

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes May 4, 2024

The May 4, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome, all, to the May meeting of the BSRA. The zoom operation is in the capable hands of Mike Prescott tonight, and we all thank you for your help, Mike!
- Tonight's entertainment will be a composite show. Bill Lieberman's Driving Side and Bradley Clarke's Historical Transit Vignettes.
- Bill Lieberman addresses the question: "Ever wonder why drivers in some countries stick to the right side of the road and those in other countries go to the left?"
- Then I will show a few historical Massachusetts transit topics in the twentieth century.
- We normally waive the reading of the Secretary's minutes, but our Treasurer reads the Treasurer's Monthly Report summary. The full version is also posted.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$920.20
Expenses	\$2,966.33
Cash on hand 4/30/2024	\$25,427.91

5706 Fund

Income	\$243.27
Expenses	\$3.71
Cash on hand 4/30/2024	\$70,962.31

Combined cash on hand 4/30/2024 \$96,390.22

- Once again, there was minimal income during the month, primarily because large parts of our website have been offline. Likewise, expenses paid this month were largely routine, recurring costs.
- To date, 31 people have responded to the second renewal notices that were mailed in late March. But we still have many members who haven't yet renewed for 2024, including a number of people who are regular attendees at our online meetings. *Please renew promptly, either online or by mailing us a check!*

- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$518,194.30 for the 5706 Fund.

RollSign Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- The January/February issue of *RollSign* is nearly done and we are working on the March/April issue as well. This should bring us up to date.

Publication Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- The website is undergoing rebuilding. Also, a catalog is planned for the next *RollSign* mailing.

5706 Report – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- Our contractor continues the installation of interior parts and woodwork.
- The 5706 Fund now totals \$70,962.31.
- Our cash burn has been substantial, and we are completing a fundraiser to boost the 5706 Fund and the General Fund.
- We currently raised \$518,194 for our Type 5.
- We have been awarded a \$4000 grant by the Mass Bay RRE for the continuing restoration of 5706. This organization has supported our project for many years, and we are very grateful for their generous help. The award documentation was shown.

Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – Mike Prescott read the following name of the upgraded member to be voted on in the absence of Tadd Anderson:

JAMES C. INSLEY, WALPOLE, MA
Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)

After a motion and second for the secretary to cast a token ballot for Mr. Insley, a vote was taken, and Mr. Insley was voted in as a regular member.

Old/New Business - None

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

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 106 active cars in service, 1502/1503 accepted since last meeting, and 1508/1509, 1510/1511, 1512/1513, 1514/1515 are in testing. 36 remain to be delivered. Scrapping of #12 Hawker fleet continues, down to 28 on property to be removed. Service will be suspended for trackwork between Wellington and Back Bay from May 28 to June 6.

Green Line: The MBTA is reviewing bids to have a contractor repair accident damaged Type 8 3894

Red Line: Car 01649, which derailed 03/23/24 at Broadway crossover during planned diversion, has returned to service. Total CRRC fleet is 14 (1900-1913) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1914/1915, 1916/1917, and 1930/1831 have been delivered and in testing. 232 remain to be delivered. Cars 01642/01643 have been scrapped, 01650/01651 are next to go. Service is suspended for track work between Park St and JFK at all times and to Ashmont evenings from May 2 to May 10.

Blue Line: The Blue Line resumed full service after shutdown for track work.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 26 units completed, 11 are at Erie. 1029 and 1033 returned and are in testing. 68 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 56 accepted for service, 12 are in testing, 15 remain to be delivered. Locomotive 1117 returned from overhaul at Rochester MA is in testing. Painted in standard GP40MC paint scheme. The active 1600 fleet has now 4 cab cars and 19 former cab cars (23 total). 1636 was the only cab car running at the end of the week. Cars 1626 and 1646 were moved to Schnitzer Steel in Everett for scrapping. Car 1721 has returned from accident repair at Delaware Car and is being prepped for service.

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 11 busses have returned. 10 of the 2008 New Flyer contingency busses assigned to Southampton are parked at Everett for the summer.

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, Jonathan Belcher, Clark Frazier and Lucius Chiaraviglio.

13. **Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Business Meeting and a vote was taken and it passed. The Business Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
5/21/2024