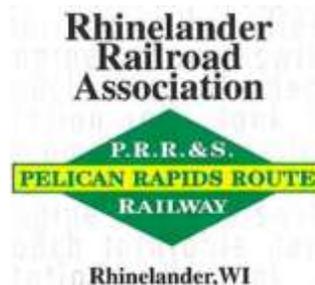


# Warrant



2013

Editors' Note:

Our apologies for not getting the last couple of Warrants out. Time got away from us as we had much else to do. So in this is the last four months combined for simplicity. Thanks for your understanding –*Brendan Marquardt*

## **April-**

The RRA business meeting of April was called to order at 6:50 p.m. on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There were 11 members present.

Treasurers' report accepted as read.

## **Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."**

Hello again, it finally looks like we are having sane weather outside! Took long enough to get here!

It seems things are looking up down at the depot. Work has begun on the business car, the inside projects, upstairs and down, are taking place. Getting ready for our opening of the depot the end of May is keeping members busy, busy, busy. I want to thank everyone for the help. Will it all be done? Some of it yes, others no, time will tell but we will just keep plugging away at it!

Members are reminded that on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, depot cleanup is scheduled starting at 8:00 am. Help is needed!

Let's go to the Green Bay show! We did, we looked, we spent, and we had a ball. There were many interesting things and layouts to look at as usual. The day was so pleasant that jackets and foul weather gear were not needed to get from the parking lot to the building! I can't remember the last time that was possible.

The next business meeting of RRA will take place at the depot on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

*Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.*

Minutes read and accepted as read.

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We had a short meeting for the preparation of the 2013 NMRA meet. *The View From The North Tower* is progressing. We are all hoping to have everything from clinics to kids' corner to a model and photo contest. Cost at the gate will be \$5. The banquette prices have yet to be set. Final arrangements should be set as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and presented at the WLD board meeting at Strawberry Fest. Attached is a copy of the proposed flyer from Mark Preussler of WLD.



The business car and caboose are getting new roofs! After many months of having a flopping roof and a tarp covered car, the roof and bits of the siding is currently being rebuilt. Sections of siding on the business car are being redone due to rot. On behalf of the RRA, I would like to give a big thanks to John Nevins for heading up the project, along with the members who have put in much time and effort along with him.



Our spring cleaning date has been set for May 18th. We will be meeting at the depot at 8:00 A.M. Please come on down to help for any amount of time. Any help will be appreciated.

The Depot layout is being re-wired. \$200 is allocated for new buss wire. Along with that, it was proposed that the club bring the layout up

to date with some of the newest technology and refurbish the switch wiring so they are not ran off track power. A motion was made to allocate \$900 to buy new digital switches controllers, another booster, and any other parts needed to finish the power zoning. The wiring is just in its beginning stages, with a great many more track feeds being added before buss lines can even be installed. The main lines however are being prioritized and should be fully operational by Memorial Day opening weekend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

## **May-**

The RRA business meeting of was called to order at 6:58 p.m. on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There were 8 members present.



The treasurers' report was read and accepted as read.

The caboose has a new roof! Along with that, restoration on the business car is continuing. More problems are arising as more is being taken apart to be repaired. Fortunately for us, we are starting to beat the ever present rotted wood with the few resources we have. There is a great deal of work to be done after the roof and basic painting, but we have a great start. I would like to thank John Nevins

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again for his time and effort in being the leader of the repair. The club would also like to thank all of the members who have volunteered their help.

Ever closer, the fair is nearing. A new idea was thought up for a fundraiser booth. The club is going to be selling monkey tails. For those that have no clue what monkey tails are, they're frozen bananas on a stick, dipped in a flavored coating similar to the coating on a Dilly Bar. They're inexpensive to make and can turn a profit easily, with minimal work.

The spring cleaning day at the depot was on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the members who helped make the entire museum look great! The entire place has been dusted, swept, moped, organized and so on from top to bottom. Thanks again!

A motion was made to purchase a Lionel O Gauge set to raffle off over the summer. Motion was approved and a Thomas the Tank Engine set has been purchased.

