

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes December 7, 2024

The December 7, 2024, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome, everybody, to the December BSRA meeting. Clark Frazier is hosting our Zoom presentation. Thank you, Clark, for handling this work this evening.
- Tonight's entertainment will be by Eric Ozustowicz. Eric will present videos and still scenes on several subjects, including the BSRA 2022 farewell trip of Boston's trackless, New York Subway, New Jersey Transit rail, Metro North, LIRR, Amtrak, rail operations in Chicago and Philadelphia, and various freight operations. Vintage shots in New York and Boston will end the show.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

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

Income	\$3,198.39
Expenses	\$3,845.39
Cash on hand 11/30/2024	\$26,187.08

5706 Fund

Income	\$1,487.69
Expenses	\$5,499.12
Cash on hand 11/30/2024	\$48,589.94
<i>Combined cash on hand 11/30/2024</i>	<i>\$74,777.02</i>

- To date, 72% of our Members and Subscribers have renewed for 2025.
If you haven't yet renewed, we encourage you to do so promptly.
- Our online renewal system is easy to use and has been working well. Please let us know if you have any difficulties with it.
- For questions about your renewal, please email us at info@thebsra.org.
- Our annual holiday fund appeal letter will be sent soon. We hope that you will be generous with your gifts.
- We extend our best wishes to you for the holiday season!
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$538,056.23 for the 5706 Fund.

RollSign Director Report – Clark Frazier read the following report:

- The July-August issue content has been produced, and the issue should be distributed and go to press soon.
- We always look for your news photos, articles, and historical pieces. We especially need news photos!

Publication Director Report – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- As was mentioned at the last meeting, we will not be offering calendars for 2025, due to a need to use our limited staff for other priorities.

5706 Report: - Brad Clarke read the following report:

- We have received many donations to the 5706 Fund and the General Fund with your renewals. These contributions mean a lot to the BSRA and they are key in meeting our goals.
- The 5706 Fund totaled **\$48,589** as of November 30.
- Our contractor is painting the cream in the window areas, the window frames, and the car interior. He is nearing the end of the completion of the interior wiring. We are still expecting completion, generally, of the interior and the carbody in general by the end of December, not including the seats, which have been completely restored. We are holding off on installing the seats because accessing the underbody and equipment will be much easier.
- We have raised **\$538,056** for 5706 as of November 30.

Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – There were no new applicants for membership this month.

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 122 active cars in service, 1518/1519, 1524/1525, 1528/1529, and 1530/1531 are in testing. 22 are remaining to be delivered.

Green Line: Car 3641, out of service for parts for over a year, is being prepped to return to service. Car 3718, which was coupled to Type 8 3874 that derailed in October, returned to service after coupler replacement. Kinki-Sharyo won the bid to perform collision repair on damaged Type 8 3894 at their New Jersey facility. Service is shut-down between Medford/Tufts and Park Street to accommodate additional track work until December 20. C Line service is terminating at Kenmore to reduce congestion at Park Street loop.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 20 (1900-1917, 1930/1931) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1918/1919, 1920/1921, 1922/1923, 1924/1925, 1926/1927, and 1928/1929 delivered and in testing. 220 remain to be delivered. Both Red Line track projects completed since last meeting, all speed restrictions are removed.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 29 units completed, 1067 has returned to service, 10 are at Erie. MBTA has requested bids for an overhaul program for the 40 HSP46 locomotives. Locomotive 2020 returned to service after main generator repairs. 83 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, 80 accepted for service, 3 in testing. The MBTA picked up option with Rotem to increase option order from 41 cars to 80 cars. 70 cars will be blind trailers and 10 control cabs. Delivery will begin in 2026, the intent is to retire all remaining single level cars. Control cabs 1640 and 1651 were removed for scrap, a total of eight 1600s have been scrapped so far this year. Car 1637, which has been used on the non-revenue laser train, has temporarily returned to revenue service for use on the Polar Express special. Cars 1643 and 1647 are also being used for non-revenue trains. MBB cars 521, 523, and 1528 were sold to the Saratoga, Corinth & Hudson Railroad. 1528 has the Veterans Memorial wrap. 10 of the 200-series Pullman cars stored at the Seaview Railroad in RI are up for sale by auction

Bus: Sixteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 30 busses have returned. 14 busses remain to be sent, all are at Fellsway. All remaining busses being overhauled will be assigned to Fellsway. More 2008 busses will be transferred to the contingency fleet as 1400s return. Bus 0837 has been added to the contingency fleet, which now has 23 busses. The MBTA has requested bids to overhaul 60 of the 2016 New Flyer CNG busses, with options to overhaul all 175. Bus Network Redesign Phase I changes start Nov 15. Route 109 will be extended to

Harvard, replacing part of Route 86, Route 104 will be rerouted to Airport Station via Chelsea, Route 117 will be discontinued and replaced by passengers transferring between Route 110 and Route 116. Another winter change is the return of rush-hour trips on Route 57 operating between Oak Sq. and Kenmore, and some Route 7 trips operating only to South Station in the AM peak.

Entertainment – Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment to April 2025.

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, Clark Frazier 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
12/28/2024