

# GREAT NORTHERN & CASCADE RAILWAY MEETNG MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the GREAT NORTHERN AND CASCADE RAILWAY was held on Saturday July 1, 2017 at 4:30 in DEPOT PARK, SKYKOMISH, WA.

Board members present: Kevin Weiderstrom, President Mike Pierce, Vice President Alyssa Weiderstrom, Secretary

Members Present: Rich Lee Elizabeth Alkire Jessica LeBar Konrad Roeder Michael Heath Alex Bieniek Tom Dietz

Junior members present: Chase Roeder Josh Stenchever

Visitors:

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Weiderstrom at 4:27 pm.

June  $3^{\text{rd}}$  minutes were approved as written. Moved by Mike Pierce,  $2^{\text{nd}}$  by Mike Heath, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Roughly \$10,789.29 in the Bank.

Bob was not present, Elizabeth brought the financials in his place.

A Statement of Financial Position dated June 30, 2017 and a Statement of Activity from November 2016 – June 2017 were provided.

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS

There was a discussion regarding striking the nominating committee requirement from the bylaws since we don't really have members interested in being on committees therefore getting the currently required committee together is not feasible.

Alyssa moved to strike the nominating committee requirement from the by-laws. Mike Heath  $2^{\rm nd}$ , the motion carried.

Mike Pierce moved that the membership hold nominations for president today followed by a vote.

Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried.

Mike pierce Nominated Kevin Weiderstrom for President, Mike Heath 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kevin Weiderstrom accepted the nomination.

Kevin Weiderstrom Nominated Alex Bieniek for president, Alyssa 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Alex Declined the nomination.

A vote was carried out and Kevin Weiderstrom was re-elected

President.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

DOE received the invoice from the Town of Skykomish for the tunnel landscaping project Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The project seems to be moving ahead.

GNCR donated the \$5000 grant from BNSF to the town to add to the DOE money for the tunnel project. The BNSF grant had no restrictions on it to the GNCR so it is ok to donate it to the town. The town signed an agreement that the \$5000 is to be used exclusively on the tunnel project. The \$5000 along with the approximately \$10,000 from DOE designated for the tunnel project gives us approximately \$15,000 to complete the tunnel landscaping.

Still working with the town on a new agreement.

Mike pierce presented ideas for the 1-5 year plan, it will follow these minutes. Rich Lee added to Mike's original list.

Awaiting to hear from Gus Melonis regarding placement of the SD-9 before finishing the restoration.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

58 members and parents of the Esprit de Corps 4-H group came to do their annual cleanup project. The weather was over 90 degrees so they had to cut their day short but they still got a lot accomplished and we sincerely appreciate their work.

Mike Pierce suggested a thank you note to the 4-H group leader.

Alyssa will prepare a card and have as many members as possible sign it.

#### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Kevin and Mike both say Thank You again to everyone in the organization and especially those who come from out of town to volunteer. We couldn't do what we do every weekend without you.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

No membership comments

Alyssa moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike Heath seconded. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Alyssa Weiderstrom, Secretary