

The regular meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. was held on Friday, January 13, 2023, at the Town of Wheatfield Community Center, North Tonawanda.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ball. He welcomed guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bruce Becker reported a balance of \$13,815.87. Financial reports showed a loss for 2022 of approximately \$3,000.

Membership Secretary Neal Keirn reported that 75 members have already renewed. He received two new members on line.

The program featured PCC trolley cars across America as recorded by John Prophet. February will be a mystery night. Watch the ESEX for details.

Jim thanked Bob Scheib for his many years of mailing the newsletter. The printer now does it for us. Let us know if there are any problems.

Becky Gerstung reported that RailCamp is now up and running for 2023. Check the NRHS web page.

The 2023 calendars are now \$10.

The chapter/museum has received the official letter from the State regarding our grant request. We will start making preparations for work to commence.

Jim and Anton Schwarzmuller will meet with Niagara Falls officials about placement of the marker Anton secured about the spy captured at the Niagara Falls train station.

March 18 is the date for our annual banquet. It will be held at Di Paolo's at noon.

Bruce commented on the DRI grant procedures. It will be about 2-3 months to finalize all the paperwork involved.

Becky explained that this grant is for outdoor improvements only. For those who have made donations, money is still needed for interior projects.

For anyone suffering from Cabin Fever there will be a trip to Toronto on GO Transit February 11. The cost is \$10 Canadian. Because of the new schedule it will be trip there, about two hours and return trip. Just a day out enjoying some train riding.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Museum has agreed to lend John Prophet material to us to digitize for our archives.

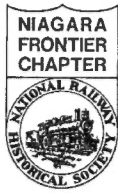
We received a phone call from ADM, responsible for tearing down the Buffalo grain elevators in the news of late. They are donating a 25 ton, GE switcher on the property to the museum. We are working out all of the details.

The Chapter will be participating in the WNYRHS train show February 18-19. Volunteers are needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Gerstung



Treasurer's Report January 2023

Opening Account Balance - 1-1-23	\$13,815.87
Plus Total Deposits	+\$11,886.78
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 906.25
Closing Account Balance - 1-31-23	\$ 24,796.40
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 26.98
Closing Financial Position - 1-31-23	\$ 24,769.42

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

January 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information

Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Sq. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)	Comments
1/01/23		[Balance As of 01/01/2023]				\$13,815.87	
1/03/23	ACH With	Square		-\$16.20		\$13,799.67	Square Marketing Fee Exp.
1/03/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$13,823.64	2023 Membership Rev.
1/04/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$289.00	\$14,112.64	\$264 2023 Calendars/\$25 General Donation Rev
1/04/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$15.50		\$14.75	\$14,127.39	2023 Calendar Rev.
1/05/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Printers		-\$49.05		\$14,078.34	Jan. Newsletter Printing & Mailing Exp.
1/09/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$20.00		\$19.12	\$14,097.46	\$20 General Donation Rev.
1/12/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$14,121.43	2023 Membership Rev.
1/13/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$14,145.40	2023 Membership Rev.
1/17/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$10,450.00	\$24,595.40	\$10,000 Donation ADM Loco/\$450 Lionel Display Donation Rev.
1/19/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$105.50	\$24,700.90	2023 Calendar Rev.
1/19/23	Check	#1551 - James Ball		-\$450.00		\$24,250.90	Reimburse - Lionel Display Donation Exp
1/20/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$50.00		\$48.25	\$24,299.15	\$25 2023 Membership/\$25 General Donation Rev.
1/23/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$50.00		\$48.25	\$24,347.40	\$25 2023 Membership/\$25 General Donation Rev.
1/23/23	ACH With	National Fuel		-\$188.00		\$24,159.40	Gas Service Exp.
1/26/23	ACH With	National Grid		-\$140.00		\$24,019.40	Electric Service Exp.
1/27/23	Dep.	By Neal Kerin			\$610.00	\$24,629.40	2023 Membership / General Donation Rev.
1/27/23	Dep.	By Neal Kerin			\$230.00	\$24,859.40	2023 Membership / General Donation Rev.
3/31/23	Check	#1552 - Bob Andrycha		-\$63.00		\$24,796.40	Reimburse - Stamps Exp
				Total Withdrawals	Total Deposits		
				-\$906.25	\$11,886.78		
							Outstanding 1/31/23
							#1553 - NFTA - Property Tax \$26.98
							Total Outstanding Items \$26.98
							Closing Bank Balance \$24,796.40
							Closing Financial Position \$24,769.42

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

January 24, 202³~~2~~

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Becky Gerstung, Second by Bob Andrycha That the Chapter Purchase a "Knox Box" key box to be installed on the south end wall near the door as approved by the N. Tonawanda Fire Dept. For \$486.00 from Fire/Security Systems Integrators of 116 Grunner Road, Buffalo NY.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	
Greg Gerstung	Yes	email
Karen Frey	Yes	email
Bob Andrycha	Yes	email
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	email
Neal Keirn	Yes	email
Al LeTeste		email
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	Yes	email
Bruce Becker	Yes	email
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	email
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed February 1, 202³~~2~~ Motion Carried

The Secretary will please enter this report into the minutes.

