

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes August 3, 2024

The August 3, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome all to the August BSRA meeting. Mike Prescott is hosting our Zoom presentation tonight and for which we are all very appreciative.
- Leo Sullivan will be presenting tonight's entertainment. This is the second part of a series on the Boston Elevated Railway's Main Line Elevated, featuring photos from the early part of the 20th century. This portion focuses on the elevated structure south of the Boston & Albany RR crossing, down to the initial south end of the line in Dudley Square, and the neighborhoods in its vicinity.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

General Fund

Income	\$4,610.88
Expenses	\$6,838.85
Cash on hand 7/31/2024	\$17,025.50

5706 Fund

Income	\$7,167.12
Expenses	\$2,421.70
Cash on hand 7/31/2024	\$79,738.03
Combined cash on hand 7/31/2024	\$96,763.53

- This year's summer fund appeal promises to be our best ever. As of August 2, we've received donations from 88 people, for a total of \$12,114.12.
- A reminder: If you haven't donated yet, please do so if you can. Every little bit helps.
- General Fund expenses include the cost of printing and mailing two *RollSign* issues to our paid-up members. If you haven't yet renewed for 2024, please do so and we'll send you copies of those issues.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$529,582.99 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 – No report.

5706 Report – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- We have sent our Annual Fund Drive to all members. It has been very successful to date, and I can't thank you enough for your generous support. If you haven't donated, it's never too late. Goodness knows, our cash burn will be heavy this year, so thanks again for whatever you can spare.
- The 5706 Fund now totals \$79,738.
- Our contractor continues working on the interior side sheeting beside the seats and under the windows. He is also painting the ceiling a bright white, the Boston Elevated squeezing every bit of reflected light possible from the dim bulbs in these cars.
- We have raised \$529,458 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:

JOHN J. COLLINS, MARBLEHEAD, MA
Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)

BRIAN WHITNEY, CHERRY VALLEY, MA
Regular Member (upgrading from Associate)
(Correcting his name from last month's list)

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

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet is as follows: 114 active cars in service, 1510/1511, 1512/1513, 1514/1515 accepted. Cars 1516/1517, 1522/1523, and 1526/1527 are in testing. 30 are remaining to be delivered. Scrapping of #12 Hawker fleet completed, 01280/01281 was the last pair removed.

Green Line: Service shut down from Babcock Street to Boston College for one week on B Branch.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 16 (1900-1915) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1916/1917, 1918/1919, and 1930/1831 delivered and in testing. 230 are remaining to be delivered. Scrapping of more #1 cars paused for now, 60 remain active. The next Red Line shut down will be August 19-August 25 between Kendall-JFK/U Mass, followed by full shutdown from JFK/U Mass to Braintree for most of September.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding is as follows: 26 units completed, 11 are at Erie. 76 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 64 accepted for service, 12 in testing, 7 remain to deliver. Cab car 1647 and three MBBs are being used for non-revenue South Coast test train. Next rebuilt GP40MC from Rochester MA is 1129, it is painted in heritage cranberry scheme. The MBTA Board approved proposal from Keolis to lease BEMU sets for Fairmount Line by 2028. Initial contract is for \$54 million, will be followed by contract for small repair facility, and then RFP to lease

the equipment for \$27-30 million per year.

Bus: Fifteen 1400 series busses out of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 17 busses have returned.

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

Officers and Staff Present: Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Tadd Anderson, Jonathan Belcher, Jim Gately, Ken Zwirble, Mike Prescott and Lucius Chiaraviglio.

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 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
8/10/2024