

SP&SRyHS Board Meeting

Date: 3/8/03 Time: 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Duane Cramer, Todd & Chris Schwenk (Sydney, too), Bruce & Barbara Barney

Minutes read and approved

Treasury Report was read

We will change the Society's checking account from Wells Fargo Bank to Columbia Credit Union (former SP&S Credit Union). It will be free and they are interested in retrieving their history. Duane is helping with that.

With the addition of Company Store items, sales at swap meets are doing very well. Most popular seems to be the Athearn Billboards with the "Our wheels are just as big" saying on it. The Blair Line signs are selling well, too.

SP&SRyHS Swap Meet Expenses Shared: We made approximately \$1500 (not including sales at Company Store)

Next Swap Meet will be either January 31, 2004 or February 7, 2004 depending on hotel availability. Will hear from them soon.

### **Renewals & Memberships:**

209 have joined or renewed as of March 8, 2003.

### **Company Store Items:**

We are going to re-inventory back issues as we have found a stash of "lost" issues recently.

We discussed putting issues on CD and agreed that any issues we still have in stock will not be put on CD. The old Technical SIG issues will be available on CD.

Chip car decals will be reordered. We will also order the "new" SP&S Steam and Caboose decals.

We talked about providing reporting mark decals for the Champ Chip car decals (a side set). Bruce will look into this.

Bruce will talk to Blair Line about ordering more "N" signs.

Duane brought up the possibility of the Society selling windbreakers similar to SP&S issued jackets. The Gorge Convention will be a perfect place to introduce these. Chris will get with her contact on this.

More shirts (Golf shirts) need to be ordered. Chris will look into this.

The SP&S hats Skip Caswell donated are a big seller. Thanks to Skip!

Mugs for the 2003 Convention have been ordered.

Other Convention items are being considered.

Paint: Bruce will look into bottling options. Chips need to be painted.

DVD: The "Empire of the North" DVD has been a very good seller, in fact we are currently sold out (in just two swap meets). Bruce will re-order from Charles Smiley.

Mouse Pads: Possibly.

**Publication:**

Issue 1 & 2 are planned. Issue 1 is 90% complete and issue 2 is well on its way as well.

**2003 Convention:**

Started to finalize the Convention. Convention rooms will be provided by motel. Rooms that are blocked for us will have view of river and BNSF.

Motel: Best Western – Cascade Locks

Banquet: Catered by Char Burger

Transportation to Stevenson from Cascade Locks is still a problem. Looking for a solution.

Duane will finalize costs and banquet.

**2004 Convention:**

Duane will look into Astoria in conjunction with Lewis & Clack celebration (train trips, etc.)

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