James V. Ball

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January 29, 20²~~2~~3

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Ben Hiltz, Second by Al Le Teste: That the Chapter transfer \$2,000 from the treasury to the Evans Bank Checking account (to be set up) to facilitate the DRI Grant Process. Money to be repaid to the treasury as soon as possible.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	
Greg Gerstung	Yes	email
Bob Andrycha	Yes	email
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	email
Neal Keirn	Yes	email
Al LeTeste	Yes	verbal
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	Yes	verbal
Bruce Becker	Yes	email
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	verbal
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed January 30, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President

The regular meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. Was held on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Wheatfield Community Center, North Tonawanda, NY.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ball. He welcomed guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bruce Becker reported a balance of \$24,769.42.

Membership Secretary Neal Keirn reported 85 members have renewed. We have received \$2800 in donations.

The "Mystery" program turned out to be Jim Van Brocklin slides presented by Greg Gerstung. Next month will be courtesy of Duncan Richards.

Becky Gerstung reported that RailCamp applications are starting to come in.

We still have calendars available.

Jim received a phone call from ADM that the engine was being moved. By the time he got to the site it was already in the air. Within the hour it had arrived at the station. Greg showed photos and a short video of the engine being put on our tracks.

We will be in Hamburg for the WNYRHS show February 18-19. Help is needed.

Bruce brought us up to date on the DRI project. Everything is moving ahead, paperwork has been signed, bridge loan approved and we just have to wait for the State.

He also talked about the GO Transit trip from Niagara Falls to Toronto. John Freyseng will be on the train with us.

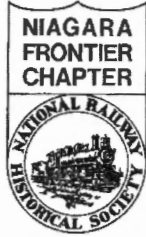
The banquet is March 18th. The program will feature some 1941 chapter films when we were still part of the Buffalo Division of the Railroad Enthusiasts. These films are a recent find and excellent addition to our archives.

Mark Lewandowski says Central Terminal is about to receive State money and begin work.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Gerstung



Treasurer's Report

February 2023

Opening Account Balance - 2-1-23	\$24,796.40
Plus Total Deposits	+\$ 1,961.82
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 1,817.17
Closing Account Balance - 2-28-23	\$ 24,941.05
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 30.00
Closing Financial Position - 2-28-23	\$ 24,911.05

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

February 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information

Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)
2/01/23		[Balance As of 02/01/2023]				\$24,796.40
2/01/23	ACH With	Spectrum		-\$117.97		\$24,678.43
2/02/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$24,702.40
2/02/23	Check	#1553 - NFTA		-\$26.98		\$24,675.42
2/06/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$12.00		\$11.35	\$24,686.77
2/07/23	Debit C.	USPS		-\$194.00		\$24,492.77
2/08/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Press		-\$50.10		\$24,442.67
2/10/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$24,466.64
2/10/23	ACH Dep	Amazon Smile			\$21.18	\$24,487.82
2/13/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$162.50	\$24,650.32
2/13/23	Check	#1552 - NFCNRHS DRI Account		-\$1,000.00		\$23,650.32
2/14/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$270.00	\$23,920.32
2/14/23	Check	#1554 - AE Duplicating		-\$172.50		\$23,747.82
2/16/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$35.00		\$33.68	\$23,781.50
2/17/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$150.00	\$23,931.50
2/21/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$86.00		\$83.17	\$24,014.67
2/22/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$1,097.00	\$25,111.67
2/22/23	ACH With	National Fuel		-\$102.00		\$25,009.67
2/23/23	ACH With	National Grid		-\$140.00		\$24,869.67
2/27/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$85.00	\$24,954.67
2/27/23	Debit C.	USPS		-\$6.30		\$24,948.37
2/28/23	Check	City Clerk - Treasurer NT		-\$4.18		\$24,944.19
2/28/23	Check	City Clerk - Treasurer NT		-\$3.14		\$24,941.05
			Total	Withdrawals	Total Deposits	
				-\$1,817.17	\$1,961.82	

