

# BSRA Business Meeting Minutes February 4, 2023

The February 4, 2023, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

## President's Remarks:

1. Welcome, everyone, to the February BSRA meeting.
  - It's great to see you all here!
  - After our business meeting, Jim Schantz, Seashore Trolley Museum President and CEO, will give us an update on recent progress at Seashore, including current restoration efforts and description of the replacement and expansion of the museum's oldest car barn – South Boston, and the construction of a year-round home for the Main Central Model Railroad which is being relocated from Jonesport, Maine to Seashore's campus.
2. Announcements and the Business Meeting:
  - As always, only Regular Members can 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 minutes for the January Meeting, and the January Treasurer's report have been posted.
  - Normally, we waive the reading of the Secretary's minutes, but our Treasurer reads a summary of the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The full version is posted for those who want more detail.

## Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the Treasurer's Report shown below:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.  
Summary Treasurer's Report, January 2023  
(detailed report is available for download)

*General Fund*

Income .....	\$7,276.36
Expenses .....	\$3,080.73
Cash on hand 1/31/2023 .....	\$27,994.47

*5706 Fund*

Income .....	\$25,230.15
Expenses .....	\$7,918.46
Cash on hand 1/31/2023 .....	\$101,496.74
<i>Combined cash on hand 1/31/2023 .....</i>	<i>\$129,491.21</i>

- We received \$22,873.51, the final installment of a very generous bequest, which the Directors have allocated to the 5706 Fund.

- Last weekend's Railroad Hobby Show generated \$3,116.51 in sales, third highest on record, including \$353.59 in used (donated) books, timetables, etc., which has also been allocated to the 5706 Fund.

- To date 71 people have given a total of \$6,605.00 in response to our holiday fund appeal.

*Thank you!*

- Renewal reminders were mailed to 140 Members and Subscribers.

- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$489,905.45 for the 5706 Fund.

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

Brad Clarke read the following report in the absence of Mike Prescott:

- Last weekend, we attended the Amherst Railway Society's annual Railroad Hobby Show at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield, and it was a great success. This year, we had three tables instead of our usual two, which allowed us to spread out and display more of our books, gift items, used books, and other merchandise. We experienced near-record sales, and thank everyone who stopped by our booth and said hello. We would also like to thank our team of volunteers who assisted Mike Prescott before, during, and after the show. Namely: Ron Clough, Charlie Bahne, Brad Clarke, Bill Pollman, Dana Frisbee, Corey Connors-Reynolds, Derek Dearborn, Kevin Farrell, John Pellegrino, and Matthew Taub.
- Turning to book sales, we have received some long-awaited additional copies of "Boston Transit in Stormy Weather," and those back orders have been processed this past week by our Warehouse Manager Ron Clough. Anyone who was waiting for a copy for their order, should be receiving it soon. We thank you for your patience.
- We have a limited amount of 2023 Calendars still available; we are in the process of updating our stock in our online store and will be discounting the remaining calendars in the coming days. Finally, the next catalog will be mailed with the November/December Rollsign.

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

Brad Clarke read the following report:

- We now have \$101,497 in the 5706 Fund. We have a new invoice for \$3240 for vestibule platform installation work, and door frame moldings, with work continuing. Your donations keep this project going!
- Our holiday fund drive, released in mid-December, has done well, and we urge you all to keep your support coming!
- We have received the final payment from a major bequest, \$22,807, which will advance the 5706 restoration project considerably. The original bequest was for \$50,000 of which we received \$30,000 in advance some years back.
- Again, to those of you who have not renewed, we urge you do so. Your donations to the 5706 Fund and General Fund, which we often receive with renewals, will be much appreciated.

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

Clark Frazier read the following report:

- The November-December 2022 issue of *RollSign* is underway. We hope to distribute and get this to the printer by the end of the month.
- Bill Leiberman has offered to work on feature articles, the first being the opening of the GLX to Tufts/Medford.
- We are still looking for a volunteer familiar with Adobe InDesign.
- Please contact Brad, Clark or Mike or indicate it in the chat box if you are interested in this position.

**Director at Large reports:** None.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Tadd Anderson read the names of the following applicants were voted on for Regular Membership and Intermediate Membership:

PATRICK GREELEY, ARLINGTON, MA *New Regular Member*

HENRY F. PISTONE-DONAHUE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MA *New Intermediate Member*

NAHRIN L. SANGKAGALO, BRIGHTON, MA *New Regular Member*

COREY CONNORS-REYNOLDS, METHUEN, MA *New Regular Member (Rejoining)*

KEVIN W. JONES, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY *New Regular Member*

**Current events:**

Jonathan Belcher read the following report of activity on the MBTA in February 2023:

**Green Line:** Type 7 3670 returned to service after derailment repairs. More Type 7s appearing in service with mounts for future front radar and camera equipment as part of Green Line train collision avoidance system.

**Orange Line:** CRRC fleet remains at 74 active CRRC cars with two more in testing and 1400/1401 still out of service with derailment damage. Deliveries may resume this month and unaccepted pair may be placed in service. One pair of 01200s, 01260/01261 retired since last

update awaiting scrapping, there are now 46 operable Hawkers out of the original fleet of 120, the other 72 cars are scrapped. Cars are still undergoing inspections and are still waiting on decision to operate Hawkers in rush hour, may require board approval in February. MBTA remains in discussion with CRRC, new schedule was to finish Orange Line deliveries in December 2023, but that would require deliveries to increase from 4 per month to 8. Peak service remains scheduled at Saturday service levels using 10 trains of CRRC cars (60 cars) operating every 8-10 minutes, some days still only see 8 or 9 trains available.

**Red Line:** Cars 01510/01511 officially retired, to be stripped of parts to keep other cars operable.

**Commuter Rail:** Locomotive rebuilding: 24 units completed, 13 are at Erie, 1071 prepared to send, 1053 on its way back. 1072 is last non-rebuilt unit in service. 24 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered but none accepted yet. Locomotives 1117 and 1129 sent to repair facility in Rochester MA for possible overhaul.

**Bus:** 1200 series overhaul: 22 of 25 completed, 3 at the rebuilder. Eleven 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul -Nine new 1300 series busses are now accepted and in service. About another dozen at contractor facility in Readville for acceptance. Busses are being delivered/accepted out of numerical order. Last 8 busses that have luggage racks for SL1 service will be last delivered in March. 3100 series busses at Southampton reduced from 10 to 5, now on stand-by to operate only if needed. No 1100 series dual modes are officially retired yet, although several waiting major repairs may be the first to officially be decommissioned. 1117 had small engine fire. No target date set yet to end use of wires in transitway. There is a possibility that some of the lowered numbered new 1300 series may have temporary luggage racks installed to speed up retirement of DMAs, but if that does not happen, then last use of DMAs may be in April after last 1300s are delivered and accepted. Bus 0423 had small engine fire, will probably not be repaired. 4100 series trackless are now going through decommissioning process at Everett Shops. 4104 held for Seashore and 4110 for IRM.

### **Entertainment Report:**

Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through June 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, Lucius Chiaraviglio and Mike Prescott.

### **Adjournment:**

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadd Anderson  
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association  
2/12/2023