

September 2016 NEWSLETTER

October Meeting - 6:45 PM - Tuesday , October 4, 2016

Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI

Carson Park, Eau Claire, WI



No 19 19's headlight now operates thanks to Rob Brazeau. It shown brightly during the Labor Day Weekend.



No 16 One of our junior members, Sebastian Beilke, learned the joy of flue cleaning during the Labor Day Weekend. He discovered soot!

- August and September was dedicated to track work. Crews from the Chippewa Corrections Facility assisted our members with various tasks. We successfully cleaned up around the Depot and Roundhouse. Going into the off season with the ground cleaned and organized will please everyone. The second steaming bay is now underway as well as a small retaining wall for the first bay. All the coal barrels are organized for the 2017 season.
- 16 cubic yards of base course was placed to widen the shoulders of right of way in several areas. Most of the track was ballasted with several cubic yards of grey granite chip sealing rock provided by City of Eau Claire street department.
- We also replaced 85 ties. Only a few original, sound ties remain.

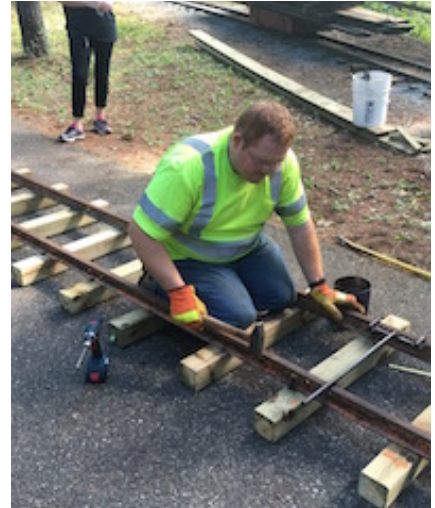
- Replacing the grade crossing was the most intensive fall project. The corrections crew work with us for two days. The crossing was completed to the point the road was reopened. But another day was required to complete the decking. Some additional work on the approach rails remains. The following pictures illustrate the work accomplished.



Crossing Removal



New Timbers at edge of asphalt



Andy Downey spiking new ties. Yes - Andy!



Skidding new track section



Track in place and new decking



Top of old tie removed.
Looks Ok but —



Bottom of old tie
removed. Half gone



Marc and Chuck
removing a slight rail
kink with rail bender.



New steaming bay. In
the background the
small retaining wall is
under construction.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILROAD

Agenda - October 4 , 2016, 6:45 PM at Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI

Agenda Approval

Minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting . Review and Approval.

Treasure's Report for Review and Approval

Updates...

- No. 19. Driving blocks and brake components have been machined. Timing resolved.
- Recognition Day - Recognize various members and their efforts. Not finalized.
- Track extension. Inspect right of way inspected. Potential grades need to be set...
- Infrared heating system. Will complete in September.
- Fund Raising discussed for No 16 boiler, track relocation, and tower completion. Committee completing work.
- No. 16 Boiler replacement update. Boiler builder contacted. Visit with contractor complete September 25th. Begin project after Board approval.
- Base coarse delivered.
- Semaphore mast? Need a lead person.
- Road crossing mostly complete.
- Mike Kuhn is installing the gas piping for the depot furnace. Other work is required before the propane company installs the underground piping. Stay tuned.

• Project Priority List -

- Straighten and level track and ballast. Majority of ballasting complete.
- Complete gas piping project by mid October !!!!!!!
- Depot repair – will require about 6 sheets of plywood and some 1 x 6 facing
- Complete the painting of the trolley stop. Almost complete.
- Gutters for the roundhouse and the back of the depot. Mick working on this.
- Paint touchup

New Business

Election of Officers

President	Dave Peterson
Vice President / Secretary	Rob Brazeau
Treasurer	Ellen Lindvig
Board	Chuck Lindvig Byron Bobb Marc Brown

No 16 Boiler Replacement Report.

Dave Peterson and Rob Brazeau met with Jeff Lund, New Ulm, MN to review the building of the new boiler. Schedule : Prepare 16 for delivery in late October. Completion May 1, 2017. Reassembly during May, 2017. Budget approval.

Shop and Roundhouse clean up. Clean up and check for tools for the off season projects.

Roundhouse roof. Brad Arneson caulked several roof leaks. The repairs held during recent heavy rains.

Tower steps update.

New gas heating system update. Mike Kuhn

Weekend work schedules. For consideration is two work sessions a month on Saturdays starting earlier in the day like 9 or 10 am and ending mid to late afternoon or one group work session a month and special projects scheduled as required. Comments please, either via email or at the October meeting.

Model Train events. Chuck Lindvig.

Other Business

Next Meeting; Chippewa Valley Museum, **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

Adjourn

Chippewa Valley Railroad Association

Monthly meeting September 6, 2016

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Dave Peterson

Members present:

Dave Peterson President, Ellen Lindvig Treasure, Chuck Lindvig, Marc Brown, Andy Stanton, Mike Kuhn, Nathan Kuhn, Mick Henning, Frank Garber, a new member did not get his name.

• **Agenda, reviewed**

Motion Chuck Lindvig second Marc Brown, approved

• Secretary report, reviewed

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• Treasure report, reviewed

Motion to approve Marc Brown second Andy Stanton, approved

• **Updates**

Marc reported that 85 ties have been replaced

Ballasting is going well, new ballast car working very good.

Operation Life Saver held during Labor Day run session was a success.

Mile stone was met, we have not had an accident in 40 years of the club.

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Tenders need to be cleaned out and inspected

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