

## THE MANIFEST January 2018



Greetings All:

January has flown by and we are already almost half way through February. April is just around the corner.

Allen has put together a spreadsheet of projects for the railroad park. Please let the project manager or one of the board members know if you can assist in any of the following projects. For simplicity, and ease on my part 😊 I am simply inserting the project list into the newsletter, I will also bring copies to the meeting.

We will now continue "A Long Year" by Ken Hill and James Van Delden

A Long Year.....March—April 2017

Ken Hill and Jim van Delden

While working inside the fairly comfortable confines of Medford Fabrications, the unexpected rains turned into snow during the early spring months. This raised havoc with the motor ride terminal. The tarp roof crumbled with the weight of snow accumulation. Rain also dispatched

the decking into potential firewood.



Some items were salvaged but plans for a stronger cover replacement were underway. The group's vote was unanimous and applications for permits were positively endorsed by the city of Medford. The preparation and repair for this project started in mid-spring and continued through the start of the new season at Railroad Park.



The call went out for ditch diggers to begin excavation for a concrete base on both sides of the platform. These would house the support posts for the new roof. Actually, modern equipment (blue color) was hauled to the work site and would facilitate the preparatory work. Only a few (human) ditch diggers volunteered.

In the meantime, new 2x6 decking planks replaced the buckling platform. A coat of SP company paint added to the fresh look of the station.





Carpenter Ken was in excellent form. In the meantime, the Medford Railroad Park's 2017 season opened under some overcast skies but this did not deter the rail and tractor enthusiasts.



All Aboard!



. Thank you Jim for sending me these photos for us to share, and thank you and Ken for all your hard work. We will continue with the pictorial story next week. We will also have an item coming up submitted by Rick Aubin, be looking for that one in May. In addition, Jim has another item for our newsletter that will be coming up shortly. Thank you guys for these. Anyone who has an article or picture for the newsletter, please let me know.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### **Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018**

1. Call to Order: Membership Meeting was called to order at 7: 26 PM by President Bruce Kelly
2. Roll Call: Bruce Kelly, Allen Dobney, Jerry Hellinga, Chris Manley and several other members were present.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. All board members were reelected.
5. Approval of minutes: November Minutes were not available, will bring them to February meeting. There was no meeting in December. November minutes were included in November newsletter.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report. Allen Dobney moved to accept the treasurer's report. Chris Manley seconded. Motion passed.
7. Committee Reports:
  - a. Medco 4: Jerry Hellinga No update.

- b. Burger Shack: Updates are nearly finished, painting, shelving installed, have floor to finish. Will do some outside painting as well.
- c. Newsletter: A mistake in newsletter, where part of previous month's article was left in.
- d. Website: No Update.
- e. Butte Falls: No update.
- f. Excess Sales: Will be posting more soon.
- g. RR Park: Board of Governors still in process of organizing.
- h. November Show: We had more vendors and tables than expected, will limit vendor tables to 130 with a max of 8 tables, would like more exhibitors. All groups received their full credits with exception of 2 hours for the Garden Railroaders. Will be moving the ticket table to make more room for coming and going. The new raffle method we tried was too confusing, will go back to old way. In the past, Bruce Kelly has kept track of people who are signed up to do jobs and made sure they were present or alternative was present. He will no longer be able to do that, so someone else needs to step in

#### 8. Old Business:

- a. CB&Q, the roof was not included in the original grant, will check to see if we can use the left over to finish the roof. Jerry is going to check on how many gallons we will need to repair roof. We will hold onto extra funds until we confirm whether or not we can use them for the roof.

#### 9. New Business



i. none

10. Good of the Order:

- a. Allen is putting together a project list, it will be included in next newsletter.
- b. Chris Manley sent out thank you letters for donations.
- c. Still have some outstanding renewals, about 50 have come in.
- d. New tax laws may not negatively impact donations.

10. Adjournment: Chris moved to adjourn; Allen Dobney seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

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