

## Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Harryman at 8:11p EST. Roll Call indicated present: Jon Molesworth (Vice-President), Rich Dulski (Vice-President), Scott Fowler (Vice-President), John Groot (Treasurer), Dave Snow (Membership Chair), Bob Somogyi (BTO Editor), Ralph E. Wilcox (Director-Emeritus), Ralph S. Wilcox (Director), Ulrich Fassbender (Director), Dave Wierowski (Director) and Marshall Adams (Secretary). Also in attendance was newly elected to the 2016 board, Charles Bartel.

## Secretary Report

Minutes from the September 1, 2015 board meeting were approved as posted on the Club's website.

## Treasurer Report

Due to a crash of the Treasurer's hard drive financials were not available for review. The computer has been repaired and the Treasurer reported financials will be distributed to the Board as soon as all entries have been brought up to date. The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$24,647.92. The board approved the Treasurer's report as submitted.

## Membership Report

Membership as of December 8, 2015 is 362—a loss of 3 members from our last meeting. The total includes 12 new members since our last meeting. The board approved the Membership Report.

## BTO Editor Report

BTO 159 (Winter) with the 2016 calendar has been mailed. The Editor made a request for black and white pages for BTO 160 (Spring). Marshall will draft a 40th Anniversary article.

## Convention Report

La Porte

- Talltree event has been difficult to finalize
  - Logistics at Talltree are not the best for our group
- Still need to finalize 2 dinners at hotel
- Marshall made a request for greater participation by all convention committee members at the convention
- Reviewed Payment Schedule
  - 3/4 of expenses are due in April, May and June
  - Cash-flow position should be much stronger at that time based on registrations received

## Old Business

### 1. Membership Drive

- Recruit a Buddy Program—Dave Snow
  - We have 11 new members as a result of the program
- Contact Dealers to Distribute BTOC Literature—Scott
  - Scott recruiting additional dealers

- Facebook—Bill Harryman
  - Bill reported we have 50 friends
- York Spring Show-Dave Wierowski
  - Procured a free table and 3 passes
  - Dave to work on banner display
  - Will have 2 raffles for new members signing up at York
  - Need membership applications from Bob
  - Need BTO copies from Bob and Dave Snow
  - Dave Snow to have AG Press print 50 extra copies of BTO #160 and have them shipped directly to Dave Wierowski

### 2. Donations to BTOC

- Rich distributed Donation Policy to the board
- Following discussion the board unanimously approved the policy
- Policy will be published in BTO #160 with an introduction

### 3. Club Cars

- 2015 ½ BTOC Work Train Derrick car
  - Sales very strong only 3 cars remaining for sale
- 2016 BTOC loco from HLW
  - Will be made to the quantity ordered by 1/28/16
  - 12 locos on order as of 12/8/15

## New Business

### 1. 40th Anniversary

- Need a logo commemorating our 40th
- Sell shirts, caps, pins
- Anniversary Car(s)
  - Discussed a four-car boxcar and reefer set by USA Trains commemorating the Club's history
  - Board to advise Marshall of additional concepts
- Should target to finalize project at next board meeting

### 2. BTOC Work Train

- Board agreed to continue series for at least one additional car
- Discussed limited print areas of 3 remaining USA flat cars in work train series
- Discussed a HLW flat car with 2 short tanks
- Concern raised and discussed over HLW couplers
- Bob to work on design/artwork
- Marshall to work on pricing

### 3. Website Renewal and New Member Sign-Up

- The board approved unanimously to have John Groot, Dave Snow and Webmaster Lou Flammia develop the program and procedures to allow online renewals and new member sign-up via PayPal on the BTOC website.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33p EST