

Life Time Member Steve Vitkovits has returned to the track after recent heart valve replacement.

Glad to see you up and about, Steve!

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Officers

President: Rich Lundberg 415-299-0983 707-556-9630 Vice President: John Lytle Secretary: Rich Croll 510-276-3893 Treasurer: John Lisherness 510-647-8443 Safety: Jerry Kimberlin 510-232-6721 Bob Cohen Ombudsman: 510-655-6907

GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness Rick Zobelein

Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)

GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces: Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing: Jerry Kimberlin
Building: Rick Reaves

CallBoy Editors: Pat Young (printed version),

Rick Zobelein (email version)

Engine: Mark Johnson
Grounds: Andy Weber
High Track: Sheldon Yee
Librarian: Pat Young
Membership: Sammy Tamez
Public Train: Walt Oellerich

Refreshments: Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee

Rolling Stock: Rich Croll
Round House: Michael Smith

Signals: Steve Wood, Bruce Anderson

Technical Talks: Charlie Reiter Track: John Lytle

Web Site: Pat Young, Rick Zobelein

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from Membership chairman or Secretary. At the second meeting, return your completed application, the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email at railroc66@yahoo.com

CallBoy

Articles, pictures, photographs, items for sale or any other information that would be of interest to the club should be sent to Pat Young, the interim CallBoy editor (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Deadline for submittal to next month's issue is the 19th!

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

09/09/18 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

09/15/18 John Smith Lodge Meeting

09/22/18 GGLS Fall Meet

09/23/18 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House 09/29/18 PV&A trip to Train Mountain 09/30/18 PV&A trip to Train Mountain

10/14/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting 10/20/18 Sacramento Live Steamers Fall Meet 10/21/18 Sacramento Live Steamers Fall Meet 11/11/18 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting 12/09/18 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/

Board Meeting

Minutes of General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Richard Lundberg. 21+ members were present.

Guests/New Members



Jeff McCurry



and Steven Chang introduced themselves as Guests.



John Davis and his wife, Shanna O'Hare introduced themselves as new members.



Joaquin Murphy introduced himself as a new member.

Steaming activities: none.

Announcements

President Lundberg reminded members of the upcoming Fall Meet and Open House, on September 22 and 23.

He reminded members that volunteers are needed, particularly on Sunday. He also asked the membership to have equipment out on display on Sunday for the Public to see.

Jeff's Pit Stop barbeque will be offering food both days. The Bay Area Engine Modelers are expected to be displaying both days.

Richard Croll announced that he has some Welsh coal available, as well as some other coal.

Sam Tamez mentioned that the Masonic Lodge he & John Smith belong to is having a picnic at the track on Saturday, September 15th and said GGLS members were welcome, especially to run, and would be fed.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Richard Croll reported that longtime associate Member Cal Tinkham passed away on August 13th. See the accompanying obituary in this issue.

The Secretary also reported that Special Event Permit application for our Fall Meet has been submitted, and it has been forwarded to the park supervisor for his signature. He noted that this will need to be done for all of our future meets and can be done as soon as we know the dates.

Finally, the Secretary stated that we had received the club liability insurance policy for the next year.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the income and expenses for the past month. Any member wishing more detail can contact John directly.

Safety: Sheldon Yee reminded members to get their boiler tests done, preferably before the Fall Meet.

Ombudsman: Bob Cohen reported the election slate of Board officers for next year. It is as follows:

Rick Reaves for President Andy Rogers for Vice President Richard Croll for Secretary John Lisherness for Treasurer Jerry Kimberlin for Safety

Rich Lundberg encouraged others to run for office this year, or in the future.

Committee Reports

Rich Lundberg announced that the Board of Directors had formed a security committee to handle the video surveillance, locks, and any other security related matters. Jon Sargent has agreed to head the committee.

Security: Jon Sargent reported that an eighth camera has been installed, and the entire system is working well. He mentioned that with eight cameras, the system will record for three weeks. Therefore, members need to immediately advise Jon if there is anything they want to search for on the video. He also mentioned that the system had recorded five teenagers playing in the roundhouse area one night around 11 PM. He also discovered that one of them had posted their adventure on social media. He reported this to the EBRPD police. The police advised that anyone found in violation of the park curfew hours will be cited. President Lundberg reminded members not to confront anyone, but to call 911 if it is serious.

