

**BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

P.O. BOX 302, READING, MASS. 01867

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear B & M Fans:

The December meeting of the Society was attended by 60 members and guests who thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Stan Whitney's one-hour program of B&M publicity movies made for television viewing in the early 1950's. Because of equipment failure, Mr. Don Valentine's program was postponed to a later date. He did, however, show several minutes of movies that he had recently taken.

The January meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 1974. Mr. Whitney returns again this month and will screen the remainder of the B&M publicity movies in his possession. The second part of the program will be presented by Mr. Leroy Hutchinson, who will show us part of his slide collection.

The B&M's 12 new GP 38-2 locomotives have arrived in the area and are being put to good use by the power-hungry railroad. More and more of the handsome new 50-foot box cars can be spotted as they are added to the roster.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society: Douglas A. Manson, Greenfield, MA; William A. Farquhar, Wellesley, MA; Harold Judkins, Rutland, MA; David Santos, South Dartmouth, MA; Charles M. Sullivan, Cambridge, MA; John B. Folson, Beverly, MA; Charles W. Rogers, Jr., Medford, MA; Joseph V. Twomey, Saugus, MA; Jonathan Leiby, Woods Hole, MA; John A. Patriquin, N. Amherst, MA; Joel E. Solomon, Needham, MA; James E. East, Milford, CT; Robert T. Bell, Newburyport, MA; John M. Hyde, Williamstown, MA; William Crawford, Cambridge, MA; Bruce S. Nelson, Westborough, MA; Warren E. Vittum, Jr., Weston, MA; Gordon C. Hulbert, Henniker, NH; Louis H. Beaudoin, Waterbury, VT; Robert E. Willey, E. Falmouth, MA; James E. Hurley, Brewster, NY; and Jamie Robinson, Northfield, MA.

On Saturday, January 19, the Mystic Valley Railway Society is running a snow train from Boston to Greenfield over the Fitchburg Division. Also on that day, the Wolfeboro Railroad in New Hampshire is sponsoring Wolfeboro Railroad Days, with a full day of activities planned. Contact those respective groups for further information.

Gerry Babyok, Granby, MA sends us the following bits of information: GM 1200-hp switcher No. 1228 was hit by a cut of cars in November. One employee was injured in the mishap, and the unit's cab was seriously damaged. Old-time wooden baggage car No. M 3099 was badly burned recently, another bit of the past departing. The Cummins-powered Budd RDC is still in the Boston roundhouse with more problems. Alco RS's Nos. 1506, 1508, 1513, 1519, and 1536 are still in service. It had been rumored that 1536, along with three other road switchers, had been sent to New Jersey for scrapping. In fact, 1536 had had derailment damages and is now back on the road. Also, Providence & Worcester Railroad Alco RS-3 No. 165 arrived at the Boston shops on Dec. 1, reason unknown.

If you have any materials (photos, stories, etc.) that you think are worthy of inclusion in the B&M Bulletin, please contact the editor, Mr. John Hutchins, at the Society's address. He is constantly looking for good copy for the Bulletin, and will safely return to you all material submitted for consideration.

Anyone wishing to donate or loan material such as old books, timetables, tickets, badges, lanterns, etc. to the Society should contact the Historian, Mr. Harry Frye, at the Society's address.

Mr. Elwin Heath of Barre, VT sends us news from the Green Mountain State: "The St. J. & L.C. is now moving their rolling stock to the Montpelier & Barre R.R.'s shops and yard at Montpelier, and their entire office from Morrisville to the Barre office of the M&BRR which will become their headquarters. The St.J. has leased their RS-3 diesels 204 and the D&H 4073 to the new company, and the two GP-9's, 200-201, have been sold, but I do not know to what company. The remaining two RS-3's, 202-203, have been brought to Montpelier for disposition, the 202 having a broken crankshaft and out of service. The seven GE 600-hp 70-tonners have also been brought to Montpelier and these are St.J. Nos. 46, 48, 52, 54, 55, and M&B Nos. 22 and 30. I believe that the No. 30 is the only operable locomotive; the last time I was in Montpelier the shop crew was rebuilding her engine."

The following notice is from Mr. Crouch, Chairman, Board of Directors:

As Chairman of your Board of Directors I have felt strongly that a matter of the highest priority was a general revision of the Society's By-Laws. As our organization grows in size and stature it is imperative that the By-Laws keep pace. While the present By-Laws have been adequate through the first few years of the Society it has become obvious that they must be updated to overcome ambiguities, contradictions and omissions and to better define the duties of the various officers.

