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# CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TROLLEY AND RAILROAD CORPORATION (CTRC)  
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting  
February 16, 2017

## MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Rod Diridon, Sr. at 8:10 a.m., at the Pacific Hotel Conference Room, History San Jose Park, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, California.

**Attendance:** Cindy Atmore, Marv Bamburg, Alida Bray, Rod Diridon, Sr., John Ezovski, Rick Kitson, Mike Kotowski, Brian McCracken, Jody Meacham, Ken Middlebrook, Larry Murchison, Steven Pyle, Bob Schneider, and Lynda Ramirez Jones. Eric Heckman was also present.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/16/17 )** - A motion was made and seconded (Middlebrook/Ezovski), and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017, with correction of Leslie Hamilton's first name to Leslee.

III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Updated as Items are Discussed)**

**A. County of Santa Clara Grant** - Diridon announced that he had recently requested an extension to the County of Santa Clara \$50,000 grant for Locomotive #2479, from March 2017 to March 2019, to complete the work. The County Executive's Office responded that the contract was extended in 2016 to March 2018, and is valid until then.

**B. Conflict of Interest Statement** - Per accounting procedures, Jones requested each Board member to complete and sign the Conflict of Interest Statement, which must be done at the first Board meeting of the year.

**C. Grant Proposal for Locomotive #2479** - Diridon reported that Jean McCorquodale has written a great proposal to submit to a potential donor for the completion of Locomotive #2479, and that he is still working on obtaining an appointment to discuss the proposal with the donor.

Middlebrook raised the question of naming Locomotive #2479 as a National Historic designation. Diridon responded he would discuss this issue with County of Santa Clara Board Supervisor and Chair David Cortese for both Locomotive #2479 and Locomotive #1215.

Kitson asked whether CTRC has applied for the annual Southern Pacific \$10,000 grant. Diridon responded that he and McCorquodale would work on the application.

IV. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**A. Profit & Loss, Balance Sheets** - Pyle presented the attached financial reports.

A motion was made, seconded (Kitson/Middlebrook), and unanimously carried to accept the financial reports as presented.

**B. Endowment Fund** - Awaiting Eric Heckman's arrival, this item was delayed to later in the meeting.

## V. Committee Reports

### A. SCC Rail Museum - Bamberg stated he had nothing new to report.

Diridon noted that the next step is to meet with San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and with County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, Chair of the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA.) He said the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Board sent him a letter of support for the potential site, and the only obstruction could be if San Jose Airport wants to use the land for its services.

The agenda was moved back to Item **IV-B - Endowment Fund** - Heckman reported that the Endowment Fund is up to \$311,500, and asked if any withdrawals are planned.

Diridon asked Heckman to meet with Treasurer Pyle to evaluate the budget and decide if any withdrawals need to be made, and report at the next Board meeting.

Bray arrived at 8:35 a.m.

### B. Communications - L. Murchison announced that the quarterly newsletter has been prepared.

Jones commented that donations have lessened since the newsletter was released online only. She requested reconsideration of conventional mailing to those previous donors who do not have email access. Murchison to take to Committee and come back and report at the next meeting regarding expenses.

Kitson noted that mailing pieces are very effective. He said how we translate CTRC's work to the entire community is very important, and noted CTRC needs to tell its story and the history of the pieces it owns, such as the Herder's Shack.

Diridon asked Meacham to work with Communications Committee on this and getting the newsletter on MailChimp.

## VI. CURRENT PROJECTS

### A. Trolley Barn - Schneider distributed the attached Trolley Barn Report (see Attachment B), regarding the Barn's activities.

Diridon noted he has made several calls to the new VTA Shop Manager of the Younger Street facility to schedule a "meet and greet" meeting, but has not received a response.

Kotowski thanked Schneider and the Pacific Coast event at History San Jose Park, noting a good response and feedback for that occasion.

Diridon mentioned that he needs to urge VTA to run the CTRC trolley cars which are currently housed in their facility.

**B. Locomotive 2479, Diesel, Et Al** - Ezovski distributed the attached report (see Attachment C) regarding activities of the restoration site.

Middlebrook commended Ezovski for conservative spending of the funds on this project.

Diridon asked Bamburg to bring the Rail Museum committee members to the restoration site and show them the project.

Meacham left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**C. Kelley Park Rail Stops - Benches and Signage** - Diridon reported that the pads still need to be dug, noting that the Boy Scouts are not interested in working on this project.

Bray announced she met with the Director of History San Jose Park and mentioned the pads. She said she would meet with Joel Maniaci to proceed with the rail stops.