Buildings: Rick Reaves reported that he had an arborist coming up to give an estimate to take a dead pine tree down.

Grounds: Rick Reaves mentioned that Andy Weber had cleaned out the ditch behind Tilden Station. Rich Lundberg reminded members that the entire roadbed width should be blown off to reduce fire hazard.

Signals: Bruce Anderson reported that the signal committee was fixing the signals as needed. He also mentioned that Walt Oellerich has been working on the wiring needed for the new turnout.

Ground Track: no report.

Bob Cohen asked about members running when the Public Train is in operation and was reminded that nothing prevents members from running on the outer loop. Everyone was reminded to pay attention to signals and turnout position.

High Track: no report.

Mel mentioned that he had derailed his engine on a dip in the track, and that John Lytle had fixed it.

Locomotives:

RGS #22: Repairs are taking place on the #22. Rich Croll is working on the tender of #22. The new steel wheels for the tender and lead truck of #22 have arrived. The new tender truck wheel sets are ready to go back onto the trucks. Next step is to make brake rigging for the tender trucks.

Jerry has begun installing the new tires on the drive

wheels.

RGS #20: The #20 continues to pull the public train every Sunday and is preforming very well.

Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report, engine is still operational.

Heintz Atlantic: Vlad continues to work on the engine. Nothing new to report

Johnson Pacific: The engine is operational.

Gas Engines: Rick Zoebelein reports that both the 1971 1nd 1936 are operational.

Rolling Stock: Richard Croll reported that he constructed a car to carry the weed sprayer and its battery.

Public Train: Sam Tamez reported that we had visitors on the train from Spain last week.

Web/Callboy: Nothing to report.

Membership: Sam Tamez reported that one former member reapplied, and one new member applied.

Old Business

Meeting with East Bay Regional Park: Richard Croll reported on the annual meeting with Sergio Huerta & Dan Sykes from EBRPD. There are no apparent problems. They did confirm that the parking lot paving is our responsibility, as is the removal of the dead tree. They did advise us that the tree cannot have active birds' nests when it is removed. Sergio commented that our ridership on the Public Train seemed to be increasing.

Purchase of Locomotive: Richard Croll reported that the locomotive has CNC turned steel wheels. The motion, made by Richard Croll and seconded by Sheldon Yee last meeting, was to purchase Jon Nagle's used Duncan Herring built locomotive and four seat riding car for \$15,000.

The President stated that the reason for the purchase was to have a back up for the steamers. He pointed out that frequently one of the two normal steamers were out of service and not available for back up. He opened for further comments beyond last months meeting. Bob Cohen mentioned that SVLS had purchased a new locomotive. Mark Johnson said it was from Mountain Car Company. Anthony Rhodes pointed out that the present diesels were not adequate for the job. The motion passed 26 to 1 in favor.

New Business

Member Built storage buildings: The President reported that we are close to having a final version of the contract between members and the club for such

buildings. He pointed out that there are few spots available to build on. The ones he mentioned are Boyers Bluff, where one is already approved, and John Lytle is set to build.

He also mentioned the corner of Heinz Loop where the tin shed is as a possibility, and next to the bridge on Heinz Loop. Anyone interested can contact Rich Lundberg.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Lundberg at 11:20 AM. All BOD members were present except for V.P. John Lytle.

Old Business

Minutes of the prior meeting were distributed by the Secretary. Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to accept. Motion passed.

Security

Discussion was held concerning changing roundhouse locks. Jon Sargent will handle, with assistance of Rich Lundberg.

Partitions in the roundhouse were discussed. Jon Sargent proposed chicken wire between doors. Rich Lundberg responded that it would be difficult to do. Tabled.

The size of the drive on the video recorder was discussed. It was pointed out that we already have a very large drive. Jon Sargent felt three weeks of recording was adequate for our needs.

Jon Sargent showed the video with the kids at the roundhouse. Discussion was held concerning the video system, Jon Sargent and Rich Croll will contact the park supervisor concerning our needs.