Mr. Stanley Whitney; former Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, had recognized this need and before he stepped aside last July had accomplished a tremendous amount of work in this direction. To carry on his work your President, Roy Hutchinson, appointed me as Chairman of the new By-Laws Committee and suggested that the Board of Directors work hand in hand to accomplish this. To that end your Board of Directors has met five times in the past six months and the results of our efforts are summarized in this newsletter.

The present By-Laws require no advance notice to members of proposed amendments. The only requirement is that a member (or members) who propose any changes notify in writing the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which such changes shall be voted. We are of the opinion that all members are entitled to at least 30 days notice and that if possible, a verbatim transcript of the proposed amendments be made available to all members. As we are recommending a complete revision the cost of distributing to all members a printed copy would be prohibitive. Therefore a summary of the highlights of the changes are set forth here and the January and February meetings will allow for discussion. The amendments will be voted on at the March 1974 meeting.

Present By-Laws

Art. I Name, Form and Purpose
Art. II Memberships
Art. III Annual Dues

Art. IV Membership Meetings
Art. V Board of Directors
Art. VI Corporate Officers
Art. VII Editor of Publications
Art. VIII Historian or Curator
Art. IX Committees
Art. X Suspension & Expulsion
Art. XI Membership Restrictions
Art. XII Appropriation of Funds
Art. XIII Dissolution
Art. XIV Amendments

New By-Laws

Art. I Name, Form and Purpose
Art. II Membership
Art. III Application for Membership,
Delinquent Members
Art. IV Membership Restrictions
Art. V Meetings
Art. VI Fiscal Year
Art. VII Board of Directors
Art. VIII Corporate Officers
Art. IX Publications Editor
Art. X Historian & Curator
Art. XI Committees
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Art. XIII Proxy Votes
Art. XIV Dissolution

A summary of the changes follows. The Article number refers to the New By-Laws Article number. Present By-Law Article numbers appear in parantheses.

- Art. I No change except now refers to "Society" instead of "Corporation".
- Art. II Defines the three types of members: active, life and honorary.
Incorporates dues which were formerly in (Art. III).
Life membership shall be 10 times yearly dues.
No change in annual dues.
- Art. III A new section concerning delinquent members. Present By-Laws make no provision for same. Members delinquent after October 1 will be so notified in writing and those still delinquent after January 1 will again be notified in writing and thereafter dropped from the rolls.
- Art. IV Combines present (Art. X) and (Art. XI).
Spells out in greater detail methods for handling suspensions and revocations. A five step procedure is called for which assures the accused all his constitutional rights.
The Board of Directors shall make the final decision which shall be one of three: dismissal of charges, suspension or revocation.
Suspension shall not exceed a period of one year.
Revocation shall normally be for life but reinstatement may be allowed after three years
- Art. V Requires at least 10 meetings per year instead of the present mandatory 12.
Deletes the section on special meetings.
Changes a meeting quorum from the present 10 to 25.
- Art. VI New article but exactly the same as present section 3-c of (Art. III).
- Art. VII Increases the size of the Board from 6 to 7 by making the President a member, ex officio.
Increase the term of office of the directors to 3 years instead of 2 and provides for the election of 2 directors each year instead of 3.
Provides for filling vacancies in the Board by a vote of the remaining Board members.
Limits the maximum terms of office to 2.
Changes the quorum for a Director's meeting from 5 to 4.
- Art. VIII Present (Art. VI) calls for a President, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice-President, Comptroller, Secretary, and a Clerk of Corporation. New By-Laws call for a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
Limits the maximum terms of office of President and Vice-President to 2.
Further defines the duties of all officers.
Requires the treasurer to be bonded.
Requires the Secretary to print a monthly newsletter.
Makes provision for the filling of vacancies.
- Art. IX Requires the Publications Editor to be appointed by the Board of Directors.
The term of office of the Editor shall be at the pleasure of the Board.
Requires the publication of a quarterly bulletin (no change from present (Art. VII)).
Instructs the Editor to appoint an Associate Editor and such staff as he may require.
Requires the Editor to submit an annual budget to the Board.

- Art. X Requires the Historian to be appointed by the Board of Directors.
The term of office of the Historian shall be at the pleasure of the Board.
- Art. XI Membership Committee relocated from present (Art. II).
Further defines duties of Nominating Committee.
Deletes section on Special Committees.
- Art. XII Requires that notice of proposed By-Law amendments appear in the newsletter which is mailed to members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed changes are to be voted on.
- Art. XIII New Article. Allows for proxy votes under controlled conditions.
- Art. XIV Same as present (Art. XIII).

Respectfully submitted,

H. Bentley Crouch
Chairman, By-Laws Committee
Chairman, Board of Directors

Best regards, *David Squires* David R. Squires, Secretary

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