

Big Train Operator Club, Inc. 2014 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

February 18, 2014

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President William Harryman at 802p EST. Roll Call indicated present: Ralph E. Wilcox (Director Emeritus), John Groot (Treasurer), Jon Molesworth (Vice-President), Rich Dulski (Vice-President), Bob Newsom (Vice-President), Scott Fowler (Director), Ralph S. Wilcox (Director), Bob Somogyi (BTO Editor), Marshall Adams (Secretary)

Secretary Report

Minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

The Balance Sheet as of 2/14/14 indicates assets of \$30,680.19. The board approved the Treasurer report.

Membership Report

Membership as of 2/18/14 is 399. 7 members were deleted due to non-payment of dues and 4 members were reinstated. The board approved the Membership Report.

BTO Editor Report

BTO 152 (Summer) is in progress. BTO 153 (Fall) will contain detailed coverage of the Hershey Convention. The Editor stated he could use additional articles. The board congratulated Bob on the content and accelerated timing of BTO 151. The board approved the Editor report.

Convention Report

As of 2/18/14 there are 30 registrations and 19 rooms reserved for the Hershey convention. Hershey cash flow was reviewed. The majority of payments for events will not be due until May and June. Payments will be due to HLW for the convention car (March) and goody bag car (April). All events for Hershey are under contract.

Old Business

1. 2015 Convention
 - A presentation was given for North Conway, NH focusing on train and boat rides.
 - Following discussion the board approved North Conway, New Hampshire.
2. 2014 Club Car
 - As of 2/18/14 there are 8 only blue S4s available for sale.
 - USA repainted a B&O S4 that will be a one-off raffle at the convention.

New Business

1. Membership Committee
 - A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Club's membership.
 - All board members agreed to 'think out of the box' to come up with initiatives that will gain new members.
 - A sponsorship with a manufacturer was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54p EST.

Minutes prepared by Marshall Adams, Secretary



Minutes approved by _____ Date: February 19th, 2014
William Harryman, President