

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes July 13, 2024

The July 13, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome to the July BSRA meeting. Mike Prescott is hosting our Zoom presentation, for which we all appreciate and thank him.
- I will be presenting tonight's entertainment which includes the West View/Belleview car lines in Pittsburgh, scenes from the Shaker Rapid in Cleveland, and a historical feature from Boston.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$783.38
Expenses	\$1,555.95
Cash on hand 6/30/2024	\$19,253.47

5706 Fund

Income	\$170.76
Expenses	\$2.37
Cash on hand 6/30/2024	\$74,992.61
Combined cash on hand 6/30/2024	\$94,246.08

- Financial activity for this month was minor.
- Our annual summer fund appeal letter was mailed this past week, and we look forward to receiving your donations.
- Two issues of *RollSign* were sent, by email and by US Mail. but only to members who have renewed for 2024. If you haven't yet renewed for this year, please do so, and we'll send you copies of those issues.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$522,415.87 for the 5706 Fund.

RollSign Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

The January/February 2024 and March/April

- 2024 Issues were distributed digitally and by mail. Work on the **May/June 2024** issue has begun, and we expect to distribute it later this summer.

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:

- We have sent to all members our Annual Fund Drive, and we look forward to your ongoing support for the 5706 Restoration and our General Fund.
- The 5706 Fund now totals \$74,993. • Our contractor is currently working on the installation of interior side sheeting, which is located beside the seats and under the windows. Twenty-four special mounting brackets for this purpose have been fabricated.
- We have raised \$522,416 for 5706 to date.

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

KEVIN DASEY, BRAINTREE, MA *Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)*

MICHAEL WHITNEY, CHERRY VALLEY, MA *Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)*

KEVIN DONAHUE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MA *New Regular Member*

WILLIAM F. HOGAN, SOUTH BOSTON, MA *New Regular Member*

After a motion and second for the secretary to cast a token ballot for Messrs. Dasey, Whitney, Donahue and Hogan, a vote was taken, and they were voted in as regular and upgraded members.

Old/New Business – None

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

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: increased 108 active cars in service, 1508/1509 accepted. Cars 1510/1511, 1512/1513, 1514/1515, 1516/1517, 1522/1523, 1526/1527 are in testing with 30 remaining to be delivered. Scrapping of #12 Hawker fleet by Costello Dismantling continues. The final four on property (01260/61 and 01280/81) will most likely be removed next week.

Green Line: PCC 3260 has returned to Mattapan to complete Brookville Equipment installation. Work is now underway on 3238 at Everett as the next car in the program. The Green Line Train Protection System contract with Stadler, originally awarded to a predecessor company in 2019, has been cancelled and has been put out for new bids. Alstom and Hitachi have shown interest. It is not clear yet if test cars 3664 and 3708 will return to regular service or will be held as test cars for new contractor to use once a new contract is awarded. Weekend shut down of GLX to North Station to accommodate track work on Lechmere Viaduct in response to heat kink problem. Next planned full shut

down will be Boston College-Kenmore for one week to replace rail from Warren Street to Grigg Street.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 14 (1900-1913) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1914/1915, 1916/1917, and 1930/1831 delivered and in testing with 232 remaining to be delivered. Cars 01602/01603, 01608/01609, 01646/01647 and 01844/01845 scrapped by Costello Dismantling in June, joining cars 01632/01633, 01642/01643, 01650/01651 and 01744/01745 that were removed previously for 16 total Red Line cars removed to date. 01844/01845 have been out of service for over 10 years, no other 01800s planned to be scrapped for several years. Last four 01400s towed from Codman back to Cabot to prepare to scrap. Car body of retired car 01643, after Costello had removed all mechanical equipment, was purchased by Core Investments development group as a static display at Dorchester Ave. Development. Shut down for trackwork between Alewife and Kendall days, and Park St. evenings though July 28 begins. For two weekends, shutdown will be all the way from Alewife to JFK/U Mass.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding is as follows: 26 units completed, 11 are at Erie, nothing new has returned since last update. 76 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 64 accepted for service, 12 in testing, 7 remain to deliver from base order, new option order for 41 more cars will start delivery in 2026. The last active 1600 cab car, 1647, was removed from passenger service in June. It was then used in non-revenue service on geometry train, along with three MBB cars that had been leased to CT Rail. Former cab car 1607 was returned to service, the total number of active 1600 series with deactivated cabs is now back to 20. It appears that no other non-cab car 1600s will be retired for now, -No other 1600 cab cars have been scrapped since 1626, 1627, 1642, and 1646 were scrapped. Some may be used in work train service. GP18 Locomotive 904 moved to Billerica for possible preservation. Testing of South Cost Rail signals has started utilizing regular train consists however opening date has been moved to Spring 2025 because of the extensive testing required. New high level center platform has opened at Worcester. Service to Haverhill station suspended for one year to accommodate bridge work. A shuttle van will operate from Haverhill to Bradford.

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 15 busses have returned. Warranty work is being performed at Academy Bus in Randolph. The MBTA received Federal grant money to increase the order with New Flyer for battery busses from 80 buses to 120 buses. 88 buses are for new Quincy Garage and 32 for North Cambridge. 1982 Flyer D901 9138 has been repurchased by the MBTA from Seashore to add to the historic fleet.

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, 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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
7/27/2024