The Chicago & Northwestern runs once again! Well, on the depot layout that is. The wiring process, as I'm sure many of you know, is a long difficult one. There is much crawling around to be done yet, but its surely advancing. The Soo Line mainline still needs a bit of work to be able to run fully on coin operation, but the C&NW is running flawlessly, with the power zones functioning as they should. The DCC controllers for the switches have been received also and will be being installed in the next month or two.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

## **June-**

The June business meeting was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:42 P.M. There were 8 members present.

Treasurers' report was read and accepted as read.

Minutes read and accepted as read.

The business car has had a substantial amount of work done on it. The roof framework has been almost all redone and the new roof has been installed. Along with the roof, much of the siding has been repaired of rot and painting has started. The platforms and stairs have also been



repaired on both the caboose and the business car. Thanks to all who have done the work to ensure it will stand another year. However, we would like to remind all a coat of paint only hides the true work that must be done. Please feel free to volunteer some time every Monday. Helpers usually meet around 9-9:30 to help with the restoration, even if all you can do is help with painting or cleaning up. All help is appreciated.

A motion was made to have a plaque made to present to John Nevins honoring him for his contribution of work. To date, he has done over \$18,000 worth of work to save our falling down

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railroad equipment, all unpaid. The plaque was presented with a small ceremony on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We thank him again.

The layout runs again! Both of the mainlines have been wired and are running properly. We have also wired many of the sidings and spurs. There is still much to be done before we can start installing the switch controllers, but manual operation works fine.

We have received a donation of a 9'x58" O gauge layout, complete with a DCS controller system, cars and engines. The layout is being stored until we have room and a proper place to set it up.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

### **July-**

The July meeting was called to order on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:53. There were 7 members present.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read.

### **Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."**

Now hear this! Now hear this! The Fall Meet is coming! Saturday, October 12th, 2013! All hands on deck!

Yes, this will require lots of help by members. There will be many things to do on that day and days before it will take place. Please find time to help out on this venture! What to do will be discussed at our next regular business meeting.

On the rebuilding project of the engine and cars, special thanks goes out to John Nevins, Mike Nevins, Mike Koltz, Augden Windelborn, Ray Plincer and other members for their time on this project. To the public, it looks like most of the work is done, BUT, it still has a long way to go! A list will be handed out at the next business meeting to show what is still needed!

RRA was involved in the Oneida County Fair held here in Rhinelanders at Pioneer Park. We had a booth set up for a fund raiser for the car restoration project. We sold "Monkey Tails", frozen bananas on a stick with a choice of toppings. A thank you goes out to all members who helped out and made this four day event a success!

With all of this being said, please plan to attend the next regular business meeting of RRA which will be held on Wednesday, August 14th 2013, at the depot at 7:00pm. There will be another meeting regarding The Fall Meet on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. at the depot. Hope to see you there!

***Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.***

Minutes from last meeting were accepted as read.

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We went to the fair! Well we were actually in it. The club set up a booth to sell an old time favorite, monkey tails, to raise money for the restoration of the cars. We ended up selling 158 of these treats to people of all ages and they were well loved by all. Though we didn't make much, it showed that a small club was doing what they could to work towards raising the money for the restoration project. A thanks goes out to Forest TV and Appliance for letting us use a freezer, and to Trig's for selling us bananas cheaply. Thank you to all members who helped us with this venture.

The October 12th Train Show and Swap meet prices have been set. The admission at the gate is \$5 and the cost for the banquet is \$23. At this meet, the fun will include, swap tables and vendors, six clinics of various topics, a "Help Desk" for questions about the hobby, raffles, and model and photo contests. A flyer has been made and it will be included along with a NMRA registration form with this newsletter. There will be a second meeting held August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 regarding the meet to review any final decisions. Please be in attendance of the meetings to find out more.

Meeting adjourned 8:26 P.M.

**Rhinelanders Railroad Association**, business meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Logging Museum Depot; operating / maintenance any Wednesday 6 PM same location, Rhinelanders, WI. See [www.rrahome.org](http://www.rrahome.org)

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