

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes August 6, 2022

The August 6, 2022, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to the August BSRA meeting.
 - Thanks for attending our August meeting.
 - Tonight's entertainment will be by Don Nevin featuring a tour of Dresden by tram, and a ride on a rural tramway in the state of Thüringen, running from the city of Gotha to the winter sports resort of Bad Tabarz, all in a 1993 trip to Germany.
2. Next, a few announcements and our business items.
 - You should have received the May-June 2022 RollSign electronically with the notice of this meeting. It has also been sent to the printer. The Association Notes in this issue refer to the Late Summer Catalog, which will be mailed later in the summer. Meanwhile, you can view the full selection in our online store at www.thebsra.org/store, and we'll add new items as they come in.
 - Your response to our Annual Fund Drive, mailed at the end of June, has been generous and much appreciated.
3. Next, to the business section.
 - Regular Members ONLY vote, make and second motions, and participate in the conduct of 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 our Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$4,846.84
Expenses	\$2,739.98
Cash on hand 7/31/2022	\$21,925.17

5706 Fund

Income	\$5,254.01
Expenses	\$927.90
Cash on hand 7/31/2022	\$82,669.02

Combined cash on hand 7/31/2022 \$104,594.19

- Through July 31, we received donations from 85 people, in response to our Summer Fund Appeal, totaling \$8,141.18. *Thank you!*
- Other than donations to our Fund Appeal, July was a fairly quiet month for both income and expenses, as is normal at this time of year.
- Membership and Subscription renewal notices for 2023 will be mailed early in September, probably before our next monthly meeting.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$454,752.48 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report:

Mike Prescott submitted the following summary: Since the last Business Meeting, the Publications Department produced the Summer 2022 Catalog, which was mailed with the March/April RollSign. It featured two new items, including "Pine Trees and Minutemen."

Work on the next Streetcar Lines of the Hub book on the MBTA has once again come to a stop due to other commitments including RollSign production. I still do not have a firm grasp on when this will be published. We have also discussed a new edition of The Trackless Trolleys of Boston, to cover the modern years, Silver Line, and system closure.

In my role as Webmaster, I can report that our virtual monthly meetings have continued to be successful and continue to attract audiences larger than our normal in-person meetings did. Charlie ran the August meeting in my absence and provided a detailed report of technical problems encountered which we can work to address before the next time someone else needs to host.

Director of Car Restoration Report:

- The 5706 Fund plus the monies from the latest fund drive now stands at \$78,343, not including expected additional monies from our Annual Fund Drive and expected monies of \$20,000 plus from a prior bequest.
- We have received painted canvas samples from our contractor, reviewed them with knowledgeable members, and approved the color for application. We will soon begin painting the new canvas roof starting with white zinc infused linseed oil, followed by two coats of grey linseed oil-based paint.
- These coatings dry slowly, so the entire process will take up to a month. We will then finish the metal beading over the tack strip, followed by reinstallation of the roof boards and ladders will be reinstalled. Also in process will be removal of the parts stored in the car for interior work.
- The 5706 Fund continues to grow thanks to our Annual Fund Drive begun last month. Please consider the General Fund as well. Again, thanks so much for your support this time and in the past.

RollSign Director's Report: Brad Clarke read announced that the next RollSign, May-June 2022, has been sent electronically and is now at the printer for hard copy.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The following applicants were voted on for Regular Membership:

JOHN PUGH, HOPEWELL, NJ

CHRISTOPHER MULLER, BOSTON, MA

Current events:

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

May 2022 MBTA Current Events:

Green Line: PCC 3234 returned from Everett Shops to Mattapan to complete rebuild work. It will most likely be several months before it is ready to enter service. Cars 3238 and 3260 will be the next to be sent to Everett, but they will be sent to a contractor facility first to have lead paint removed. The MBTA has not yet finalized the contract for the paint removal work. The C Line shut down work was completed in July and the E Line shutdown will begin in August.

Orange Line: Car 01251 suffered fire damage when part of the side skirting fell off as it traveled over the Dana Bridge and became wedged between third rail shoes and third rail. Passengers self-evacuated, although the fire self-extinguished after power was cut and the air suspension bellows burned out. There are now 30 #12 cars stored, in addition to 01250/01251, cars 01204/01205, 01236/01237, and 01316/01316 have been removed from service since last meeting. MBTA is planning to award a scrap contract for all 120 cars, to be scrapped in groups of 30. Cars will be removed at the Middlesex Avenue access point to the old Medford branch. CRRC car accepted fleet remains at 68 cars with 10 unaccepted cars on the property as well. Six sets are now typically in service each day. Full Orange Line shutdown is under consideration to accelerate track work to remove speed restrictions.

Red Line: Evening service after 9 PM on Braintree Line is being replaced with busses to accelerate track repairs.

Commuter Rail: Locomotives 1058 and 1062 have been accepted, and locomotives 1052 and 1056 are in unaccepted testing since last meeting. There are 22 units completed, 13 are in testing

or at Erie, 4 remain to send. The next four of 83 new Rotem coaches arrived in Rochester MA for testing, and the first four have been moved to BET to continue testing (8 total are here). Out of service coaches 646 and 1621 have been removed from the property, possibly to be used in movie production work

Bus: Bus 1204 has returned from overhaul with 16 of 25 completed and 7 at the rebuilder leaving 2 remaining to be sent. The first three 1400 series buses, 1410, 1419, 1426 were sent to Midwest Bus for overhaul. Delivery of production units of the 45 1300 series hybrid articulated buses on order has now been pushed back to fall. This will delay the full retirement of the dual-mode fleet, probably into early 2023.

Entertainment Report:

Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through February 2023.

Officers Present:

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

Adjournment:

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
8/31/2022