

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes March 2, 2024

The March 2, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to the March BSRA Meeting.

- Tonight's entertainment is Clark Frazier's Eastern European Tour Part 2. Clark's Part 1 of this tour was well-received and this second part should be equally interesting.
- Our first item of Business will be the February Treasurer's Report.

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

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

General Fund

Income	\$1,013.60
Expenses	\$1,440.70
Cash on hand 2/29/2024	\$31,862.79

5706 Fund

Income	\$348.34
Expenses	\$13,251.62
Cash on hand 2/29/2024	\$70,677.93
<i>Combined cash on hand 2/29/2024</i>	<i>\$102,540.72</i>

- On the financial side, it was a very quiet month.
- With two issues of *RollSign* now at the printer, we will mail the second renewal notices shortly after those *RollSigns* go in the mail.
- We still have 123 Members and Subscribers who haven't responded to our renewal notice.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$517,906.21 for the 5706 Fund.

2. **RollSign Director Report** – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- With the meeting notice, we attached PDF files of the May-June and July-August 2023 issues of *RollSign*. Part 1 and Part 2 of a bus and streetcar history of Worcester, Massachusetts by Ed Anderson comprise these two editions.

- As we have said before, the double dilemma 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. With the June through August editions completed and the next two for September through December following soon after, we will be back to our normal schedule before long.

4. **Publication Director Report** – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- We may include a new publications catalog for the next issues of RollSign. Sales from our holiday catalog did well, but they have fallen off, and we hope to reenergize things with a new offering.
- For those who missed it last month, our sales table did extraordinarily well at the Amherst Railway show in late January.

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

- The 5706 Fund now totals \$70,678.
- A lot of work is taking place, and our cash burn is very fast. Please keep your contributions coming to make sure this continues. In late March or early April, we will send out an additional fundraiser to help keep the work going on the car.
- We have now raised \$517,906 for our Type 5.
- Our contractor is working on a new set of upper sash and installing the four three-window sections on each side. He is also working on installing interior parts and wiring.

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

MICHAEL J. JESSIE, HOLDEN, MA
New Regular Member

DR. SCOTT MOLLOY, EXETER, RI
New Regular Member

JAMES SOUSA, ANDOVER, MA
New Regular Member

Old/New Business - None

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

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 102 active cars in service, 1498/1499 accepted since last meeting, and 1502/1503, 1506/1507 and 1508/1509 in testing. From March 18-21, service will be suspended between Jackson and North Station

Green Line: Service suspended from February 20 to March 8th, Copley to Brookline Hills, Babcock, and Cleveland Circle. E Heath-Medford/Tufts is the only service in Central Subway. Union Sq. service is being provided by Union Government Center shuttle trains using Brattle Loop

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 14 (1900-1913) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1914/1915 delivered and in testing. Service was suspended from February 5th to February 14, 2024, between Alewife and Harvard and evenings from Alewife to Park St. MBTA has awarded a contract to Costello Dismantling to begin removing retired Red Line cars. 14 #1 and 2 #2 cars that are already out of service will be first to be removed.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 26 units completed, 12 are at Erie. 1033 returned to start testing. 64 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 44 accepted for service, 20 are in testing, and 19 remain to be delivered. The active 1600 fleet is now 10 cab cars and 19 former cab cars of 29 in total.

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. Five busses have returned. -Deliveries and acceptance of 160 3200-3359 series busses from New Flyer continue, 100 are in service at Albany, 58 are active at Lynn, the remaining 2 are in testing. -1 of the 155 2006-built 0600-0754 series (0610) remains in service at Fellsway, another 11 are in storage. - 23 1400 series at Lynn have been transferred to Fellsway to replace the final 2006 built busses.

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

12. **Officers Present:** Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Tadd Anderson, 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
3/17/2024