Comments		
Phone/Data Service Exp		
2023 Membership Rev.		
Property Lease Exp.		
2023 Calendar Rev.		
PO Box Rental 1 Year Exp		
Feb. Newsletter Printing & Mailing Exp.		
2023 Membership Rev.		
Amazon Smile Rev.		
23 Calendar Rev		
Fund Evans DRI Checking Account Exp		
23 Banquet Rev		
Valuation Map Scanning Exp.		
2023 Membership Rev.		
23 Banquet Rev		
23 Calendar \$24; Donation \$62		
23 Calendar \$191; Gorge Book \$10; BCT Book \$10; Puzzles \$24; Donation \$862 Rev		
Gas Exp.		
Electric Exp.		
23 Calendar \$10; '23 Membership \$25; '23 Banquet \$30; Donation \$20 Rev		
Stamps Exp.		
Station Tax Exp		
Tower Tax Esp		
Outstanding 2/28/23		
City Clerk - Treasurer NT - Water/Sewer Charges	\$30.00	
Total Outstanding Items		
	\$30.00	
Closing Bank Balance	\$24,941.05	
Closing Financial Position	\$24,911.05	

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Present were: Jim Ball, Mark Lewandowski, Al LeTeste, Bruce Becker, Steve Frey, Ben Hiltz, John Dahl, Greg and Becky Gerstung

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bruce reported a balance of \$23,916.

We now have 87 paid members. Neal is to keep John Dahl up to date on members needing mailed copies of the ESEX.

We received many compliments on February's "Mystery Slides" put together by Greg. Duncan Richards is ^{a maybe} ~~now set~~ for September after cancelling the March meeting. April will be Lehigh Valley, Buffalo Division DVD provided by John. May will be compliments of Tony Schill. June will be on the Adirondack Railroad presented by John Kowolski and Bill Moll. December is being presented by Brian Angevine

Becky reported on the National convention which will be in southern Florida Labor Day weekend. Event details are being finalized. RailCamp is up and running.

Recent restoration projects include painting of newly made windows for EL-2. Steve and Ben have secured the cab of ADM engine. When the weather breaks it will be power washed. A compressor has been offered to us from the folks in Ft. Erie. Jim has talked to Rich Andres about ties from the Somerset line. Randy has been working on windows for the NYC caboose. Bob Andrycha is patching and ready to paint the ladies room. The new toilet has been purchased. The former employees bathroom has been emptied to repair where necessary and install a work sink. Randy is looking for wheel ^{knocks,} and angle cocks and hoses.

John is looking for material for future issues of the ESEX.

The 2023 calendar is close to breaking even. Greg says they are looking for 2024 submissions.

Bruce reported that the bank work is in process and lucky it was not finished before we changed the name of our contractor.

Becky reported \$1,097 was deposited as a result of sales at the WNYRHS train show. Of that amount only \$235 was taxable sales. The balance was donations received by the sale of miscellaneous "stuff" we needed to get out of the way.

There were 45 in attendance at the banquet March 18th. Bruce is working on a financial report. We did make some money on DVD sales, timetable reproductions, 50/50 and basket raffle. Bruce was thanked for his work on the program that was enjoyed by all.

Due to a schedule problem with our meeting room, the April meeting will be the third Friday, April 21st.

Jim reviewed some upcoming events. In addition to meetings we will have visitors from Rochester April 29th, chicken barbecue May 13th and the marker in Niagara Falls ceremony May 20th.

Bruce secured an Amtrak calendar for 2023 for our display. He reported that there will be no train show at Central Terminal this year.

Greg has completed looking at the Jim VanBrocklin films. They, 120 of them, can now be catalogued. We can make plans for the digitizing.

Mark Lewandowski will take calendars to the train show in Batavia.

Becky reminded us that it is the 100th birthday of the station. Bruce and Mark will look into a banner for outside display.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hersting

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

March 4, 2023

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Steve Frey, Second by Bruce Becker: That the Chapter purchase from Irr Supply a replacement ADA compliant commode with grab bars and associated hardware and connectors for the ladies room. Total expenditure not to exceed \$500.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	verbal
Greg Gerstung	Yes	email
Bob Andrycha	*	
Nancy Andrycha	*	
Neal Keirn	*	
Al LeTeste	* <i>yes</i>	
Mark Lewandowski	* <i>yes</i>	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	*	
Bruce Becker	Yes	verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	email
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal
*No Reply		

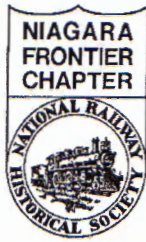
Vote closed March, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

** No Reply*

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President



Treasurer's Report

March 2023

Opening Account Balance - 3-1-23	\$24,941.05
Plus Total Deposits	+\$ 1,691.45
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 3,386.28
Closing Account Balance - 3-31-23	\$ 23,246.22
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 225.93
Closing Financial Position - 3-31-23	\$ 23,020.29

