market \$70,596.40
Savings \$1,015.56
PayPal \$724.19
Square \$0.00
GRAND TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$79,856.92 VARIANCE: \$0.00
5706 FUND GRAND TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: \$409,460.52 CB 9/05/20

Publication Director's Report: Mike Prescott read the following summary:

Since the last monthly meeting, we produced the Late Summer catalog with several new items. These were also advertised in our recent email communications to the members on our email list and are available in our online store. Proceeds from all sales benefit our General Fund, and we thank everyone for their purchases and continued support.

Director of Car Restoration Report: Brad Clarke reported that work on 5706 is currently on hold due to the pandemic. Work should resume in 2021.

RollSign Director's Report: Nick Tomkavage read the following summary:

The May-June issue has been sent to the printer. It features an article on Lechmere Station by Brad Clarke. Preliminary work has begun on the July-August issue, which will feature an update on MBTA current events, pandemic and otherwise. The issue will also feature other features that were submitted by contributors.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Current events: Jonathan Belcher read the following report of activity on the MBTA:

September 2020 MBTA Current Events

Green

- E resumed service after track work (Heath-Prudential) in August.
- Type 9 3922 delivered, one more left to deliver. Still only 16 of 24 accepted
- Bids were due for Type 10s, no word yet on how many bidders

Orange

-Four CRRC cars in testing (1416/1417 and 1418/1419). Twenty (1400-1415, 1426/27, and 1428/1429) are in service

Red

-1900-1905 remain in testing, no word on revenue debut or additional deliveries.

Blue

-Track work completed

Commuter Rail

- K car overhaul: 89 done, 2 in testing, 7 at Hornell, 8 left to go
- 374 sent to Delaware Car for repairs
- Locomotive 1058 is next to be shipped for rebuild by MPI at Erie

Bus

-173 of 194 1925-2118 series buses are accepted, the order should be completed by end of September.

The additional 60 on order will now arrive between September and December. Will probably be numbered 3100-3159.

-D40LFs transfer from Charlestown to Albany is complete

-Neoplans active fleet has held at 104 of 192 still active, 79 at Fellsway and 25 at Albany

-Trackless trolley service resumed August 31 for the first time since March 16, but because of Phase-II of bus tunnel reconstruction, the buses loop at Bennett Alley

-Full bus service resumed with fall schedule:

Nine routes remain suspended: 170, 325, 326, 351, 505, 428, 434, 451, 456

Five routes are combined: 62/76, 78/84, 352/354, 501/503, 502/504

Eight routes reduced to minimal service on weekdays: 18, 43, 55, 236, 245, 554, 556, 558

Private Carriers: P&B, Bloom, Coach Company remain suspended others have resumed partial service

Entertainment Report: Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through February 2021.

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs tuned in included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Jonathan Belcher, Dan Cohen, Ron Clough, Nick Tomkavage, Mike Prescott, Lucius Chiaraviglio, Jim Gately and Dana Frisbee.

Adjournment: The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadd Anderson

Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association

9/26/2020