



SOUTHAMPTON RAILROAD STATION SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

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BOARD ATTENDEES:

Present

Frank Baldwin

Absent

Gina Frey – TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP

Jim Day – PRESIDENT

Leon Duminiak

Jon Frey

Paul Iverson – SECRETARY

Charlie Liberto

Don Reese

Jim Rose – VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBERS/

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Steve Iverson

Karl Rahmer

Annette Iverson

MEETING TOPICS:

OLD BUSINESS

- **Meeting Minutes Approval – Thursday, August 15, 2013**
 - Jim Day made a motion to approve with minor changes; the motion was unanimously approved by all Board members. Paul Iverson will implement revisions and redistribute to all board members within 48 hours.
- **Nominating Committee for Election – Thursday, October 17, 2013**
 - Steve Iverson distributed copies of a ballot and letter sent to all members pertaining to the **Board Election**. No existing board members received the mailing; Steve explained that Regina Frey had initially compiled mailing list, which contained members only; no Board members were included. Jim Day asked why the ballot was already mailed prior to being reviewed by Board. Steve responded by saying as there were no specific rules stated in the current SRRSS by-laws, he believed the Board was to be elected at this meeting, followed by the Officer's election occurring at the October 17 meeting. Several Board members present agreed with this approach. Jim Day and Leon Duminiak proposed that Candidate Biographies should have been mailed in conjunction with ballot and letter. Steve & Annette Iverson agreed with this and will create a follow-up mailing containing Candidate Biographies. Annette will follow up with all attendees interested in running for a Board position in order to obtain their biography for proper mailing.
 - Steve will distribute ballots for **Board Election** at the October 17 monthly meeting; Jim Rose agreed with this procedure. It was also agreed that the **Board Election** ballot will not include a "Write-In" column.
 - Jim Day was not in favor of ballots being accepted via email. Jim Rose added that the Board for the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania also operated in this fashion. Votes will be accepted by those in attendance at the October 17 monthly meeting or via a mail-in vote. Jon Frey noted that the current SRRSS by-laws do not address voting options in any fashion; Leon agreed with this as well.
 - Steve also announced the slate for the **Officers Election** (*see attached*). The following candidates were recommended:
 - *President: Jon Frey*

- *Vice-President: Don Reese*
- *Treasurer: Regina Frey*
- *Secretary: Paul Iverson*

Steve will distribute ballots for **Officers Election** at the October 17 monthly meeting; Jim Rose also agreed with this procedure. It was also agreed that the **Officers Election** ballot will include a “Write-In” column should a Board member not agree with a candidate recommended by the Nominating Committee.

- Jim Day and Leon Duminiak recommended that policy be drafted that outlines an Election procedures. This draft will be prepared by Paul Iverson for review by the SRRSS Board.
- **Treasury and Utilities Report**
 - No Treasury update; Gina Frey will not be in attendance.
 - September PECO bill received; \$32.31 due 9/27/2013.
- **Membership Report**
 - No Membership update; Gina Frey will not be in attendance.
- **Station Society Website**
 - No content updates
 - Jon Frey reported 97 visitors for August 13-September 19. Notable visitors include DuPont.
 - Jon will add .pdf of SRRSS bylaws to website, per request made by Leon Duminiak.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Water/Sewer Update**
 - No water/sewer update.
- **Other Site Maintenance/Activity**
 - Jon Frey reported four volunteers were present for Saturday 9/14/2013 monthly workshop; site was cleaned.
- **Next Monthly Saturday Workshop – October 12, 2013**
 - This will most likely be the final workshop of the year due to seasonal changes.

GRANTS

- **Bucks County Foundation**
 - Jon Frey and Jim Day reported that the Bucks County Foundation was impressed with the SRRSS proposal compiled by Jon, saying that it was better than most requests they receive. Jon concluded that it was a good learning experience. Future plans include compiling a comprehensive list of public supporters, including local banks and businesses.
- **Keystone Grant Fund**
 - Application due March 2014.
- **Grundy**
 - Jon Frey inquired about grant deadlines; no email response, phone call needed for further outreach.

EVENTS

- **September 7 – Tamanend Park Day**
 - Paul Iverson and members Steve & Annette Iverson manned the SRRSS table; Gina Frey and Jim Day also dropped by with additional inventory. Over 150 people visited the table; \$108 earned in sales. Many visitors disappointed over lack of train layout on display (a layout was advertised in Tamanend Park Day promotional materials). It was agreed that a layout will be present next year, as well as a short promotional railroad video to be played for potential

visitors. Overall, this event was deemed a success.

- **December 7 – 4th Annual Holiday Railfest**
 - Charlie Liberto reported that there are presently three vendor tables available. Member Annette Iverson inquired as to what can be done to enhance the display table for SRRSS. Jim Rose will also email updated floor plan of event to Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sublease agreement UST/SRRSS**
 - Jim Day reported that he met with UST Supervisor Joe Golden and that he is agreeable to a sublease agreement between UST and SRRSS.
- **Toner Development**
 - Don Reese reported an oak tree whose roots Toner's crew had severed have also cut branches that counter weighted the leaning tree. This may be of some concern.
- **CPA Audit**
 - Paul Iverson reported that he will be meeting with CPA at Phoenix Tax Consultants in Phoenixville, PA on Friday, September 20, 2013.
- **Current Inventory Items**
 - Charlie Liberto reported that he is not in need of additional calendars at this time; 100 still remain.
- **Fall SRRSS Newsletter**
 - It was decided that the newsletter will be published after the SRRSS October 2013 elections. Railfest details will also be included in the newsletter. Target dates will be November 1-5, 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Steam Pub**
 - No update.
- **New Inventory Items**
 - Jim Rose reports that he currently working on 75 new tiles for display at Railfest.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **UST Board of Supervisors Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2013**
 - Jim Day reports that he made a short presentation. Notably, Jim told the BOS that he is “cautiously optimistic” about the SRRSS obtaining grants to complete the restoration. The UST BOS was receptive to the presentation and requested that a SRRSS attempt to be present at future UST BOS meetings, as they like receiving updates as to our progress. It was also noted that the SRRSS Project Budget Page was slightly inaccurate; this will be corrected for the future. Jim was also approached by a local carpenter who resides in the Belmont Station housing development who would like to assist the SRRSS in their efforts.
 - The result of the UST BOS meeting led the SRRSS BOD to the realization that there may be a misconception that UST money is being used towards the station restoration and its associated expenses. A list of bullet points will be compiled that state the SRRSS receives absolutely no monetary assistance and no tax monies. All site clean-up and electricity for nightly station platform lighting is paid for by SRRSS. In addition, UST does not pay SEPTA to lease the station (a payment of \$1 was initially assessed at the signing of the lease).

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members.

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, October 17, 2013 - 7:00pm
Upper Southampton Township Municipal Building
939 Street Road
Southampton, PA 18966



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September 19, 2013

To: Southampton Railroad Station Society Board of Directors

From: Nominating Committee

Subject: Slate for Officer's Election, 2013

The Nominating Committee wishes to announce the slate for the Office's Election, which will be held at our annual meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2013. The Ballot for this Election will be given out at that meeting.

President: Jon Frey

Vice President: Donald Reese

Treasurer: Regina Frey

Secretary: Paul Iverson

Thank you,

*The Nominating Committee
Southampton Railroad Station Society*