**D. Archival of CTRC Files** - Diridon stated that the Mineta Transportation Institute will pay for Diridon's CTRC archives.

**E. Acquisitions (Standing Item)** - No action - there are no new acquisitions.

**F. Fundraising/Grants** - Ezovski stated he would like to start installing windows on Locomotive #2479, and needs to find out the thickness of glass and type of wood to be used before acquiring or purchasing supplies.

Diridon stated that per prior Board approval, Ezovski is authorized to spend up to \$1,000.00 without Board approval.

Ezovski to obtain information for a Dailey Foundation grant request for Locomotive #2479 work.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS** - Bray announced that security problems are increasing within the park. In the future, parking for Board meetings will be in the staff parking lot adjacent to the park, in back of the Trolley Barn.

Diridon announced that Larry Murchison has been nominated for the Junior League Volunteer Recognition Award.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to the Annual Board Meeting on Thursday, August 17 2017, at **3:00 p.m.**, in the Pacific Hotel Conference Room, History San Jose Park, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, CA. The meeting will be followed by the Annual CTRC Volunteer Recognition BBQ at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Ramirez Jones

Since publishing of the previous edition of "The Clearboard" progress is being made in producing new valve rings for the fireman's side of the locomotive.

Early in February a quote was request from a foundry to produce the casting from which valve rings could be formed. A quote of \$1,359 was provided and material ordered. The casting was received in late February.

Only the Trolley Barn's large LeBlond lathe is ca-



pable of handling this part. The casting's outside diameter measured about 14 1/8 inches. Inside diameter was about 12 5/8 inches with a length of 12 inches. This casting weighed around 175 pounds. Sufficient material was ordered in case mistakes were made.

Since this is a casting, the inside and outside diameter had to be machined round. This was a



very slow process. Attempting to remove too much material could cause tool damage. Many hours were needed making the inner and outer surfaces round.

Once the casting was round, the first attempt at machining a ring began. Eleven separate machining steps are required to produce one ring. Each step requires a different setup. We tried to combine several steps which resulted in a poor end product. The first ring became scrap but considerable knowledge was gained. Issues were resolved.

As this article is being written, four ring blanks have been machined and cut from the casting. Machining of what hopefully will become the first functional ring has begun.



While attempting to produce a valve ring at the Trolley Barn, several tasks were taking place at the restoration site.

Two large front boiler braces that attach between the locomotive's smoke box and pilot beam were



# TROLLEY BARN QUARTERLY REPORT

**From Bob Schneider.**

**Igor Ouimett:** As of 2/25/17 Igor has decided to step down from volunteering at the Trolley Barn. He has served as a volunteer in the Trolley Barn for 23 years and another 5 with the museum before that. His Trolley Barn service totaled 2500 hours and he covered all tasks to include Motorman, Conductor, Docent and class instructor for the Education Department. Visitors enjoy his demeanor and kids are in awe of him. Sometimes visitors will ask about him when they visit the Trolley Barn.

Igor's wife, Betty, was also recognized for her service to the museum. Their daughter also joined us.

We held a "good bye" on 2/25, organized by Juanita Lara, to recognize this special occasion. It was a gorgeous day after all the rains. Fitting.

**A New Motorman:** Abhijit Hora, a new motorman, passed all his tests (2 written and one operating) and is in the process of accumulating 20 hours of operation with another crewman. We now have 11 motormen.

**ATRRM (Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums):** Four years ago ARM (Association of Railway Museums) merged with Trains and named the organization ATRRM. Just after the Savannah Conference last year, ATRRM changed the name to Heritage Rail Alliance. The Trolley Barn has maintained a membership since 1986, attended the annual Fall Conference and received much help from members through the years. A very valuable asset for us.

**Trolley Barn Machinery:** The LeBlond lathe is getting more use making piston valve rings for 2479. Another Trolley Barn lathe (Schumacher Boye and Emmes) is also being used. That lathe hasn't seen use for about 15 years, but it fits the job at hand. Look up the latter on the internet. My brief peek is that they were founded in 1899.



Igor with His daughter and Keith Baker

Igor, wife Betty, BobSchneider.



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installed. As usual, one brace easily went into place. The second brace resisted. Adjustments were made and the brace slid into place.

A major improvement was completed in the site's air compressor shed. Electricity into the shed had been provided by an extension cord. Thanks to John Zelinski and Bill Jump power is now being provided via conduit and a circuit breaker in the main power panel.

