

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes December 3, 2022

The December 3, 2022, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to the December BSRA meeting.

- It's good to see you all at our December meeting. Welcome!
- **Jacob Deck will present New Power to the Pantograph? American rail policy and the Union Pacific Railroad's electrification plans, 1968-1982, following our business meeting.** This presentation will be a summary of research in the Union Pacific archives concerning the electrification studies the railroad completed between 1968 and 1982.

2. Announcements and the business meeting.

- As always, only Regular Members vote, make and second motions, and participate in the conduct of BSRA official business.
- Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings, and we urge you to join us. Our website, thebsra.org, has membership information and an application.
- The Secretary's report for the November Meeting, and the November Treasurer's report have been posted.
- We normally waive the reading of the Secretary's monthly report, but our Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Monthly Report. Charlie Bahne read the following report:

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$8,628.15
Expenses	\$7,332.73
Cash on hand 11/30/2022	\$24,470.77

5706 Fund

Income	\$708.35
Expenses	\$3,511.34
Cash on hand 11/30/2022	\$81,397.36
<i>Combined cash on hand 11/30/2022</i>	<i>\$105,868.13</i>

- It was an exceptionally good month for our online and mail order bookstore, with over \$5,800 in sales (excluding tax and shipping).
- To date 471 Members and Subscribers have renewed, or 71% of our membership, and have given us \$11,085 in donations. *Thank you!*
- It appears that some renewal notices have gotten lost in the mail. If you didn't receive a notice and would like to renew, please email us

at info@thebsra.org.

- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$461,867.45 for the 5706 Fund.

Publication Director's Report:

Mike Prescott read the following report: Sales from our Holiday and December Catalogs have been strong, and our volunteer Warehouse Manager Ron Clough has been working tirelessly to process orders as quickly and efficiently as possible. Most stock has held up well, but we are currently sold out of the "Boston Transit in Stormy Weather" book and are awaiting more copies. Orders placed for this title on backorder will be filled in the order in which they were received. We also have three new titles from Morning Sun Books in our December catalog, which we are waiting for in our warehouse and will start shipping them as soon as we can. A reminder we have a wide variety of older and newer titles, stocking stuffers, and gift items available in our online store at www.thebsra.org/store. If you're looking to place orders for Christmas or end of year holidays, please get your orders in ASAP, preferably online, to avoid potential shipping delays or backorder situations as we get further into the month. We will do everything we can to get all orders out as soon as possible, but we can't guarantee delivery by specific dates. And finally, we will once again be selling books, gift items, and more at the Railroad Hobby Show at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield this January. Be sure to add these dates to your calendar and stop by our booth if you visit the show, it's always a great weekend of model railroad displays and historical exhibits.

Director of Car Restoration Report:

- We now have \$81,397 in the 5706 Fund. Final payment from a major bequest, about \$20,000, remains to be received.
- Dues renewals continue, and with them donations to the 5706 Fund and General Fund. All contributions of any size are appreciated and needed.
- The red roof red marker lights have been cleaned for installation, and all ten of the roof ventilators have been cleaned and straightened. They will be reinstalled soon. New roof ladders and trolley boards will be produced as well.
- Our new Director at Large, Ken Zwirble, visited Keith Bray's shop in early November to observe the restoration work. Having Ken handle vendor liaison directly and in person is a real help.

RollSign Director's Report:

- After assisting in production on recent issues, Mike Prescott will become the editor of RollSign, pending a future replacement.
- We are looking for a volunteer to assist in *RollSign* layout work who is familiar with Adobe InDesign.
- Another volunteer position we are seeking to fill is for a news writer to boil down the news items that we collect every month and to prepare new material as well.
- Please contact Brad if you are interested in either of these positions.
- You should have received the July-August 2022 RollSign by mail by now. This issue ended up quite late due to our printer being tied up with election advertising printing and

by an unexpected mailing delay, likely caused by election-related mailings and election mail ballots. Please let us know if you have not received your hard copies.

- The next RollSign, September-October 2022, is underway and should be in final production toward the end of the month.
- Mike Prescott comments under Publication Directors' report.

Director at Large reports: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The following applicants were voted on for Regular Membership:

MARK N. WEBER, BOSTON, MA *Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)*

PETER D. EHRLICH, BREWSTER, NY *New Regular Member*

JASON WALDRON, STONEHAM, MA *New Regular Member*

Current events:

Jonathan Belcher read the following report of activity on the MBTA in December 2022:

Green Line: Revenue service to Medford/Tufts will begin on Monday December 12, non-revenue E-Line trains have been operating to Medford/Tufts since Nov 1. Riverside carhouse staff completed the overhaul of long out of service flat car 4362, this work was required by the FTA. This car is being towed at night to work sites by a two-car train of Type 7s. The six "Lead Sled" single-truck snowplows have been disposed of. Hi-rail skid-steers and speed wings with snow blower attachments have been used after major storms since 2015, the sleds were only retained as back-ups, and it was determined that the coupler assemblies would have needed to be rebuilt to continue using them as they were now over 25 years old.

Orange Line: The fleet remains at 74 active CRRC cars with two more in testing and 1400/1401 still out of service with derailment damage. There are 48 operable Hawkercars out of the original fleet of 120. 42 of the 72 retired Hawkercars have been removed from property for scrap. Cars are being removed at rate of four per week. Peak service remains at Saturday service levels using 10 trains of CRRC cars (60 cars) operating every 10 minutes. There have been days when only 9 or 8 trains have been available, and service is reduced because of that. The Winter schedule is expected to be improved to 8-minute headways using 13 train sets. This will require 2 to 3 sets of 01200s to operate on weekdays. The 48 remaining cars have been undergoing heavy inspections to prepare for peak use and several may also be used as in-service deicer trains in off-peak if required.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding status: 24 units completed, 12 are at Erie, 1036, 1071, and 1072 will be the next and last to go, running in work service for now. 19 of the 83 new

Rotems on order have been delivered but none accepted yet. The first four are now in test runs on the north side while another 4-car set is being used to test signals on completed sections of the South Coast rail extension project. Service from Beverly to Rockport replaced by shuttle busses until December 19 to accommodate final cab signal installation and cut-over.

Bus: Bus 1212 returned from overhaul, 20 of 25 completed, 5 at the rebuilder. Eleven 1400 series buses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. Eight of nine Neoplan diesel buses in storage at Everett sold for scrap and removed. The MBTA has started decommissioning work at Everett on the stored 4100 series trackless trolleys to prepare them for sale, some parts that can be used in other bus types are being removed. Busses 1300 and 1301 have been conditionally accepted but are undergoing final prep work at Everett Shops before entering service. These are the first two of 45 articulated hybrid busses on order to replace the dual mode fleet. Several dual mode busses have required floor repair work at the articulations. Several busses are out of service but they are being repaired at Everett Shops for now, at least until more 1300s are available to replace them. As a temporary measure several 3100 series busses from Charlestown Garage have been moved to Southampton Garage to operate on the SL2 and SL3 Silver Line routes. The 2020 built XDE40 busses have extra large batteries as standard equipment and can operate through the Silver Line tunnel after a software modification for full geo-fenced battery mode. These busses will be returned as more dual modes get repaired at Everett and/or more 1300s are delivered.

Entertainment Report:

Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through April 2023.

Officers Present:

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

Adjournment:

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
12/31/2022