

BTOC 4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th, 2011 Teleconference

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM EST by President Scott Fowler. The agenda had been e-mailed November 01.

Roll Call showed as present: Scott Fowler (President); Rich Dulski (Vice President); Robert Newsom (Vice President); John Groot (Treasurer); Bill Harryman (Secretary); Anita Brown (Director); Ralph E Wilcox (Director Emeritus); Bob Somogyi (BTO Editor); Lou Flammia (Director) and Marshall Adams (Convention Chairman); Also present were Dave Snow (Membership Chairman) and Jon Molesworth (Vice President elect).

Secretary Report:

Minutes were approved as printed in the Fall , 2011 Issue of the Big Train Operator.

Treasurers Report: The Profit and Loss statement showed a Net Income of (\$7180.33) and the Balance Sheet showed assets of \$28,711.48. It was pointed out that the Club operates on a strictly cash basis so that some of the expenses for the Tampa and 2012 Convention Cars have been paid. After some discussion, the report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Membership:

Membership was 498 at the last Board Meeting. Nineteen members were dropped with 9 new members and 5 reinstatements, giving us 493 members at the present time. The membership report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Editors Report:

The Winter Issue, Number 142, is currently at the printers. It is scheduled to be mailed Dec 1st. It will contain information for Tampa and Registration Forms. Please note the due date for Reservations. After that date, the cost will be greater. The 2012 Club Car will be announced with order forms. It can also be ordered through the web site. The Editors Report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

Election Results. One hundred eleven ballots were submitted, three of which were ineligible because the BTO membership number was missing. All the nominated candidates were elected to the offices as posted in the Fall Issue of the BTO magazine. Jon Molesworth will be joining the board as a new Vice President.

Convention Report, 2012. May 6 - 12, 2012. The back cover of the BTO Magazine, Fall issue contained a tentative program of the 2012 Convention. The 2012 Convention Car will be advertised in the Spring Issue of BTO. There is a "sneak peak" photo of the car in the Winter issue. The feasibility of having a staffed table with sales and flyers was discussed. A decision was tabled until more information can be obtained.

Convention Report 2013. Marshall Adams prepared a spreadsheet with the advantages and disadvantages of Durango, Colorado, Chama, New Mexico, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. After much discussion, the Board's consensus was to aim for Santa Fe. Chama is about an hour and half from Santa Fe, so the Cumbres & Toltec would be a viable field trip. Amtrak runs from St Louis, Mo, to Albuquerque, with a Light Rail train to Santa Fe, for those who don't want to drive.

The 2012 Club Car has been ordered, and four have been spoken for already. Other Club Car options for subsequent years were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM EST