

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes February 1, 2025

The February 1, 2025 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome to the February BSRA meeting. Mike Prescott is hosting our Zoom presentation. And we thank him for doing so this evening.
- Tonight's entertainment will be by Clark Frazier, who returns with his tour of WESTERN EUROPE from 1976-1984, PART 2.
- Before getting on with the meeting, we have lost a well-known member and major contributor to the mass transit community. Charlie Sullivan, former president of the Motor Bus Society, passed away on Monday, January 27 from a chronic illness. The BSRA offers his wife, Charleen, his two children, Amy and Shawn, and his extensive family, our deepest and most sincere condolences.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
Summary Treasurer's Report, January 2025
(detailed report is available for download)

<i>General Fund</i>	
Income	\$3,240.44
Expenses	\$4,642.49
Cash on hand 1/31/2025	\$25,605.59
<i>5706 Fund</i>	
Income	\$4,490.86
Expenses	\$21,682.37
Cash on hand 1/31/2025	\$31,386.80
<i>Combined cash on hand 1/31/2025</i>	<i>\$56,992.39</i>

- We had an excellent showing at last weekend's Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield, generating \$1,286.51 in income for the 5706 Fund, and \$2,197.95 (excluding Sales Tax) for the General Fund.
- General Fund expenses for the month include printing, postage, and distribution for the July/August issue of *RollSign*.
- Our Holiday Fund Appeal has generated a record \$18,905.00. *Thank you!*
- A reminder notice will be mailed soon, to our Members and Subscribers who haven't yet renewed for 2025.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$558,069.44 for the 5706 Fund.
- Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as read.

RollSign Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- The September-October issue content has been completed, and we will put it together shortly.
- We are always on the lookout for your news photos, articles, and historical pieces. We especially need photos!

Publication Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

- As we 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 sincerely appreciate your donations to the 5706 and General Fund. These contributions are essential for achieving our goal.
- The 5706 Fund totaled \$31,387 as of January 31, 2025. Our car restorer experienced two personal mishaps that reduced his hours on 5706 in January. This past month's work involved painting and installing interior side panels.
- We have raised \$558,069 for 5706 as of January 31. Next on our agenda is the installation of underbody components, including brake rigging, pneumatic piping, air tanks, motors, trucks, and resistor grids, among others. Most of these parts are on hand, either refurbished or purchased new. We need to replenish our funds to complete this restoration project and will send a fundraising appeal this spring to get the ball rolling. Your support will be vital as we approach the final phase of the restoration, which we estimate will cost approximately \$100,000.

Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – There were no new applicants for Regular or Intermediate Membership this month:

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 128 active cars are in service, 1530/1531, 1532/1533, 1536/1537 are in testing. 16 remain to be delivered.

Green Line: Type 8 3819, damaged in a derailment last March, has returned to service.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 24 (1900-1921, 1930/1931) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1922/1923, 1924/1925, 1926/1927, 1928/1929, 1932/1933, and 1934/1935 have been delivered and are in testing. 216 remain to be delivered.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 31 units completed, 1027 and 1034 returned from rebuilding, 8 remain at Erie. 83 of the 83 new Rotems on order have been delivered, all 83 have now been accepted for service. Eight more 1600 series cab cars have been brought from storage locations to BET to prepare for scrapping while eight others were previously scrapped in 2024. Keolis has issued a Request for Proposals to purchase battery electric multiple unit train sets for the Fairmount Line.

Bus: Fourteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 37 busses have returned with 9 busses remaining to be sent.

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, Mike Prescott, 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 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
2/22/2025