

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes June 1, 2024

The June 1, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome, all, to the June meeting of the BSRA. Mike Prescott will be hosting the zoom operation, and we all thank you for your help, Mike!
- We are looking for a person to help out as a host for the business meeting. Mike has other commitments, and we must find another person to stand in for him. Clark Frazier is our current backup, but we need some volunteer help from one or more folks skilled in the ways of Zoom
- Leo Sullivan will be presenting tonight's entertainment, "Boston's Elevated - Part 1 Early Days North"

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$660.91
Expenses	\$6,062.78
Cash on hand 5/31/2024	\$20,026.04

5706 Fund

Income	\$4,050.81
Expenses	\$188.90
Cash on hand 5/31/2024	\$74,824.22
Combined cash on hand 5/31/2024	\$94,850.26

- Expenses for the month included printing and mailing two issues of *RollSign*, plus liability insurance for our directors and officers, in addition to routine costs such as warehouse rent.
- Income for the 5706 Fund includes a \$4,000.00 grant from the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts. *Thank you!*
- Final renewal notices will be mailed in the coming week to the 77 members and subscribers who haven't yet paid for 2024.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$522,245.11 for the 5706 Fund.

RollSign Director Report – Clark Frazier read the following report:

- The September/October 2023 and November/December 2023 Issues were distributed digitally and by mail. Work on the January/February Inventory Issue and March/April Issue is wrapping up, which will be mailed together.

Publication Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- The online bookstore remains down due to technical problems with GoDaddy; we are working to restore the site and bookstore, but do not have a restoration timeframe yet. As a result, we will not be issuing a new Publications Catalog until the online store is back up and running. If anyone would like to order anything specific from us, they can email us at info@thebsra.org.

5706 Report – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- Our contractor continues the installation of interior parts.
- The 5706 Fund now totals \$74,824.
- We be sending a fundraiser to boost the 5706 Fund and the General Fund.
- We have currently raised \$522,245 for our Type 5. A view of 5706 was shown with the new upper sash framing.

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

ROBERT SCAFFARDI, PROVIDENCE, RI
Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)

JASON SHUTTLE, MILLIS, MA
New Regular Member

THEO C. ROTH, BELMONT, MA
New Intermediate Member

After a motion and second for the secretary to cast a token ballot for Mr. Insley, Mr. Shuttle and Mr. Roth, a vote was taken, and they were voted in as regular and intermediate members.

Old/New Business – None

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

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: remains 106 active cars in service, 1508/1509, 1510/1511, 1512/1513, 1514/1515, and 1522/1523 are in testing with 34 remaining to be delivered. Scrapping of #12 Hawker fleet continues with the count down to 20 on the property to be removed. Service has been suspended for track work between Wellington and Back Bay from May 28 to June 6 and will be suspended between Wellington and North Station from June 22 to June 30.

Green Line: PCC 3260 should be leaving Everett soon to return to Mattapan to have Brookville Equipment installed. This will be third rebuilt car.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 14 (1900-1913) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1914/1915, 1916/1917, and 1930/1831 have been delivered and are in testing. 232 cars remain to be delivered. Cars 01632/01633 and 01744/01745 have been scrapped, cars 01646/01647 will be the next to go. 10 scrapped so far, 6 more stored #1 cars have been slated for scrapping

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 26 units have been completed, 11 are at Erie. 1029 and 1033 returned and is in service. 72 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 60 accepted for service, 12 in testing, 11 remaining to be delivered. The bMBTA exercised an option with Rotem to purchase 41 more Blind Trailer Coaches for \$175 million, to be delivered in 2026-2027. This will replace more single level cars. The contract has an option to buy 39 more but the

option expires at end of year and no additional money has been allocated to exercise the option. The active 1600 fleet is now 3 cab cars and 19 former cab cars (22 total). 1630, 1636, and 1647 are considered active but 1647 was only cab car running the past week. Cars 1627 and 1642 were moved to Schnitzer Steel in Everett for scrapping with four total having been scrapped so far. South Attleborough station reopened for limited peak-period service. Weekend Franklin service now operates via the Fairmount Line. Some Providence trains now stop at Readville to allow transfers. Weekday-midday Haverhill Line service is operating inbound via Wildcat Branch to accommodate track work.

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 13 busses have returned. The 80 new battery-electric busses on order for delivery over the next three years will be numbered 4200-4231 for the left-side door equipped busses for North Cambridge and 4300-4347 for the standard door busses planned for Quincy.

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, Dave Harling, Jim Gately 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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
6/08/2024