

## BSRA Business Meeting Minutes July 9, 2022

The July 9, 2022, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

### President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to the July BSRA meeting.
  - Tonight's entertainment will be presented by Leo Sullivan. In his final presentation in the car barn series, Leo will show CAR BARNs AND OTHER FACILITIES OF THE BOSTON ELEVATED IN CHARLESTOWN, EVERETT, MALDEN, AND SOMERVILLE.
2. Next, a few announcements and our business items.
  - The latest edition of RollSign is out electronically and has been sent to the printer for hard copy.
  - We mailed our Annual Fund Drive at the end of June, and your generous responses received so far are much appreciated.
3. Next, to the business section.
  - Only Regular Members vote, make and second motions, participate in the conduct of all official business.
  - As always, non-members are welcome, but we urge you to join us. Our website, thebsra.org, has member information and an application to join.
4. The Secretary's report for the June Meeting, and the June Treasurer's report have been posted. We normally waive the reading of the Secretary's report, but the Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Charlie Bahne read the following report:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.  
Summary Treasurer's Report, June, 2022  
(detailed report is available for download)

*General Fund*

Income .....	\$1,842.23
Expenses .....	\$7,554.25
Cash on hand 6/30/2022 .....	\$19,818.31

*5706 Fund*

Income .....	\$30.86
Expenses .....	\$0.85
Cash on hand 6/30/2022 .....	\$78,342.91
<i>Combined cash on hand 6/30/2022 .....</i>	<i>\$98,161.22</i>

- Through July 8, we've received donations from 39 people, in response to the Summer Fund Appeal, totaling \$2,927.06. *Thank you!*
- The 35 Members and Subscribers who haven't yet renewed for 2022

have been removed from our mail and email lists. (We did receive 12 renewals since our June meeting.)

- Due to higher paper prices, we have unfortunately seen a significant increase in the cost of printing *RollSign*.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$449,498.47 for the 5706 Fund.

### **Publication Director's Report:**

Mike Prescott read the following summary: The Summer Publications Catalog will be sent alongside the March/April RollSign, and will feature the latest issue of First & Fastest, as well as a new book on the Boston & Maine, Pine Trees & Minutemen. These will be added to the online store in the coming days; you can browse our full selection in our online store at [www.thebsra.org/store](http://www.thebsra.org/store). One note regarding a new item from our last catalog; "Trolleys to the Boardwalk" never arrived to our warehouse as expected, and we have been working with the publisher to get copies in hand.

### **Director of Car Restoration Report:**

- We now have \$78,343 in the 5706 fund plus the monies from the latest fund drive. An additional \$22,000+ from a prior bequest is expected.
- Our contractor's shop building is virtually complete. Supply-chain related delays for electrical switchgear remain, but we will finally resume restoration of the car in August.
- The first action will be to paint the new canvas roof starting with white zinc infused linseed oil followed by two coats of grey linseed oil-based paint. Some of our more knowledgeable members familiar with MTA and Boston Elevated paint schemes has given us positive opinions on the color.
- These coatings cure and dry very slowly, so the entire process will take several weeks. Once painting is complete, the metal beading over the tack strip will be added.
- Next the roof boards and ladders will be reinstalled. Also in process will be removal of the parts stored in the car for the move to Virginia so that interior work can proceed.
- The 5706 Fund continues to grow thanks to our Annual Fund Drive this month. Please remember the General Fund as well, which is especially important with the recent increase for printing *RollSign*. Your donations to 5706 increase our fund balance, and cash burn will be rapid once restoration gets going, so the more we start with, the better. Again, thank you all very, very much for your past support over the years.

### ***RollSign* Director's Report:**

Mike Prescott read the following summary on behalf of Nick Tomkavage who was not present: The March/April issue was distributed digitally this week with our meeting reminder email; it contains features on the end of Trackless Trolleys, and the opening of the Union Square Green Line extension, as well as a historical article on a Springfield trolley crash and some news items.

The print edition was sent to the printer this week, so should be about a week or so out of heading to the mailing service, and then on to members. Production of the May/June issue will begin shortly, which will cover lots of news from the past two months, some great photography from our contributors, and more.

**Director at Large reports:** None.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The following applicants were voted on for Regular Membership:

PATRICK McDONOUGH, SOUTH BOSTON, MA

CHARLES LYU, CAMBRIDGE, MA

**Current events:**

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

May 2022 MBTA Current Events:

**Green Line:** Car 3855 returned to service. This was one of the three cars involved in the side swipe accident outside Government Center in June.

**Blue Line:** Regular service resumed after planned construction projects completed.

**Orange Line:** Car 1450 had a battery failure which resulted in major damaged to the battery compartment while the car was parked at Wellington yard. All CRRC cars temporarily removed from service again. A failed battery heat sensor was identified as cause, cars began returning to service on July 4th as modified vents are added to the battery compartment and replacement sensors are installed. The CRRC car accepted fleet increased to 68 cars with 1460/1461, 1462/1463, 1466/1467, and 1468/1469 having been accepted since the last meeting. 1474/1475 and 1476/1477 were delivered in last month and are now in testing. Unaccepted cars on the property are 10. The number of delivered cars has now gone past the halfway mark, with 78 of 152 delivered. Cars 01266/01267 were retired with the Hawker fleet now at 98 active cars and 22 stored cars.

**Red Line:** CRRC fleet briefly removed from service with Orange Line fleet but returned after inspection on July 4th. There are ten cars accepted and two unaccepted.

**Commuter Rail:** Locomotive 1069 has been accepted and 1062 accepted in testing. 1052 and 1058 are in unaccepted testing. 1027, 1034, 1055, 1059 shipped to Erie. 21 units completed, 14 are in testing or at Erie with four remaining to send. The first four of 83 new Rotem coaches arrived in Rochester MA for testing.

**Bus:** Bus 1214 has returned from overhaul with 15 of 25 completed, 7 at the rebuilder and 3 remaining to be sent.

**Entertainment Report:**

Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through October 2022.

**Officers Present:**

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Tadd Anderson, Charlie Bahne, Jonathan Belcher, Dan Cohen, Ron Clough, Mike Prescott and Lucius Chiaraviglio.

**Adjournment:**

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tadd Anderson  
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association  
7/31/2022