

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

June Meeting - 6:45 PM - Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Upcoming Work Sessions at the Depot -

Sunday May 28 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.
Only current members may operate trains, so please be up to date.

No 16 Boiler Project. Jeff Lund, New Ulm, MN, is completing the boiler and will be ready for delivery. Pictured below are views of the progress.



Left. Boiler welded up ready for tube installation.

Right. Front tube sheet ready for tube installation. Hole at top of sheet is for the new dry pipe that will delivery steam to cylinders through the boiler and smoke box instead of the external steam piping as designed by Crown.

Steam Dome. Yet to be installed.



CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Conduit News. Reporter - Mike Kehn

Well we have we have had a very busy spring with installation of the new electric service. In the last report that I gave, we were in the process of eradicating trees, woodchucks, bears and stumps from the behind the engine house area. This was to make way for the conduit installation to the roundhouse. At this time I'm happy to report all of the in ground conduit has been installed. But, unfortunately, this came with a slightly higher cost than anticipated. After further review and cost analysis by the accounting department, it was determined the estimate guessed was way, way under. After renting the two tunnel boring machines, the D-9 Cat plus two Bull Dogs to keep the crew working, we are only \$1.6 million over budget. The Dogs were way over priced in my opinion. But overall I don't think it's really that bad considering.....well what we went through to get to this point.

Ok, on a more serious note; as a little back ground information, we were lucky enough to obtain a small back hoe for a week. We also needed to remove one track lead going into the engine house. This has since been replaced with new ties. Also we had the unfortunate mishap of hydraulically locating the current power line going out to the roundhouse and also the alarm system. Both have been re-spliced, so there is power and alarm in the roundhouse.

I would like to thank Randy Schultz of R.G. Schultz Construction for loaning us the back hoe. I would also like to thank Marc Brown for his help on this part of the project; I would not have gotten this far without ya. With all of the in ground conduit installed, we are ready move on to the next part of the upgrade.

In the mean time I have been gathering material to start in the roundhouse. The 200Amp 40breaker 60 circuit panel for the roundhouse arrived this week and we laid out the panel install in the roundhouse on Friday. I have picked up the schedule 80 conduit required for this part of the project and delivered it to the park. I have a couple more things to get before we can continue in there.

Once the roundhouse is completed we will move to the engine house, then to the meter set. The goal is to have everything complete by August 30th, this includes all wire pulled in and the city inspection completed. That is the only way we will get on Xcel Energy's list to be hooked up in the fall. At this time, they are about 6 weeks out; I'm expecting 8 weeks by the end of summer.

If we don't make it, we will complete the project in the spring of 2018.

Also at this time I'm preparing the panel drawing for the outside meter set so the crew can begin building the structure. I believe Chuck and Byron will be heading this project up. If you like to get involved please contact one of them.

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DEPOT & UPGRADE

Depot painting has been an ongoing project of several members. Frank has been painting for several days working on the south and west sides. He has been applying 2 coats. We will need members to assist on the north and the east.



TOWER STAIRS

Lucas Spindler's Eagle Scout project is nearing completion in this picture. It is now complete. The new stairs will be a welcome change to the previous stairs. They have been updated to new codes so are much easier to ascend and descend.

Sunday, May 28, 2017. Sunday is the shakedown day before we open. Final inspections on the diesel train and the steam train will be made and tested. We will have instructions on both steam and diesel operation.

New members wishing to operate trains will start with the diesel operation. We will go through the basics of train set up and operation. Also we will go through the fire up of the steam locomotive.

We will also review the new daily inspection forms.

Sign up calendar for the summer will be available also.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILROAD

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

Agenda Approval

Minutes of the May 2, meeting . Review and Approval.

Treasure's Report for Review and Approval

Updates...

- Diesel 8101 complete.
- No. 19. Driving blocks and brake components will be installed during the summer.
- 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. Completion pending. Delivery month of June
- Complete the painting of the trolley stop. Almost complete.
- Lumber for roundhouse fascia purchased. Fascia boards to be installed
- Gutters for the roundhouse and the back of the depot.
- Tower step project complete..
- G-16 coach truck inspection complete.
- Review insurance for fixed assets. Obtain estimates.
- Member social events. Chuck and Mike.
- Recognition Day. Create a list of deceased members?
- No 19 inspection complete. Passed.
- Steaming bay.
- Get gutter pricing.

New Business...

- Approve bills.
- Electrical Service Upgrade. Next phase by Mike Kuhn.
- Chippewa Corrections crews. June 13th and 14th. Discuss project priorities.
- Depot exterior update. Frank, Chuck, and Byron.
- 4th of July operation.

Other Business

Next Meeting July 11, 2017, 6:45 PM, Chippewa Valley Museum

Chippewa Valley Railroad Association

Monthly meeting May 2 , 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, Mike Kuhen, Byron Bobb. New members Jerry Judkins, Thomas Jankoski, Julie Strzok-Harris

Guest Lucas and his dad

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

Updates

- Lucas gave an update on the tower stairs. They are completed.
- Dan gave some updates on projects. The diesel engine is complete, discussed fund raising for the boiler on locomotive 16, discussed depot repair, track work that needs to be done, repair work to be done on round house, truck inspection to begin on G16 coach and the semaphore mast has been moved.
- Mike gave an update on the electrical upgrade. He said that a friend of his brother donated the use of his mini excavator. Motion by Marc second by Byron to give the owner of the excavator \$100. Motion passed

New Business

- Chuck and Mike discussed have some member social events throughout the season, more information to come
- June 13 and 14 will be the next scheduled work session for correction people.
- Dave discussed the possibility of having a past membership list.
- Dave discussed that boiler inspection is due in mid-May, it will be a visual. The inspection will be May 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- Dave talked a little about the alarm system need to be repaired, an underground wire was cut while trenching, maybe getting an upgraded system.
- Dave went over the need for some new ties. Motion by Dave second by Chuck to purchase new tie material for \$300. Motion passed.
- Marc talked some about converting the Chippewa Valley Railroad to a 501c. Marc to fill out the paper work and file it with IRS. Motion by Marc Second by Mike. Motion passed
- Motion to adjourn 8:00p.m. by Mike second by Chuck. Motion passed
Submitted by Rob Brazeau