

BSRA Virtual Business Meeting Minutes 5/01/2021

The May 1, 2021 Virtual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

- 1) Welcome to the May BSRA business meeting
- 2) Tonight's entertainment
 - Nick Tomkavage will present THE ROLLSIGN ARCHIVES PART II
- 3) Reminders
 - Please Renew: a number of you have renewed, but the January-February RollSign was your last issue if you haven't done so. It's a loss to you and the Association when you don't renew.
 - We continue to receive Annual Fund Drive donations so please donate if you haven't already. All donations, large or small, are gratefully appreciated.
 - Our Bookstore continues to do well. Your purchases provide much-needed revenue to your Association
- 4) On to the business section of the meeting
 - Voting is limited to Regular Members.
 - Guests, Associate Members, Intermediate Members, and Subscribers, don't vote in our polls to approve reports, new members, and adjournment
 - Guests are welcome, but please consider joining BSRA if you like our programs. Dues are a low \$25 per year for Regular or Intermediate Membership and offer many benefits. Please see our website to join and for more information
- 5) The report of our Secretary for the April Meeting, and the April Treasurer report have been posted. Normally we waive the reading of the Secretary's report, but our Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Report.

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

General Fund

Income..... \$1,206.18
Expenses \$5,126.78
Cash on hand 4/30/2021.....\$25,072.09

5706 Fund

Income.....\$260.77
Expenses\$451.59
Cash on hand 4/30/2021.....\$67,074.58

Combined cash on hand 4/30/2021 \$92,146.67

- Our financial position remains extremely strong.
- General Fund expenses for the month include most of the cost of printing and mailing the January/February issue of *RollSign*.
- We still have 48 members and subscribers – *including some people who regularly attend these meetings* – who haven't yet renewed.
- If you would like to renew, but are having difficulties due to the pandemic, please let us know. We don't want to lose you!
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$421,695.72 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report: Mike Prescott read the following report: Our Spring 2021 Catalog hit the mail with the January/February *RollSign*, and features a number of new items like those on screen — [read names]. Sales volumes have picked up in response, and we encourage you all to check out our full selection of books, gift items, and clearance items in our online store visit www.thebsra.org/store. In the coming weeks we'll start adding more new items in preparation for our next catalog; this will include two anticipated new books: The first is "The Elevated Railways of Brooklyn and the BMT Subway" from last month's presenter, Eric Oszustowicz, and published by our friends at the ERA in New York. The second is "From Garfield 'L' to Blue Line Rapid Transit" from the good folks at the Shore Line Interurban Historical Society in Chicago. 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 continued support!

Director of Car Restoration Report: Brad Clarke reported that the 5706 fund stands at \$67,000. Progress on our restorer's new shop continues, and hope is by mid-summer to restart the project

RollSign Director's Report: Nick Tomkavage reported that the January/February 2021 issue has been distributed digitally and by mail to all members. Work on the March/April 2021 issue has begun.

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:

BILL MORRISON of Milford, MA

MATTHEW D. JONES of Melrose, MA

CARL CHANCEY of Marshfield, MA

A motion was made for the Secretary to cast a token ballot to accept the three new regular members as read.

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

Green Line: Type 9 Cars 3919, 3920, and 3922 have been accepted, 3923 is the last unaccepted car. Operation of two-car trains of Type 9s resumed after major software upgrade to resolve trainline issues.

Orange Line/Red Line: Investigation continues into the CRRC car derailments. None of the cars will return to service until investigation has been completed and it is determined if the car's suspension system will need modifications. Full service did resume on Orange Line north of Sullivan in early April after planned track work on main line tracks at Wellington was completed.

Commuter Rail: K car overhaul program has 101 completed, 1 in testing and 4 at Hornell. Coach 379 returned from repair at Delaware Car. Locomotive 1057 returned to service after repairs, the HEP unit had a turbo fire shortly after the rebuilt unit entered service last month. 1033 and 1070 shipped to Erie for rebuild, while 1063 is returned for warranty work. 010 and 011 are still awaiting shipment. 10 non-rebuilt F40PH-2C and F40PHM-2C remain to be shipped to Erie to be rebuilt as F40PH-3Cs

Bus: 5 more 3100s have been transferred from Charlestown to Lynn with the split now 35 at Lynn (3100-3134) and 25 at Charlestown (3135-3159). The 0800s at Lynn are being transferred to Albany. 16 2008s are still at Lynn. 62 0600s were transferred to Fellsway from Albany so far. Two 0900s transferred to Fellsway, as they are equipped with automatic passenger counters. Neoplan 0400-0593 fleet is down to 59 of 111 active, 20 at Fellsway and 39 at Southampton as winter contingency fleet. 3 are also leased to CATA

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

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs in attendance 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 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

5/29/2021

Tadd Anderson

Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association