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

BANGUET \$ 250.00 PROFIT

March 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information

Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)	Comments
3/01/23		[Balance As of 03/01/2023]				\$24,941.05	
3/01/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$60.00		\$57.96	\$24,999.01	23 Banquet Rev
3/01/23	Check	#1558 - City Clerk - Treasurer NT		-\$30.00		\$24,969.01	Water Exp.
3/06/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$85.00		\$81.92	\$25,050.93	23 Banquet Rev \$60.00; 23 Membership Rev \$25.00
3/06/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$30.00		\$28.83	\$25,079.76	23 Banquet Rev
3/06/23	ACH With	Spectrum		-\$117.97		\$24,961.79	Phone/Data Service Exp
3/06/23	Check	#1559 - NFC DRI Account		-\$1,000.00		\$23,961.79	Fund Evans DRI Checking Account Exp
3/07/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$360.00	\$24,321.79	23 Banquet Rev
3/07/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$60.00		\$57.96	\$24,379.75	23 Banquet Rev
3/08/23	ACH With	NYS Sales Tax		-\$109.63		\$24,270.12	2022 Sales Tax Remittance Exp.
3/09/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$150.00	\$24,420.12	23 Banquet Rev
3/13/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$39.50	\$24,459.62	2023 Calendar Rev.
3/15/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$15.00	\$24,474.62	Donation Rev
3/20/23	Dep.	By Bob Andrycha			\$540.00	\$25,014.62	23 Banquet Rev
3/20/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$195.00	\$25,209.62	23 Banquet DVD Sales \$180.00; \$15.00 Donation
3/20/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$30.00		\$29.12	\$25,238.74	23 Banquet Rev
3/20/23	Dep.	By TBD			\$25.00	\$25,263.74	TBD Rev
3/20/23	Debit C.	Ilio DiPaolos		-\$1,347.00		\$23,916.74	23 Banquet Exp
3/23/23	ACH With	National Fuel		-\$102.00		\$23,814.74	Gas Exp.
3/24/23	ACH With	National Grid		-\$140.00		\$23,674.74	Electric Exp.
3/27/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$16.95		\$16.16	\$23,690.90	Gorge Book Rev
3/27/23	Check	#1562 - Becky Gerstung		-\$96.98		\$23,593.92	Reimburse - Misc Exp
3/28/23	Check	#1563 - Ben Hiltz		-\$392.70		\$23,201.22	Reimburse - Restroom Plumbing Parts Exp
3/29/23	Check	#1561 - Niagara County Health Dept		-\$50.00		\$23,151.22	2023 Chic BBQ Health Permit Exp
3/30/23	Dep.	By Neal Kerin			\$95.00	\$23,246.22	2023 Membership / General Donation Rev.
			Total				
			Withdrawals	Total Deposits			
			-\$3,386.28	\$1,691.45			
							Outstanding 3/31/23
							Nancy Andrycha \$105.93
							Utica & Mohawk Valley Chapter \$120.00
							Total Outstanding Items \$225.93
							Closing Bank Balance \$23,246.22
							Closing Financial Position \$23,020.29

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Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

March 4, 2023

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Motion by Steve Frey, Second by Bruce Becker: That the Chapter purchase from Irr Supply a replacement ADA compliant commode with grab bars and associated hardware and connectors for the ladies room. Total expenditure not to exceed \$500.

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Al LeTeste	* <i>yes</i>	
Mark Lewandowski	* <i>yes</i>	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	*	
Bruce Becker	Yes	verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	email
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed March, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

** No Reply*

James V. Ball

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President

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April 22, 2023

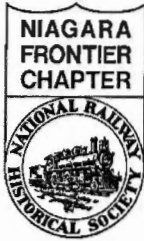
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Motion by Steve Frey, Second by Randy Bugucki: That the Chapter purchase a truckload, approximately 22-1/2 tons cost approximately \$750.00
To be used for completing the rehab of the east siding.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	
Greg Gerstung	Yes	verbal
Bob Andrycha	Yes	email
Nancy Andrycha		email
Neal Keirn	Yes	email
Al LeTeste	Yes	email
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	Yes	verbal
Bruce Becker	Yes	email
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	email
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed April 24, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball



Treasurer's Report

May 2023

Opening Account Balance - 5-1-23	\$21,701.022
Plus Total Deposits	+\$5,566.28
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 5,535.40
Closing Account Balance - 5-31-23	\$21,731.90
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 0.00
Closing Financial Position - 5-31-23	\$21,731.90

