



# Great Northern & Cascade Railway

Monthly Meeting - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Present: Michael Health, Ken Neslund, Kevin Weiderstrom, Alyssa Stenchever, Don Padilla, Curt Young, Lloyd Albin, Neva, Mike Pierce, Bob Alkire, Elizabeth Alkire

Minute Taker: Elizabeth Alkire in lieu of regular secretary who could not attend

Kevin called the meeting to order at 17:02. Mike made a motion that the agenda be approved, Ken seconded, everyone agreed and it was carried.

Dave Childs was the Vice President and he decided to step down. Lloyd made a motion to accept his resignation, Mike seconded, everyone agreed and the motion was passed.

A vote for a new Vice President took place. Ken made a motion that Mike Pierce assume that position. Lloyd seconded and it was carried. Need to update bank account/records, 501(c)(3) paperwork and state non-profit license.

Financials for 2014 - Lloyd had a family emergency so they were not ready but would be available next month. We have had the non-profit version of QuickBooks donated to us with three user licenses. Bob mentioned that he was an accountant and very familiar with QuickBooks and would be happy to assist.

All points of the Master Plan were discussed next. Bill the bricklayer would be coming back the following day (Sunday) but cannot complete the tunnel project until August due to family issues. There is pressure from the Town and a stumbling block to get permission to do all we need. 50 to 75 tons of topsoil is needed to go over tunnel. Mike Pierce suggested Ruth Wall who has 10 to 14 yards of soil - she may give it away or sell to us for very little. If it was screened soil, that would be fine. Need 15 yards of topsoil. 40 yards of Ruth's soil would probably be OK.

The installation of inside walls has been put on the back burner.

GN 599 display track - doubt it will ever happen. Repainting is still in the works for this year.

**ACTION:** Need to secure locomotive to stop people from climbing on it.

1,500' passing track - switch yard in full swing. West end crossing/trestle/snow shed can be in the works this year and started in 2016. Curt will get permission for crossover track west of tunnel.

Display models - Wellington will be ready for mid-summer, others will be done as we can do them. Leo is finishing Wellington.

Full-size speeder - we are waiting to hear from Mt. Rainier Scenic. Will be placed on tracks that need to be on the west end.

Outdoor picnic/fireplace/east loop - Tony (mayor) would like to see a design for viable alternative to pump track. Kevin talked to Bill the bricklayer and he will build fireplace.

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Picnic table cover - need to look at cost - but if under 200' and no electricity, no permit is needed. Lloyd explained that this item can be financed by GNCR, the Town or both. Concrete area will be bigger than cover.

Two crossing signals have been donated by Wenatchee Riverfront Railroad and can be installed once we get permission to build second track.

Decision is needed on a visual screen.

Bridge over creek - Kevin has all the materials; he and Alyssa will construct it.

Tool shed - already have door. We are going to hold off on painting interior. Lighting and running a circuit to it into engine shed will be done once in service. Can run line from pump house but need permit.

Purpose of tool shed - to store tools? A discussion with Tony has taken place about a small room (4' x 10' wide) on west end of depot to store small equipment. Tool shed could be for displaying older tools or antique ones. On the subject of garden equipment, Lloyd will contact Tony as we need edger and fertilizer spreader. It is the Town's responsibility to do the landscaping.

Locomotive and cars are still on hold because of no determination yet on taxes.

Building of a small shop is at least three years down the road.

Lloyd explained that this is a wish list for the next ten years for the future of the park. The individual year-by-year list will determine what projects are done in what year.

On the topic of the 1898 depot, Lloyd described his desire for a grid wall - a screen that goes up on wall on which you can hang shirts, hats etc. which lifts the merchandise off the floor level. The tables that would be freed up by having the grid walls could be used for train-themed parties.

DSL service costs \$60/month. QuickBooks place can get donated Sprint wireless unit - a year's service is \$120. Caveat is modems are going to be discontinued in October/November and we would need to pay new administration fee for new modem then. Curt asked about card reader for phone to which Lloyd replied it doesn't work with Windows phones and would cost a lot. Lloyd would like to get QuickBooks cash register which would alleviate taking and maintaining the inventory by hand. Suggestion was to have internet-based telephone system. Combined service is \$68/month with a service rate of \$10/month for data.

Mike donated a fan and Bob and Alice Brown donated \$100 to install it.

Steeple cab locomotive cannot be displayed inside - will need to be stored somewhere else. Display on switchyard will need stanchions and rope which Curt will look after.

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A BNSF employee visited today and they are replacing five oxygen systems. Two of them could be given to us plus the employee's personal one as well as a display card. He will get approval and ask for them.

The trim painting on the east end needs to be done - waiting for painters from Wenatchee.

Records storage needs to be done on premises - especially safe and file cabinet.

Lloyd's goal - he wants to get all the pictures with a backing/frame and change them out but keep the previous ones - have themed months and rotate photographs. The Skykomish Historical Society has opened up their library of photographs for us to use or to use on clothing as long as they are given credit.

GNCR tools are stored at the Town compound for now.

Internet service for training watching system (ATSC) was discussed and Dave mentioned having a park camera installed.

The N scale display will be done when we get time.

Austin property - no idea what is happening at this time.

In conclusion, Lloyd stressed that the Master Plan for the Town Center and the 2014-2015 Plan for the Town Center are living documents. Three items to be added are half wall project, upgrade water supply and widen exit road. Lloyd will update the plans and put the new ones on the website, but keep the old ones.

Lloyd is working on a map for lookout over the valley. At Evergreen Lookout on Becker River Road, you can rent for \$50 a night, get a key from the Ranger station in Skykomish.

Regarding Microsoft Office, we can get donated versions for \$24.00

The 4Culture grant period starts May 6<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Kevin asked for a motion of adjournment. It was motioned by Bob and seconded by Ken that the meeting be adjourned. Carried at 18:02.

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