

## BSRA Business Meeting Minutes August 5, 2023

The August 5, 2023, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

### President's Remarks:

1. Welcome, all, to the August BSRA meeting.
  - It's good to see you tonight.
  - Rick Kfoury, railroad author and historian, and Newsletter Editor for the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society, will show images from the B&M's Public Relations photographic collection, using photos from the official B&M photographer George H. Hill, who covered special trains and events, new equipment, and customers, and more.
2. Announcements and the Business Meeting.
  - Only current Regular Members can vote, make and second motions, and participate in the conduct of BSRA official business.
  - Non-members are welcome at our meetings. Please remember, however that you are guests, and we ask to conduct yourselves accordingly. As always, if you enjoy our meetings, we urge you to join us.
  - The Secretary's minutes for the July Meeting, and the July 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.
  - Please renew your membership if you haven't done so. Your donations to the 5706 Fund and General Fund, which we often receive with renewals, are always appreciated.

### 1. Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the Treasurer's Summary Report shown below:

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

*General Fund*

Income .....	\$3,687.21
Expenses .....	\$3,438.12
Cash on hand 7/31/2023 .....	\$18,361.22

*5706 Fund*

Income .....	\$5,269.56
Expenses .....	\$3,827.93
Cash on hand 7/31/2023 .....	\$95,621.78
<i>Combined cash on hand 7/31/2023 .....</i>	<i>\$113,983.00</i>

- Thanks again to all of you who have responded to our Annual Fund Drive!
- Through August 3, we have received donations from 108 members, subscribers, and friends, totaling \$12,869.12. This includes \$7,703.62 for the 5706 fund, and \$5,165.50 for the General Fund.
- This year's summer fund appeal is on track to be our best-ever summer fund drive.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$503,479.89 for the 5706 Fund.

**2. Publication Director's Report: None**

**3. Director of Car Restoration Report:**

Brad Clarke gave the following report:

The 5706 Fund now stands at \$95,622.

- We have sent to all our members our Annual Fund Drive flyer, and your support contributions have been impressive, with \$7,704 received with more expected to come.
- We have now exceeded the \$503,480 mark.
- Work continues on the car at a steady pace with exterior topcoat painting soon.

**4. RollSign Director's Report:**

June-July issue is underway. The March-April issue was distributed with the meeting notice for this meeting. Printed edition should go to press next week.

**5. Director at Large reports: None.**

**6. Old Business: None**

**7. New Business:**

Tadd Anderson read the name of the following applicant for Regular Membership, who was duly voted in:

ALBERT B. BARNIER, WINSTON-SALEM, NC Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)

**8. Current events:**

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

**Orange Line:** CRRC fleet: Cars 1490/1491 and 1492/1493 have been accepted, 90 active cars are in service. Cars 1488/1489 are in testing

**Green Line:** Type 8 Car 3862 returned to service, two years after it was damaged in collision on Commonwealth Ave. It was the first car of the train that was struck and had the least amount of damage.

**Red Line:** Cars 1910/1911 conditionally accepted but haven't entered service yet, delivered over a year ago. There are still only 12 cars on the property.

**Commuter Rail:** Locomotive rebuilding: 26 units completed, 13 are at Erie. Erie workers went on strike in June, this will delay the program. 46 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 20 accepted for service. MBB cab cars 1522, 1528 and Bombardier cab cars 1626, 1641, 1645, 1646 out of service as 1700 series cab cars continue to be shifted to the North Side. 1530 was removed from its train set last week. It is the last MBB cab car considered active. Ashland station will temporarily close in late August for repairs with shuttle busses operating to Framingham.

**Bus:** MBTA awarded \$119 million contract to New Flyer for 80 forty-foot battery electric busses. 32 will be equipped with left-side doors for North Cambridge while 48 will have conventional door layout for new Quincy Garage. 10 pilot busses, five of each type, will be delivered in 2024 for testing, probably operating from Southampton temporarily. The 27 remaining busses for North Cambridge will be delivered in 2025 and the 43 remaining busses for Quincy in 2026, to match garage construction schedules. Contract has options for up to 380 additional busses. These will replace 2008 New Flyers, which will continue operating at Quincy until new garage is built. Fifteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. DMAs 1125 and 1132 were scrapped, the last remaining one, 1120, is being held for preservation. Deliveries of 160 3200-3359 series busses from New Flyer continue, 62 are in service at Albany, 30 more are in testing. At least 40 will also be assigned to Lynn. 68 of the 155 2006-built 0600-0754 series will remain in service, 59 at Fellsway and 9 at Albany. The 9 busses at Albany Street will probably be removed from service by next week. The 28 2008 New Flyer busses at Albany are being transferred to other garages, 5 have been sent to Fellsway, 10 to Southampton for the contingency fleet, and 13 are held at Albany awaiting transfer. Albany Street will soon be a 100% hybrid bus garage.

## **9. Entertainment Report:**

- Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment through December 2023.

## **10. Officers Present:**

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

## **11. Adjournment:**

- The Business Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tadd Anderson  
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association  
8/12/2023