

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes February 3, 2024

The February 3, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to the February BSRA Meeting.

- Tonight's entertainment is A DAYTON BOY DOES BOSTON TRACKLESS TROLLEYS. The presenter is Jim Bainter, an aficionado of this public transit mode.
- The Secretary's minutes for the January Meeting and the January Treasurer's report have been posted.
- Please renew your membership. Our new, online renewal page, designed by Mike Prescott, is working very well. Everyone has received their renewal notices, which were delayed this year to allow us to get the new system up and running. Paying by check is fine, but for your own ease of use, you may want to try the new system, which is very user-friendly.

1. Our first item of Business will be the January Treasurer's Report.

2. **Treasurer's Report** – Charlie Bahne read the following report:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
Summary Treasurer's Report, January 2024
(detailed report is available for download)

General Fund

Income	\$7,179.57
Expenses	\$4,087.97
Cash on hand 1/31/2024	\$32,289.89

5706 Fund

Income	\$2,659.87
Expenses	\$12,737.15
Cash on hand 1/31/2024	\$83,581.21
Combined cash on hand 1/31/2024	\$115,871.10

- To date, 62 Members and friends have responded to our Holiday Fund Appeal letter, donating a total of \$7,289.12. *Thank you!*
- Our tables at the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show were a big success. We collected a total of \$3,481.50, including \$747.88 for the 5706 Fund, from sales of donated books and timetables.
- We still have 135 Members and Subscribers who haven't responded to our renewal notice. Second notices have been delayed, but they should go out later this month.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$517,557.87 for the 5706 Fund.

3. **RollSign Director Report** – Clark Frazier read the following report:

- We are catching up with the back issues of RollSign. Ed Anderson's two-issue article on the history of busses in Worcester, Massachusetts is coming together. This system was an early adopter of busses replacing street cars on light lines, but was also one of the last systems in Massachusetts, outside of Boston, to operate streetcars. We think you'll find this two-part article quite interesting as you follow the conversion of the third-largest street railway operation in Massachusetts from streetcar to motorbus.
- These two articles will comprise the May-June and the July-August issues of RollSign. As I have mentioned before, the double whammy of our key officers being ill or recovering from medical procedures all at once and the urgent need to get our new online renewal procedure up and running really set us back. I am confident, however, that with the June through August editions underway and the next two for September through December following shortly thereafter, we will soon be back to our normal schedule,

4. **Publication Director Report** – Brad Clarke read the following report in the absence of Mike Prescott:

- We enjoyed near-record sales at the Big E in West Springfield over the January 27-28 weekend. Our deepest thanks go to Mike Prescott, who managed this very complicated operation, and to Dana Frisbee, Kevin Farrell, Bill Pollman, Brad Clarke, Charlie Bahne, and Ron Clough.
- Publication sales have done very well, thanks to your strong response to our holiday catalog. Revenue from this activity goes directly to our bottom line, and we would like to express our deep appreciation for your continued support.

6. **5706 Report** – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- The 5706 Fund now totals \$83,581.
- Your 5706 fund donations have kept the work going, and with the increased activity of our contractor, your continuing help is needed and more welcome than ever. Please keep your vital support coming.
- We have now raised \$517,558 for our Type 5.
- Our contractor is currently working on completing a new set of upper sash and installing the sections. Like the lower sash, the upper segments will have safety glass.
- In late March or early April, we will send out an additional fundraiser to help keep the work going on the car. We should have much more to show at that time, and we hope that this progress will encourage your further strong support, and once again, we are extremely grateful.

8. Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – Tom Athearn read the following names of new members to be voted on:

VICTOR RATNER, CHEVY CHASE, MD

New Regular Member

JOSEPH BAIARUNAS, JEFFERSON, ME

Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)

Old/New Business - None

11. **Current Events** – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 100 active cars are in service. Cars 1498/1499 and 1502/1503 are in testing.

Green Line: Service resumed January 29, 2024, from North Station to Heath St., Kenmore and Babcock Street. The next planned full Green Line shutdown is February 20th to March 9th from Copley to Brookline Hills, Babcock Street and Cleveland Circle.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 14 (1900-1913) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1914/1915 delivered, should start testing soon. Service will be suspended from February 5th to February 14, 2024, between Alewife and Harvard and evenings from Alewife to Park Street.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 26 units completed, 13 are at Erie. Erie settled its strike; production should resume. 62 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 40 accepted for service. The active 1600 fleet consists of 12 cab cars and 19 former cab cars for a total of 31

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series buses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. Four busses have returned. Deliveries and acceptance of 160 3200-3359 series busses from New Flyer continue, 100 are in service at Albany, 52 are active at Lynn and the remaining 8 have been delivered and are in testing. 7 of the 155 2006 built 0600-0754 series remain in service, all at Fellsway, another 5 are in storage. 18 1400 series at Lynn have been transferred to Fellsway to replace the final 2006 built busses, 8 more will probably be transferred when last 8 3300s will be accepted.

11. **Entertainment** – Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment to May 2024.

12. **Officers Present:** Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Jonathan Belcher, Clark Frazier, James Gately and Lucius Chiaraviglio.

13. **Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Business Meeting and it passed. The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadd Anderson

Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association

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