

BSRA Annual and October Monthly Business Meeting Minutes October 2, 2021

The October 2, 2021, Annual and Business Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference. The Annual Meeting was combined with the Business Meeting in the interest of streamlining the business to be conducted.

President's Remarks:

- Fiscal year 2021 (FY 2021) has been a successful one for the Boston Street Railway Association. There were several significant achievements.
- Fully implementing Internet-based monthly meetings on the Zoom platform was a major accomplishment. This effort required simplifying the preparation and organization of the pre-meeting work and merging the business and entertainment sections, a major task. This work also included finalizing the format of our eBulletins which often included a brief historical article or photograph and a direct link to our bookstore.
- Speaking of monthly meetings, it is likely, but not until the Covid pandemic is well behind us, that we will return to annual, semi-annual, or quarterly in-person meetings in lieu of monthly ones. A challenge to us will be including on-line participants in these gatherings when we restart them.
- Another accomplishment was optimizing the process of electronically distributing RollSign, not an easy effort for an organization which up until last year relied entirely on the United States Postal Service for this work. As we develop the distribution further, we will likely offer an option for those who prefer it to opt out of the printed version, which some of our members have requested. This is not as simple as it sounds, as it requires a rethinking of our membership structure to account for print and digital-only options.
- We successfully moved Type 5 No. 5706 from its long-time stay in Connecticut to our contractor's site in Virginia, where it awaits the completion of the new shop and the resumption of the restoration project. The 5706 Fund has weathered the move comfortably, maintaining a healthy total, which we expect to increase considerably with the remainder of a large bequest that we received last year and further donations from you, our members.
- The Association ended FY 2021 in a strong position with both the General Fund and the 5706 Fund. Expenses slightly exceeded income, attributable entirely to the badly needed purchase of a new computer for the Treasurer's department. Overall, income and expenses were well in line with those of recent years.
- Looking ahead to FY 2021, we can now return to fundraising for the completion of Type 5 No. 5706 and the publication of our next book in the Streetcar Lines of Boston series, which covers the Green Line. Of course, we will continue with our monthly meetings, production of RollSign, the continuation of educational outreach through our website, and the many other activities that make the BSRA an asset to its members and the public.

Treasurer's Fiscal Year 2021 Report:

Charlie Bahne read the Treasurer's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report

General Fund

Income	\$62,615.82
Expenses	\$64,811.45
Surplus	(\$2,195.63)
<i>Cash on hand 9/30/2021</i>	<i>\$14,763.26</i>

5706 Fund

Income	\$22,751.82
Expenses	\$17,550.19
Surplus	\$5,201.63
<i>Cash on hand 9/30/2021</i>	<i>\$64,458.52</i>

- Many thanks to our Members, who this year gave a total of \$35,369 to the Association. *We truly appreciate your generosity!*
- We also received a \$2,000 grant from the Massachusetts Bay RRE.
- Bookstore sales came to a total of \$27,932 (excluding taxes and shipping), higher than they have been in many years.
- General Fund expenses include the purchase of a new computer for the Treasurer.
- 5706 Fund expenses include the cost of moving the car from CT to VA, plus the purchase of specialized heavy-duty wire and cable.

Secretary's Election Report:

Tadd Anderson read the results of the Fiscal Year 2022 Election which are as follows:

President:	Bradley Clarke received 149 votes 1 Blank
Vice-President:	Thomas Athearn received 148 votes 2 Blanks
Treasurer:	Charles Bahne received 147 votes George Chiasson received 1 vote 2 Blanks
Secretary:	Thaddeus Anderson received 146 votes 4 Blanks
Librarian:	James Gately received 146 votes Roger Tobin received 1 vote 3 Blanks
Director of Car Restoration:	David Harling received 147 votes

Publications Director: 3 Blanks
 Michael Prescott received 148 votes
 2 Blanks
RollSign Director: Nicholas Tomkavage received 148 votes
 Jonathan Belcher received 1 vote
 1 Blank
 Directors at Large: Jonathan Belcher received 148 votes
 Daniel Cohen received 143 votes
 Ronald Clough received 1 vote
 5 Blanks

Treasurer’s September 2021 Monthly Report:

General Fund

Income \$2,973.28
 Expenses \$7,939.23
 Cash on hand 9/30/2021 \$14,763.26

5706 Fund

Income \$733.27
 Expenses \$4.47
 Cash on hand 9/30/2021 \$64,458.52
Combined cash on hand 9/30/2021 \$79,221.78

- A total of 285 renewal checks, including \$6,339.00 in donations, were deposited in our bank yesterday, Friday, October 1.
- Processing of online renewal requests are expected to begin early next week. This is not an automated process and each request must be processed manually by our volunteer staff.
- As always, we welcome your donations with your renewals.
- Since 1999, we’ve raised a total of \$432,429.15 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report:

Mike Prescott read the following summary:

We have seen a strong response from our Late Sumer Catalog, so much so that most of the new items are awaiting replenishment stock shipments. If you’ve placed an order recently by mail or online, we will process them as soon as we get more stock in, expected this week. The Holiday Catalog is also almost ready to go to the printer, and we’re already starting to add some of these new titles to our online store, including more 2022 Calendars. You can view our full and constantly 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 publications manager Ron Clough, who has worked hard all year and is gearing up for our “busy

season” between now and the New Year. Please bear with us as we work to process orders as quickly as possible during this period.

Director of Car Restoration Report:

Brad Clarke reported that the 5706 fund stands at \$64,458 - See the Treasurer’s Report. Work on the carhouse building has resumed with completion expected soon.

RollSign Director's Report:

Nick Tomkavage read the following summary:

The May/June 2021 Issue was distributed digitally and by mail in September. Production on the July/August 2021 Issue is underway.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The following applicants were voted on for Regular Membership: RICHARD F. CLIFFORD, of NEEDHAM, MA Regular Member (upgrading from Associate), RYAN AGATE of MALDEN, MA Regular Member and SALEM J. LEAMAN of ASPINWALL, PA Regular Member. The Secretary cast a token ballot to accept the two new regular members and upgraded regular member as read.

Current events:

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

October 2020 MBTA Current Events

Green Line: GLX Union Sq. extension opening may be delayed until January 2022. 3620, 3872, and 3915 are the three cars that were trucked to the GLX maintenance facility this past summer.

Orange Line/Red Line: Orange Line CRRC cars 1430/1431 and 1434/1435 have been accepted, increasing the accepted fleet to 34 cars. 16 unaccepted cars are undergoing testing. Car 01745 received major damage after it derailed and struck the wall and platform entering Broadway station. The MBTA has not identified a cause, however the #2 end truck of 01745 was the only derailed truck in the train, and it was the 2nd car in the train.

Commuter Rail: K car overhaul: 105 done, 1 in transit to begin testing -Rebuilt locomotives 1066 in testing, locomotives 1029 and 1067 will be the next to send to Erie. 15 units completed, 14 are in Erie, 2 are being prepped to send and 8 remain to be sent.

Bus: Neoplan busses 0442 and 0477 returned to Fellsway Garage from CATA, 0425 and 0494 remain at CATA for Gloucester shuttle.

Entertainment Report:

Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through April 2022.

Officers Present:

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

Adjournment:

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
10/31/2021