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(The Fremont Dinner Train was a separate business and no longer operates here.)

BACK ISSUES:

Back issues of the FLASH and links to numerous railroad related sites may be viewed at www.FremontRailroad.com.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The NRM Board of Directors met at the Clarion Inn in Fremont on November 7, 2012.

Present were Treasurer/Executive Director **Angermund**; BOD members **Daniels** (BOD president), **Swetnam** (BOD Secretary), **Blackmore**, **Blessing**, and **Eveland**.

Absent: **Powers**, **Petersen**, and **Mutthersbough**.

Guests: **Charles L. Sedlacek**, **Mel Cunningham**, **David Fachman**, **Josh Kay**, and **Hunter Lafferty**.

The Treasurer's report was approved. It was noted that the former Fremont Dinner Train had paid all its obligations.

Fachman, who had resigned from the BOD recently because of a prospect of out of town employment, requested that he be reelected to complete his original term. This was approved to be effective at the next regular scheduled BOD meeting.

The BOD went into **Executive** Session for a short period to address a personnel matter.

An offer to run a three month **advertisement** starting at an as-to-be determined future date in the Ritz Family Publication's Midwest Magazine for \$224 was accepted. That sum would be provided through a member's donation.

Three BOD positions are open and are currently held by **Eveland**, **Daniels**, and **Peterson**. The returns for request for nominations sent to NRHS/NRM members since the prior BOD meeting date indicate that **Charles Sedlacek**, **Hunter Lafferty**, and **Alan Love, Sr.** will have their names on the ballot.

The **ballots** were scheduled to be mailed to the NRHS/NRM membership shortly after the meeting and returned to be counted at the

December meeting. New officers will be chosen at the January, 2013 meeting.

(Note: Details of the election procedure may be viewed in the NRM Constitution and Bylaws which became effective July 1, 2012)

Blessing reported that all railroad radios are now operating on narrow band mode and are in compliance with FCC rules effective in 2013.

A committee to revise the most current business plan was appointed. The members are **Charles Sedlacek**, **Jeff Blackmore**, **Dave Fachmen**, and **George Blessing**.

Guest **Josh Kay**, who organizes track repair work, discussed the needs of track repair. He was subsequently given authority to request up to **\$10,000** from the Executive Director on an as needed basis for that repair work without the need for further BOD approval

The topics of revising the depot grounds lighting and the possible reduction of the number of **positions** on the BOD were postponed until the next meeting.

BALLOTS - IMPORTANT!:

After the mailing of the BOD election ballots in early November, a printer's **error** which would invalidate those ballots was found.

A set of **corrected** ballots was mailed on November 28 to NRHS/NRM members. These must be returned through the USPS and postmarked no later than Wednesday, **December 5** and must be received at the NRM depot no later than 6:00 PM, Wednesday, **December 12**.

The regular December BOD meeting has been **re-scheduled** from December 5 to December 12 at the Clarion Inn in Fremont.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

No information this issue.

TRACK WORK:



FEVR TRACK CREW

(Photo by Allan Love, Sr.)

With good weather forecast, track work is scheduled for Sunday, December 2. For this or another opportunity, contact **Josh Kay** - conductorkay@aol.com - 402-917-6226. The

use of appropriate attire and safety items must be observed. A good turnout of volunteer help is very much appreciated and is essential to continued railroad operation.

FREMONT DINNER TRAIN:

All components of the train have been moved to the Midland Railway in Baldwin City, Kansas. It will operate under the name of **Kansas Belle**. The equipment was moved by highway and placed on rails near Ottawa, Kansas.

MERGER:

The **merger** (see August 2012 Flash) of two railroad preservation organizations - **TRAIN** (Tourist Railway Association) and **ARM** (Association of Railway Museums) - to become the **ATRRM** (Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums) was voted upon and approved November 8 at their meetings in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Both organizations have been engaged in **planning** the merger for over two years. The resulting organization will benefit from the scale of the combination of resources and memberships of the two.

MIDLAND, TX CROSSING ACCIDENT

A flat bed truck trailer was **struck** by a Union Pacific freight train November 15 at a crossing in a "quite zone" (train horns not sounded at crossings) during a parade honoring military veterans. The trailer was carrying veterans and families and four Purple Heart veterans were **killed**, with injuries to 16 other trailer passengers.

The accident is currently under investigation by the **National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)**. According to various reports, the train was travelling at about 60 miles per hour in a 70 mph zone and the crossing signals and gates were operating.

As very often happens, several factors that might have contributed to the accident have been reported. The truck entered the crossing just before or at the time the signals began operating. There apparently was no city **permit** for the parade so the railroad was not notified of the parade event. Also, the quiet zone, which is put in place to minimize train horn disturbance, provided no advance warning from the horns being operated by the train at crossings reached before the accident site.

CHARTERS AND EXCURSIONS:

Excursions and charters are scheduled to return in the spring of 2013.

For more excursion and other railroad information see the NRM site at www.FremontRailroad.com