

April 2017 NEWSLETTER

May Meeting - 6:45 PM - Tuesday , May 2 , 2017

Upcoming Work Sessions at the Depot -

Sunday April 30, 2017, Noon to 4 pm

2017 DUES Another Year and dues are due. \$5.00. No increase ever. Same as 1974. You can buy 2 gallons of gas for the fun of providing fun and cheer to thousands of folks. Bring your dues to a meeting, a work session, or mail dues to Ellen Lindvig at 2034 Glenwood Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703

No 16 Boiler Project. Jeff Lund, New Ulm, MN, continues work on the boiler. Pictured below are views of the fire box components of the boiler.



Back head and side sheet.
Stay bolt holes drilled and door hole cut in. Note the corner washouts.



Throat Sheet
Hole for boiler course ready. Blow down is located in center of throat sheet between washouts



Fire Box with tube holes and stay bolts drilled. Mud ring is welded to bottom at left. Firebox is setting on its back (door) side.

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ELECTRICAL UPGRADE UPDATE

April 1, 2017 thru April 25, 2017

Mike Kuhn has been heading up one of our most ambitious project in some time, the electrical upgrade. Like all plans, unknown challenges popped up.

None of us knew that Xcel planned to upgrade the power line running from the light pole east of the C&NW tower over our depot and roundhouse to serve Carson Park to the north when we were planning our upgrade with Xcel.

Fortunately, Mike, an employee of Xcel, sorted power line issues. Dave Peterson coordinated tree removal and trimming with the City of Eau Claire. Some trees required removal and some required trimming by the Parks Department. We were asked to relocate track, relocate piled rail, move brick, etc. Our members rose to the task.

During all this hub bub, we continued to trench and place conduit for the new electrical upgrade. Thanks to Jason Miller with his back hoe, we installed the first section of the conduit on schedule.

When we saw the extent of the tree removal and tree trimming, Mike saw the opportunity to complete the entire trenching project earlier. He secured another backhoe at no cost to us to continue trenching. The weekend of April 22-23 everyone pitched in and trenched the conduit almost to the roundhouse. On Tuesday, April 25th, Mike trenched in the last of the conduit.



Chuck, Mike, and Matthew trenching from the power pole to the depot.



Mike trenching for the conduit to roundhouse.



Chuck, Ellen, Frank and Mick rehabbed the lower section of the siding of the depot that was checking. Rotten panels were replaced. A new trim board at the bottom covered the checked areas. The lower section was re-stained. Everything is complete except at the existing power entrance. When the new power is installed, this area will be finished to match. The added trim gives the depot a new look.

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DEPOT & UPGRADE

The east side of the depot shows the siding rehab and the area where the conduit is buried. Note the number of trees removed for the new power line that will replace the existing line over our buildings. We also removed our diesel train lead off the turntable. We will operate without it probably for summer. We also need to redo the brick sidewalk. Any volunteers?

TOWER PROGRESS

Two tower projects began during the electrical upgrade.

Lucas Spindler began his Eagle Scout project which is the step replacement. He and his troop removed the steps and then set the forms for the stair footings.

Relocating the semaphore mast from the depot to tower has long been our goal. Somehow Mike Kuhn, along with several members moved it with the help of the backhoe we borrowed for the trenching. Hope someone took a picture. Dan Perkins has rehabbed the wood arms so we can think about how to mount them.



As President, I wish to thank everyone who participated in these projects. The placement of the electrical conduit is now ahead of Mike's schedule. The Xcel project which caused the tree removal turned out to speed up the conduit trenching on the east side of the depot. Having the second backhoe speeded the entire project up. Relocating the tower mast was a gift.

The remaining work is cleaning up for the summer season. Thanks again.

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Proposal to Form a 501(c)(3) organization CVRR Foundation

During the last few months we have had informal discussions about applying for non-profit classification for the Chippewa Valley Railroad Association. When we formed years ago as a non stock corporation, Roth Schleck, our treasurer at the time who was a bank president, helped form the group. Times were simple then. We received donations as high as \$10,000. Now donations to qualify for a tax credit require an IRS classification commonly known as a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Marc Brown has researched the process and presented his research at the April meeting.

Essentially we may form a new, non-profit corporation and apply for 501(c)(3) status, if the members approve the formation.