Locomotive disposal: tabled.

Paving: It was decided it was too late to do it this year. Tabled until next spring.

Dues Collection: John Lisherness will work with Lisa Kimberlin to determine procedures. Dues will be sent to Lisa for next year.

Telephone: John Lisherness reported he received notice from AT&T that the bill will go up November 1st. Bob Cohen said he will get the changes made on the account to get a lower rate and get it in the club's name.

PG&E: John Lisherness said PG&E credited and rebilled the power bill two years back. The electricity is now provided by something called MCE generation, and delivered by PG&E. We have not had the meter read for a while and they are estimating usage. John will contact PG&E to find out what is going on.

Excess rolling stock: Richard Croll asked the Board for permission to dispose of some excess non-powered cars and other related material. Jerry Kimberlin made a motion, seconded by John Lisherness to authorize Richard Croll to determine what is not needed and to dispose of it by auction. Motion carried.

Defibrillator: Tabled until January.

Coal Tipple: John Lisherness mentioned that we could not move the tipple where originally proposed. He questioned what we want to do with it. The membership will be asked if anyone wants to take this on as a project.

John also reported that he has installed the end piece for the new track at the turntable end and will be building a new turnout for the additional track.

Dues Renewal Discount: Pat Young asked if the Board wanted to continue the discount for early renewal. John Lisherness made a motion to continue the discount, and announce it starting with the October Callboy. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The announcement will advise members to send the checks to Lisa Kimberlin.

Club Pins: It was brought to the attention of the Board that a member was seen taking a quantity of GGLS pins out of the filing cabinet. Mark Johnson made a motion to reiterate the Board of Directors position that all club property is not to be taken for members personal use. John Lisherness seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held concerning who should have custody of pins, etc. The feeling was that this should be part of the membership chairman's job. The Secretary is to make sure everything gets changed over to the new membership chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Bits and Pieces by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll – Shay parts: tank "hold-downs", hinged water tank filler hatch with filler cap.



John Lisherness – Westinghouse air pumps.



Jerry Kimberlin – Rear Axle for the club's RGS #22 locomotive. Broken pressure testing gauge for the club (and the memberships' inability to have enough responsibility to report it BEFORE it is needed).



Bob Cohen – Old Steam Pump from the RGS #22.



Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2019.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2019, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 50
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to "GGLS" and send them to the following address:

Lisa Kimberlin 324 Nevada Avenue Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

If payment is not received by March 31, 2019, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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DATE OF LIST: 09/17/18

WAITING LIST FOR GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION

No.	GGLS Member	Date name	Location
	adde	added to list	Preference
1	Benjamin Lerman (Sam Lerman)	12/16/12	Roundhouse
2	Pat Young	06/16/15	Roundhouse
3	Don Ratto	01/31/16	Roundhouse
4	Lisa Kimberlin	02/21/16	Roundhouse
5	Bruce Anderson	03/16/16	Roundhouse
6	Edson Lee	03/16/16	Roundhouse
7	John Lytle	05/04/16	RH/Storage
8	Derek Schipper	11/13/16	RH/Storage
9	Armando Epifani	01/08/17	Roundhouse
10	Jon Sargent	06/05/18	Roundhouse
11	Andy Rogers	07/15/18	Roundhouse

WAITING LIST FOR SECOND GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION

No.	GGLS Member	Date name	Location
		added to list	Preference
1	John Lisherness	03/10/13	RH/Storage
2	Matthew Thomas	11/24/13	Roundhouse
3	Mark Johnson	07/08/15	Roundhouse
4	Bob Cohen	03/16/16	Roundhouse
5	Michael B. Smith	08/12/16	Roundhouse
6	John Lytle	05/01/17	Roundhouse

Regular members of GGLS requesting to place their name on the Waiting List for a roundhouse stall and/or storage location shall contact Michael B. Smith, GGLS Roundhouse Chairman by email at smithrailroad124@gmail.com. I will confirm your request by return email. Your name will be placed on the next issuance of the Waiting List which is updated bimonthly.

The current list shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and inserted bimonthly in the CallBoy. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (650) 615-0475 or at the email noted above.

Last list dated 07/17/18

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