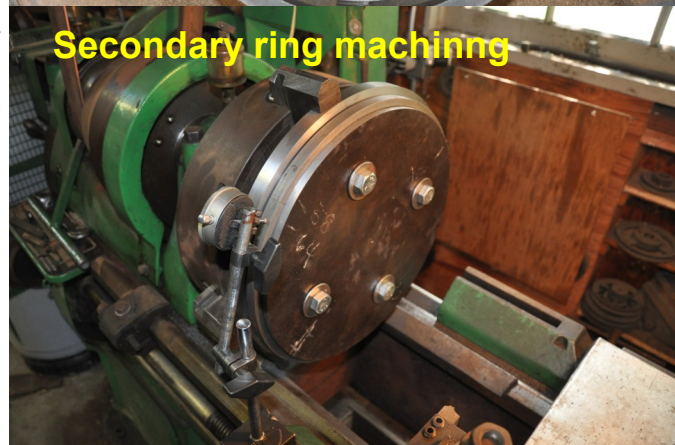
Rains and warmer temperatures causes considerable grass and weed growth. Just about every work session, the site requires mowing. Keeping up site appearance is important given the proximity to Old Tully Road.

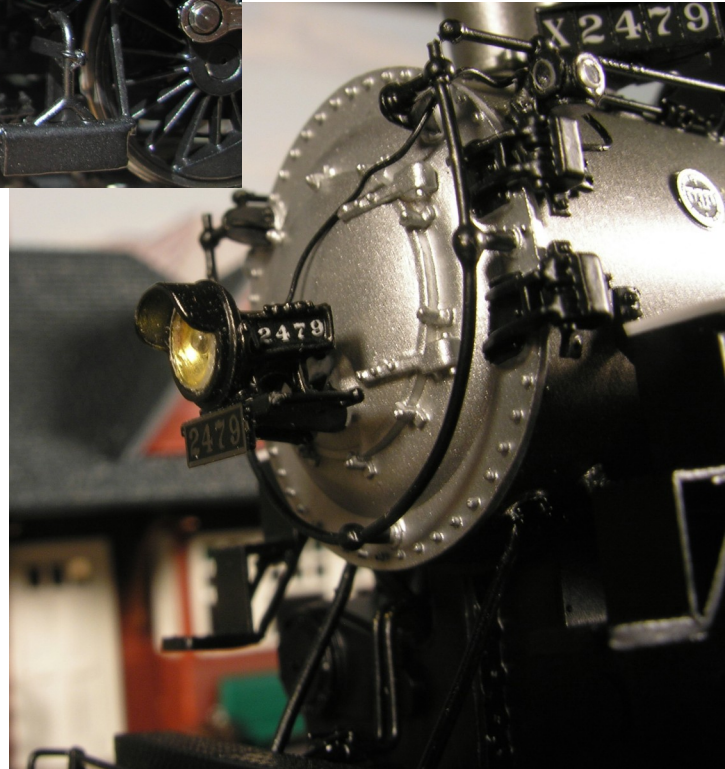


Recently our push mower encountered a large object in deep grass which caused a small section of the base to break away. The mower was repaired and returned to service.

At this time of year there is always grass/weeds to cut. Both the riding mower and push mower are crucial in keeping the site looking sharp.

A big thank you to everyone that has participated in the past quarter.









## Information

Membership Meetings: First Saturday of each month at 10:00am at 2479 Healey Avenue, San Jose, the locomotive restoration site doublewide trailer.

Work Schedule: Saturday 8:30 to 3:30.

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Membership: \$25.00 regular, \$10.00 Seniors. All memberships expire December 31 yearly.

To join please send dues, name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if available to the mailing address above.

The CTCRC is a California 501(c)(3) not for profit educational corporation established in 1982. The organization is the official support group for the Trolley Barn at History San Jose and the San Jose Railroad Museum Park currently in the early stages of development.

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The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore and promote the legacy of rail transportation in the Santa Clara Valley.

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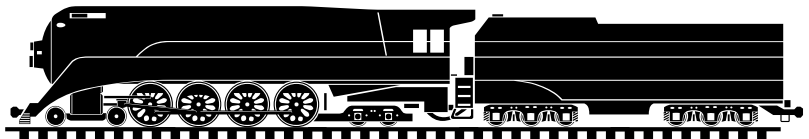
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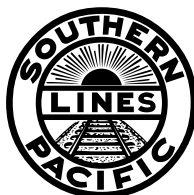
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## COMING EVENTS

► Remember the Saturday workdays. Check with John Ezovski at EzovskiJohn@aol.com for other work schedules including the 1215 beautification. All very important events. See you there.



► The next CTCRC board meeting will be Thursday, May 18 at 8:00am in the History San Jose Pacific Hotel first floor conference room.



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