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

CHIC BBQ PROFITS \$1001.17
MATCHING DONATIONS - TODAY \$1850.00

May 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information								
Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)	Comments	
5/01/23		[Balance As of 05/01/2023]				\$21,701.02		
5/01/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$325.00	\$22,026.02	\$270 Donations (\$200 ROC Group/\$70 Misc.); \$55 '23 Calendar Rev	
5/01/23	Check	#1560 - Utica & Mohawk Valley NRHS		-\$120.00		\$21,906.02	DVD Purchase For Sale Exp	
5/02/23	Mob Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$500.00	\$22,406.02	\$500 Matching Grant Donation from S. Frey Rev	
5/02/23	ACH With	Spectrum		-\$117.97		\$22,288.05	Phone/Data Service Exp	
5/03/23	ACH Dep	Amazon Smile			\$7.06	\$22,295.11	Amazon Smile Donation Rev.	
5/03/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Press		-\$42.10		\$22,253.01	May Newsletter Printing & Mailing Exp.	
5/03/23	ACH With	Square		-\$16.20		\$22,236.81	Square Marketing Charge Exp	
5/04/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$125.00		\$120.77	\$22,357.58	\$125 Matching Grant Donation Rev	
5/08/23	ACH With	Square		-\$10.00		\$22,347.58	Unknown Expense	
5/08/23	Debit C.	NYS Charities Bureau		-\$25.00		\$22,322.58	23 NYS Charity Registration Exp	
5/08/23	ACH Dep	#1570 - Becky Gerstung		-\$505.03		\$21,817.55	Reimburs; \$393.03 BBQ Exp; \$112.00 Mics.	
5/08/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$10.00		\$9.41	\$21,826.96	\$10 Matching Grant Donation Rev	
5/09/23	Check	#1569 - Jim Ball		-\$831.05		\$20,995.91	Ballast Reimbursement Exp	
5/12/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$70.00	\$21,065.91	TBD Rev	
5/12/23	Check	#1569 - Ben Hiltz		-\$144.39		\$20,921.52	Reimburs TBD Exp	
5/15/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$573.00		\$555.89	\$21,477.41	'25.00 23 Membership; \$100 Matching Grant Donation; \$448 '23 BBQ Rev.	
5/15/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$28.00		\$26.89	\$21,504.30	23 BBQ Rev	
5/15/23	Debit C.	Buffalo Sign Rental		-\$100.00		\$21,404.30	23 BBQ Exp	
5/15/23	Debit C.	Fed Ex		-\$19.54		\$21,384.76	Matching Grant Poster Exp	
5/15/23	Check	#1568 - RL Stone		-\$133.25		\$21,251.51	Locomotive Window Glazing Exp	
5/16/23	Check	#1571 - Tater Cakes		-\$334.80		\$20,916.71	23 BBQ Cookies Exp	
5/17/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$371.00	\$21,287.71	23 BBQ Rev	
5/18/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$3,562.00	\$24,849.71	23 BBQ Rev	
5/19/23	ACH Dep	Amazon Smile			\$18.26	\$24,867.97	Amazon Smile Donation Rev.	
5/23/23	ACH With	National Fuel		-\$80.07		\$24,787.90	Gas Exp.	
5/23/23	Check	#1571 - Chivettas		-\$2,916.00		\$21,871.90	23 BBQ Exp	
5/26/23	ACH With	National Grid		-140.00		\$21,731.90	Electric Exp	
				Total Withdrawals	Total Deposits			
				-\$5,535.40	\$5,566.28			
							Outstanding 5/31/23	
							Total Outstanding Items	\$0.00
							Closing Bank Balance	\$21,731.90
							Closing Financial Position	\$21,731.90

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

May 15, 2023

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Steve Frey, Second by Bruce Becker: That the Chapter purchase a truckload, approximately 22-1/2 tons of #3A ballast for the east siding. Cost approximately \$850.00

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	Yes	verbal
Greg Gerstung	Yes	verbal
Bob Andrycha	Yes	verbal
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	verbal
Neal Keirn	*	email
Al LeTeste	Yes	verbal
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	verbal
Randy Bugucki	Yes	email
Bruce Becker	Yes	verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	verbal
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed May 16, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Frontier Chapter, Inc. was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the station, 111 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, New York.

Those present were: Jim Ball, Bob Andrycha, John Dahl, Bruce Becker, Steve and Karen Frey, Ben Hiltz, Al LeTeste, Dave Skoney, Greg and Becky Gerstung. Randy Bugucki was on the phone.

The first order of business was a motion to enter into a contract with the Bank of Evans made by Bruce Becker, seconded by Steve Frey and approved by those present. (copy attached). After explanation by Bruce and discussion it had full approval. Bruce and Jim met at the bank, bank people met at the station and Thursday will be our closing date, June 15, 2023. A check will then be issued to the contractor and work will resume.

We also need to have a second account with the bank per their requirements. A motion was made by Karen Frey, seconded by Steve Frey and passed. Bruce told us that Empire State Development approves payment at the end of the project. We need to have a 4 x 6 banner installed stating that this is a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant sponsored by New York State. He will see that all the required verbiage is included.

