

BSRA Virtual Business Meeting Minutes 3/06/2021

The March 6, 2021 Virtual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks: Greetings to you all and thanks for attending our March monthly business meeting. Our program tonight will feature a historical survey of Boston Elevated Railway Division 7 carhouses in Arlington, Cambridge and Watertown. Our presenter, Leo Sullivan, as you may remember, gave a similar show last October in Dorchester and Roxbury, which was well-received, and we think that you will like this one as well tonight.

As always, I'd like to get the business section of this meeting over with as quickly as possible to move to the program.

Contributions to our Annual Holiday Fund Drive continue to come in, albeit at a slower rate than after our launch in December. It's never too late to contribute, however, and any amount that you can spare will be much appreciated. Keeping dues low and General Fund programs going is important, and our restoration program for Type 5 No. 5706 as well.

BSRA bookstore also help our bottom line considerably, and again, we appreciate your support.

As we mentioned at the last meeting, our September/October mailing ended up with many members not receiving the issue. We asked you both in print and during our last meeting to contact us if you have not received the issue. A number of you did so, but again, if you are missing this issue, please contact us at thebsra.org so that we can send you one.

At all our meeting voting is limited to Regular Members. If you're a guest or a non-voting Associate member, Intermediate Member, or a *RollSign* subscriber, please refrain from voting in the polls that we will have during the meeting from time to time.

On another line, we welcome guests, but we ask you to please consider joining the BSRA if you like what we are doing. Our dues are a low \$25 per year for Regular or Intermediate Membership and offer many benefits. Please have a look at our website, thebsra.org to join and for more information.

We have posted the reports of our Secretary for the February 2021 Business Meeting held on February 6, and for the February Treasurer's report. Normally, we waive the reading of the Secretary's report, but we ask our Treasurer to read a short summary of the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bahne read the following Treasurer's Report from January 2021:

General Fund

Income.....	\$2,091.03
Expenses	\$3,200.54
Cash on hand 2/28/2021.....	\$29,773.43

5706 Fund

Income.....	\$303.26
Expenses	\$450.85
Cash on hand 2/28/2021.....	\$67,040.30
<i>Combined cash on hand 2/28/2021</i>	<i>\$96,813.73</i>

- February is always a quiet month in our annual cycle.
- Bookstore sales remain strong, especially our online sales.
- We still have over 60 members and subscribers who haven't yet renewed for 2021.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$420,759.15 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report: Mike Prescott read the following report: Since our last meeting, we have produced the Winter 2021 Catalog, which features a number of new items like those you see on screen — Abandoned Railroads of Delmarva, Railfanning the Northeast, The Northeast Corridor, new Enamel Pin designs of the Orange Line and SEPTA LRV, and new BSRA logo keychains. It also includes a selection of Winter Specials, which will be available at special pricing until March 31 or while supplies last — this includes some remaining 2021 calendars, so be sure to check out our full selection in our online store at www.thebsra.org/store We deeply appreciate anyone's choice to shop from us rather than some of our much larger competitors, as the funds we take in from sales help keep us going year round. Please also remember that, as a small nonprofit, we operate out of a tiny storage unit in Quincy, and don't have the logistics or delivery capabilities of larger companies. We rely entirely on manual, volunteer labor - largely by Warehouse Manager Ron Clough - and the US Postal Service. Please bear that in mind when it comes to processing times and shipping expectations. Thank you for your support!

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

RollSign Director's Report: Nick Tomkavage reported that the **November/December 2020** issue was sent to members by email last week, and the print version is currently in the mail. Work on the **January/February 2021** issue is ongoing.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tadd Anderson read the names of following applicants who were voted on for Regular Membership:

EDWARD G. SKUCHAS, AUDUBON, PA Regular Member

BENJAMIN TOCCHI, WEST HARTFORD, CT Regular Member

MATT CONOVER, BROOKLINE, MA Regular Member

BRUCE H. HARVEY, PHILADELPHIA, PA Regular Member

A token ballot was cast for the Secretary to accept the four new regular members as read.

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

Green Line: There are still four Type 9 cars remaining to accept: 3919, 3920, 3922, 3923. Car 3851 had roof damage after pantograph failure at Park St. HVAC unit needs to be replaced, repair work is underway.

Orange Line: Cars 1422/1423 have been accepted, bringing the total accepted car count to 28. Cars 1424/1425 and 1430/1431 are in testing.

Red Line: Cars 1900-1905 continue to operate Monday-Saturday with one round trip in AM and PM.

Commuter Rail: The K car overhaul has 100 done and 6 at Hornell. The surplus coaches are being stored at Seaview Railroad in RI, 21 cars stored to date: 9 Pullmans, 1 Bombardier, and 11 MBBs, 4 more Pullmans are being prepared to send. Locomotives 1057 and 1074 are in testing after rebuild, 1053 and 1056 has shipped out for rebuild. 1070 looks to be next.

Bus: Bids requested for 160 Hybrid buses with options for 300 more, bids due in late May. First 160 would be delivered between 2022 and 2023. Another request for bids for 35 battery busses with options to be issued soon. Bids requested for midlife overhaul of buses 1400-1459 with options for buses 1775-1924 and 3000-3005. 1400-1459 will be transferred to Lynn. 56 transferred so far, the last 4 are at Everett for work. 0734-0754 and 0800s at Lynn are being transferred to Albany, 45 2008s are still at Lynn. 23 0600s temporarily assigned to Southampton for use on snow days. 31 0600s transferred to Fellsway so far. Neoplan 0400-0593 fleet is down to 72 of 111 active, 47 at Fellsway and 25 at Southampton as winter contingency fleet. 3 also leased to CATA, bus 0494 was sent back to CATA

Entertainment Report: Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through July 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 and Jim Gately.

Adjournment: The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
3/17/2021