

BSRA Virtual Business Meeting Minutes 9/11/2021

| The September 11, 2021, Virtual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

1) Hi everyone and welcome to our September meeting.

- Before we begin, I'd like to mention the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on this day. Using two airliners as doomsday projectiles, the World Trade Center buildings in New York were brought down with an enormous loss of life and mass injuries. A single airplane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, United Airlines Flight 93 headed for Washington for either the White House or the Capital Building, was brought down by the brave efforts of the passengers to thwart this effort. On behalf of the Association, I feel it important to express our sympathies and condolences to the survivors and their families on this anniversary of one of the most appalling events in American history.
- This meeting will have a short business segment followed by entertainment. Leo Sullivan, well known to many of you, will present tonight's show, **CAR BARNES OF BOSTON ELEVATED IN WEST ROXBURY, BROOKLINE, AND BRIGHTON**. This will include pictures, plans, and a narrative, and places that are still active or that were active within the last 50 years.

2) Next, a few announcements and our business items.

- Our October 2 meeting next month will be our Annual Meeting. It will include election of officers and presentation of the FY 2021 Annual Report.
- Our Annual Fund Drive for the 5706 Fund and the General Fund, has slowed down, has done extremely well overall. Again, thank you all!!
- Bookstore sales have continued at a high level, and your purchases benefit the association greatly!
- Our dues renewal notices have been mailed. If you were unable to give to our Annual Fund Drive, you have another donation opportunity on the renewal form. And please do renew early. We really don't want to lose you as a member, and the fewer renewal reminders we must send, the better. Thanks again to all of you for your continuing support!

3) Next, to the business section.

- Voting is limited to Regular Members.
- Guests, Associate Members, Intermediate Members, and Subscribers do not vote in our polls to approve reports, new members, adjournment, and other business matters.

- Non-member guests are always welcome., Please join us. Dues are a low \$25 per year for Regular or Intermediate Membership and include a RollSign subscription and other benefits. Please see our website, thebsra.org, to join or for subscriptions or associate member information.
- 4) The first order of business at this meeting will be nominations for officers for Fiscal Year 2021.
- 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 your are a Regular Member, that you have the nominees' permission to nominate that person, and a brief resume from the candidate.
- 5) The Secretary's report for the August Meeting and the August Treasurer's report have been posted. We normally waive the reading of the Secretary's report, but our Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Report.

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
 Summary Treasurer's Report, August, 2021
(detailed report is available for download)

General Fund

Income	\$792.85
Expenses	\$2,887.43
Cash on hand 8/31/2021	\$19,729.21

5706 Fund

Income	\$212.62
Expenses	\$4.64
Cash on hand 8/31/2021	\$63,729.72
<i>Combined cash on hand 8/31/2021</i>	<i>\$83,458.93</i>

- Membership renewal notices have been mailed to all of our Members and Subscribers. We appreciate your prompt response so that we can begin processing your payments.
 - Please note, renewal checks will not be deposited until after our new Fiscal Year begins on October 1. Likewise, we will begin accepting online renewal payments starting October 1.
 - As always, we welcome your donations with your renewals.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$431,695.88 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report: Mike Prescott read the following report: Sales from our Summer catalog have continued to be strong, and we have just produced a Late Summer catalog which is already seeing good results as well. There are a number of new books in

this catalog, which you can see on your screen, as well as our first 2022 calendar, for the New Haven Railroad. You can view our full and updating selection of new and older books on our website at thebsra.org/store We appreciate your choice to shop from us, as the funds we take in from sales help keep us going year round. Thank you for your continued support! Finally, thank you as always to our warehouse manager Ron Clough, who has worked hard through the summer to keep orders moving and address any issues that arise.

Director of Car Restoration Report: The 5706 fund stands at \$63,730 - See our Treasurer's Report. Work on the car house building has been delayed but is expected to resume.

RollSign Director's Report: Nick Tomkavage reported that the May/June 2021 Issue has been distributed digitally, and the print version is hitting the mail this week.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

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

JAREK ALEXANDER, ROXBURY, MA *Intermediate Member*

LIAM F. KENNEDY, LARGO, FL *Regular Member*

A motion was made for the Secretary to cast a token ballot to accept the new regular member and new intermediate member as read.

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

Green Line: The Last Type 9, 3923 has been accepted for service. The E Line resumed operating between Brigham Circle and Heath after track replacement

Orange Line/Red Line: Orange Line CRRC cars returned to revenue service August 20th. Six pairs (12 cars) have had new modified side bearer pads installed, work continues on updating the other 18 accepted cars. There are also 16 unaccepted cars on property, 6 undergoing acceptance testing. The six accepted Red Line cars will be modified and returned to service by end of year. Orange Line cars 01256/01257 have been officially retired, increasing total number of retired cars to 10. These cars have been out of service since last fall, some work was done to possibly return them to service, but the cars have since been stripped.

Commuter Rail: K car overhaul: 104 done, 1 in testing 1 at Hornell. Cab Car 1631 returned to service from grade-crossing accident repairs. Rebuilt locomotives 1060 and

1065 returned to service, 1066 is in testing and 1063 returned from warranty repairs. 15 units have been completed, 14 are in Erie, and 10 remain to send.

Bus: Harvard bus tunnel has fully reopened. Busses 0841-0845 have transferred from Albany Garage to Lynn Garage as Lynn vehicle requirement increased for the fall.

Entertainment Report: Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through March 2022.

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, James Gately.

Adjournment: The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

9/30/2021

Tadd Anderson

Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association