The next order of business was to accept a conflict of interest policy for the organization. This is a requirement for us to register as a New York State Charity. Steve Frey moved, Bob Andrycha seconded that we accept a policy as presented by Bruce Becker. The motion was passed. (copy attached). This is a "boiler plate" policy acceptable by the State. It will need to be signed by officers and directors each year.

We have received an invitation from the Western New York Railway Historical Society to attend a Commemoration Celebration of Lehigh Valley locomotive #252 on June 25. You must RSVP.

John Dahl again mentioned a need for better communication between him, Neal and others concerning membership, addresses, etc.

Greg and Bob are working on a calendar for 2024. John Dahl has a suggestion from Larry Gustina.

Jim Ball has submitted a form to CSX to enter the property at Kenmare Yard to pick up 2,000 ties. Neal has promised manpower. We need to get on this and move the material to the station property for future use.

Jim has sent out a link concerning archival procedures. It is very complete and a guideline for us to get our archives organized and properly cataloged and stored. He will contact and set up a meeting with someone for professional guidance. We are 30 years behind schedule on this

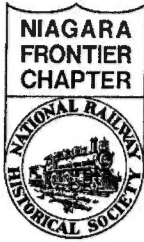
project, but needs to be addressed now that we have enlarged the archive room and can actually work in there and get current.

Bruce reported that we have received \$2,690 for matching funds. It is obvious that we will not get \$50,000 from our membership. We need to do a community outreach, get local politicians and other groups and organizations involved to reach the full potential of this gift.

Being advertised as being open for the season we need to make certain that someone is available, preferably two people, every Saturday to welcome guests. Every Board member should commit to some time for this. Future installation of "QR" codes at every display case will help to let people get information without an actual person guiding them.

We have been approached by Brian Angevine to participate in one of his schemes. He is arranging a display that will be available at our station, Williamsville Depot, Orchard Park and Lee Street. He says he will arrange for a group to visit these displays. Bob will accept Brian's offer with some commitments from his such as when the display will be ready and when we can expect a group visit.

The meeting was adjourned being no further business at this time.



Treasurer's Report

May 2023

Opening Account Balance - 5-1-23	\$21,701.022
Plus Total Deposits	+\$5,566.28
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 5,535.40
Closing Account Balance - 5-31-23	\$21,731.90
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 0.00
Closing Financial Position - 5-31-23	\$21,731.90

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

CHIC BBQ PROFITS \$1001.17
MATCHING DONATIONS: TO DATE \$1850.00

May 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information						
Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)
5/01/23		[Balance As of 05/01/2023]				\$21,701.02
5/01/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$325.00	\$22,026.02
5/01/23	Check	#1560 - Utica & Mohawk Valley NRHS		-\$120.00		\$21,906.02
5/02/23	Mob Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$500.00	\$22,406.02
5/02/23	ACH With	Spectrum		-\$117.97		\$22,288.05
5/03/23	ACH Dep	Amazon Smile			\$7.06	\$22,295.11
5/03/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Press		-\$42.10		\$22,253.01
5/03/23	ACH With	Square		-\$16.20		\$22,236.81
5/04/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$125.00		\$120.77	\$22,357.58
5/08/23	ACH With	Square		-\$10.00		\$22,347.58
5/08/23	Debit C.	NYS Charities Bureau		-\$25.00		\$22,322.58
5/08/23	ACH Dep	#1570 - Becky Gerstung		-\$505.03		\$21,817.55
5/08/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$10.00		\$9.41	\$21,826.96
5/09/23	Check	#1569 - Jim Ball		-\$831.05		\$20,995.91
5/12/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$70.00	\$21,065.91
5/12/23	Check	#1569 - Ben Hiltz		-\$144.39		\$20,921.52
5/15/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$573.00		\$555.89	\$21,477.41
5/15/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$28.00		\$26.89	\$21,504.30
5/15/23	Debit C.	Buffalo Sign Rental		-\$100.00		\$21,404.30
5/15/23	Debit C.	Fed Ex		-\$19.54		\$21,384.76
5/15/23	Check	#1568 - RL Stone		-\$133.25		\$21,251.51
5/16/23	Check	#1571 - Tater Cakes		-\$334.80		\$20,916.71
5/17/23	Dep.	By Becky Gerstung			\$371.00	\$21,287.71
5/18/23	Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$3,562.00	\$24,849.71
5/19/23	ACH Dep	Amazon Smile			\$18.26	\$24,867.97
5/23/23	ACH With	National Fuel		-\$80.07		\$24,787.90
5/23/23	Check	#1571 - Chivettas		-\$2,916.00		\$21,871.90
5/26/23	ACH With	National Grid		-140.00		\$21,731.90
				Total Withdrawals	Total Deposits	
				-\$5,535.40	\$5,566.28	
						Outstanding 5/31/23
						Total Outstanding Items
						\$0.00
						Closing Bank Balance
						\$21,731.90
						Closing Financial Position
						\$21,731.90

The regular meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. was held on Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Wheatfield Community Center, North Tonawanda, New York.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ball. Guests were welcomed.