Having the appropriate status will make our solicitations easier for our various projects. Currently donations are sent to the Eau Claire Community Parks Association with which we have an account. However, currently we have no way to accept in kind services or material, nor does the Eau Claire Community Parks Association. We need to be able to do this.

I asked a professional accountant about this method verses filing for the same status with our current classification. She said forming a new organization is a simple and an clean way to do this.

Groups that take donations under the 501(c)(3) classification are required to have a method to distribute the assets and/or funds to another like organization. Currently we have no such requirement. The proposed bylaws have a dissolution clause added.

Attached are the proposed new bylaws. The bylaws are the same as our current set. The name has been changed to "CVRR Foundation" in place of "Chippewa Valley Railroad Association". It assumed that if adopted, the current officers will remain, etc. We can continue using the name Chippewa Valley Railroad in one way or another.

Please review this proposal. If you cannot attend the meeting, we will welcome any comments via email or mail to davep@2dlp.com. or 430 McKinley Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you.

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Agenda - May 2, 2017, 6:45 PM at Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI

Agenda Approval

Minutes of the April 4, meeting . Review and Approval.

Treasure's Report for Review and Approval

Updates...

- Diesel 8101 complete. Check all lubrications
- No. 19. Driving blocks and brake components will be installed in the spring.
- Track extension. Chippewa Corrections. June 13th and 14th
- Straighten and level track and ballast. Spring work
- Fund Raising discussed for No 16 boiler, track relocation, and tower completion. Discuss this meeting
- No. 16 Boiler replacement update. Construction progressing.
- Semaphore mast. Relocated
- Road crossing mostly complete. Need some tie leveling at east end.
- Complete the painting of the trolley stop. Almost complete.
- Lumber for roundhouse fascia purchased. Fascia boards to be installed
- Paint touchup.
- Gutters for the roundhouse and the back of the depot.
- Tower step project underway.
- G-16 coach truck inspection beginning. Discovered one wheel gage too wide. Checking springs now..
- Review insurance for fixed assets. Obtain estimates.

New Business...

- Approve bills.
- Member social events. Chuck and Mike.
- Recognition Day. Create a list of deceased members?
- Electrical Service Upgrade. Next phase by Mike Kuhn.
- Chippewa Corrections crews. June 13th and 14th. Discuss project priorities.
- Boiler inspection date. No 19. May 15th, 9am Inspection is a visual this year.
- Steaming bay.
- Get gutter pricing.

- Carson Park event coordinations. No work May 5 and 6. Race Day. Update if changes.
- Review insurance for fixed assets. Obtain estimates.
- Board review operating procedures.
- Review and decide on proposed for 501(c)(3) application.

Other Business

Next Meeting June 6, 2017, 6:45 PM, Chippewa Valley Museum

See Bylaws for proposed CVRR Foundation attached in email.

Chippewa Valley Railroad Association

Monthly meeting April 4, 2017

6:45 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Dave Peterson

Members present: Dave Peterson President, Rob Brazeau Vice President, Ellen Lindvig Treasure, Chuck Lindvig, Marc Brown, Andy Stanton, Jason Miller, Tom Schye, Mike Kuhen

- Motion to approve agenda Chuck Second Andy Passed
- Secretary report reviewed.
Motion to approve minutes Chuck Second Andy Passed
- Treasure report was given.
Motion to approve Mike Second Andy Passed

Updates

- Dave reported that the trany and truck have been installed in the diesel. The new boiler is moving right along.
- Dan P. has finished staining the boards for the round house repairs.
- Mike gave an update on the electrical work to be done and possibly removing the bypass track behind the depot.

New Business

- Chuck asked if the club could purchase KFC for correctional workers, no one objected.
- The week of June 5 will be the next scheduled work session for correction people.
- Dave said the tower stairs are still in progress.
- Dave discussed that boiler inspection is due in mid-May, it will be a visual. The new boiler will not need an inspection as it will come with one.
- Dave talked a little about Carson Park events, May 6 will be the Eau Claire Marathon. It may be hard to get into the park.
- Dave went over the locomotive inspection forms.
- Marc talked some about converting the Chippewa Valley Railroad to a 501c. No further action taken
Motion to adjourn Andy Second Rob Passed at 8:00 p.m.
Submitted by Rob Brazeau