Bruce Becker reported a balance of \$21,731.90. The barbecue netted a profit of around \$600. To date we have had \$1,850.00 donated to the matching grant. This means \$3,700.00 has been raised. The \$50,000 grant continues for one year.

Membership Secretary Neal Keirn said we now have 92 renewals plus family members. He reported the passing of Jack Cindrich, long-time chapter member.

The program for the evening was brought to us from Utica by Bill Moll and John Koslosky on the Adirondack Railway.

Future programs include Devan Lawton for September, Tony Schill for November and Brian Angevine for December.

National Representative Becky Gerstung reported that tickets would be on sale very soon for the 2023 convention Labor Day weekend in South Florida. RailCamp is sold out for this year with one of the original campers coming back to be a counselor, Alex Schwarzmueeller.

As mentioned in the financial report the chicken barbecue was a success with about \$600 profit.

The museum is open for the season. Even with the contractor work continuing we need to dust off the displays and be available to visitors. There is painting to be done, the loading dock is completed, gutters are installed, new windows are in. EL-2 will be next on the schedule. We have the 25-ton diesel running.

Anton reported on the spy marker installation at the Niagara Falls Amtrak station May 24. We have re-applied for a marker for EL-2 to be first in line for a new marker especially for transportation subjects.

Canal Fest is on again with a parade. We will have to see if parking will be available.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

June 28, 2023

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Bruce Becker, Second by Bruce Greg Gerstung: That the Chapter allow Aaron Heverin to use and modify as he sees fit the Eiki film projector from our collection for digitizing films.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	
Greg Gerstung	Yes	email
Bob Andrycha	Yes	email
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	email
Neal Keirn	Yes	verbal
Al LeTeste	Yes	email
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	verbal
Randy Bugucki	*	
Bruce Becker	Yes	email
Jim Ball	Yes	email
Steve Frey	Yes	verbal
Karen Frey	*	
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed June 30, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

June 3, 2023

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Ben Hiltz, Second by Bruce Becker: That the Chapter reimburse Becky Gerstung \$249 for the purchase of Heavy Duty Metal (Home Depot pn 035441253265.) shelves to be used in the Archive Room.

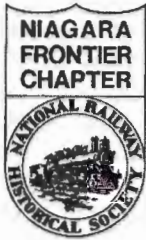
Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	Yes	verbal
Greg Gerstung	*	verbal
Bob Andrycha	Yes	email
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	email
Neal Keirn	Yes	verbal
Al LeTeste	Yes	email
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	verbal
Randy Bugucki	*	
Bruce Becker	Yes	verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	verbal
Steve Frey	No	verbal
Karen Frey	*	verbal
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed June 11, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President



Treasurer's Report

April 2023

Opening Account Balance - 4-1-23	\$23,246.22
Plus Total Deposits	+\$ 167.44
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$ 1,712.64
Closing Account Balance - 4-30-23	\$ 21,701.02
Total Outstanding Items	-\$ 264.39
Closing Financial Position - 4-30-23	\$21,436.63

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

NYS CHARTER

April 2023- Detailed Bank Account Information

Date	Type Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ. Dep. Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)	Comments
4/01/23		[Balance As of 04/01/2023]				\$23,246.22	
4/03/23	ACH With	Spectrum		-\$117.97		\$23,128.25	Phone/Data Service Exp
4/06/23	Mob Dep.	By Bruce Becker			\$25.00	\$23,153.25	23 Membership Rev.
4/07/23	Check	#1564 - Nancy Andrycha		-\$105.93		\$23,047.32	23 Banquet Exp
4/10/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$25.00		\$23.97	\$23,071.29	23 Membership Rev.
4/11/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Press		-\$42.10		\$23,029.19	April Newsletter Printing & Mailing Exp.
4/11/23	Debit C.	Pioneer Press		-\$50.10		\$22,979.09	March Newsletter Printing & Mailing Exp.
4/18/23	ACH With	Amherst Alarm		-\$252.00		\$22,727.09	Building Alarm System Exp.
4/18/23	Check	#1567 - NFC DRI Account		-\$1,000.00		\$21,727.09	Fund Evans DRI Checking Account Exp
4/19/23	Check	#1566 - City Clerk - Treasurer NT		-\$4.54		\$21,722.55	Tower Tax Exp
4/20/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$28.00		\$26.89	\$21,749.44	23 BBQ Rev
4/21/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$16.95		\$16.16	\$21,765.60	Gorge Book Rev.
4/24/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$28.00		\$27.17	\$21,792.77	23 BBQ Rev
4/25/23	ACH With	National Grid		-\$140.00		\$21,652.77	Electric Exp.
4/28/23	ACH Dep	Square	\$50.00		\$48.25	\$21,701.02	23 Gen. Donation Rev. - MATCH

Total	Total
Withdrawals	Deposits
-\$1,712.64	\$167.44

Outstanding 3/31/23	
Utica & Mohawk Valley Chapter	\$120.00
Ben Hiltz	\$144.39
Total Outstanding Items	\$264.39
Closing Bank Balance	\$21,701.02
Closing Financial Position	\$21,436.63

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2023, 111 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY.

Present were: Jim Ball, Bob Andrycha, Ben Hiltz, Neal Keirn, Bruce Becker, Al, LeTeste, John Dahl, Steve and Karen Frey, Dave Skoney, Greg and Becky Gerstung and Randy Bugucki via phone/TV.

Invited guest Aaron Heverin presented a proposal. He is trying to collect all of John Prophet's photo, film and audio collection for the purpose of digitizing and making it available per his promise to John to share this history. In dealing with the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Aaron needs the cooperation of a non-profit organization to guarantee its use and provide insurance while in Aaron's custody. After explanation of all that is involved, Steve moved, Bob seconded that the Chapter support Aaron in this endeavor and provide the necessary insurance required. The motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Bruce reported a balance of \$11,209.00 as of September 27, 2023. Reports attached.

Karen was asked to compare gas bills for the past year for the next meeting.

Neal reported a few new members over the past couple of months. The renewal notice will be out soon.

Becky Gerstung reported on the National. They are looking at a new membership service. With a newly elected Board of only 9 members a lot of day-to-day work and services are now falling to the Advisory Council. It is anticipated that more Zoom or Go-To meetings will be used. They are looking into the most effective program for a group like the National. There will be a joint meeting with the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society in May in Reno, NV. It will be at the time of their convention and all NRHS members will be invited to join their activities. Our convention will be in September in Florida.

Programs scheduled are Walter Simpson for October, Devan Lawton for November, possibly Members Night for December and Tony Schill for May.

Becky Gerstung did a brief review of the major projects at the museum over the last five years. Her point was that none of them have been completed as started. She urged us to complete the archive room expansion as soon as possible.

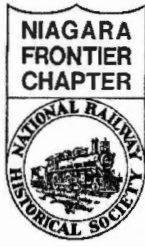
Jim talked about the recent acquisition of Jim VanBrocklin's photo collection and some memorabilia. Since none of it has been "officially" turned over to the Chapter it is felt that we do not have the right to sell any portion of it. Becky will call Paul VanBrocklin to see what other material is available and getting some kind of written record of what has transpired.

Bruce Becker was thanked for his involvement with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Without his efforts we would not be in the position of having been approved by North Tonawanda and having our proposal now with the State of New York for final funding approval by the end of the year. Bruce presented a comprehensive listing of all the parts of our application and how we would proceed. We are in agreement going forward with the order of priorities. A committee has been formed to handle this project going forward: Bruce, Jim, Ben, Randy, Steve and Karen. We need to secure a general contractor soon so that we are ready when the next construction season begins.

After some confusing discussion it was decided that the 2023 calendar will sell for \$13, \$15.50 through the mail. Becky will get them to BFLO Shops as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Treasurer's Report

September 2023

Opening Account Balance - 9-1-23	\$14,765.90
Plus Total Deposits	+\$1,700.72
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$3,949.50
Closing Account Balance - 9-30-23	\$12,517.12
Total Outstanding Items	-\$245.38
Closing Financial Position - 9-30-23	\$12,271.74

Minutes of the meeting:

The Regular Monthly meeting of the NRHS Niagara Frontier Chapter, Inc. was held on Friday, September 9, 2023, at 7 pm at the Wheatfield Community Center, Church Street, North Tonawanda.

President Ball called the meeting to order shortly after 7:20 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Motion by , second by Ben Hiltz. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Bruce Becker gave his report (attached).

Membership Chairman Neal Keirn had no report.

President Ball reported that tonight's program would be by Devan Lawton on the 100th Anniversary of the Flying Scotsman train trip across the U. S. We have a commercial DVD on the Lehigh Valley Buffalo Div. for October and Tony Schill will do November, subject to be advised. Brian Angevine will provide Rotary Snow Plow DVD for December. Mark Klingel has January, subject TBA.

The report from our National Advisory Council Representative, Becky Gerstung, was about Railcamp and the problems faced on the West Coast.

Robert Korthals was presented his 25 year pin by President Ball and Advisory Council Representative Becky Gerstung read the accompanying letter. Greg Gerstung took photos.

It was noted that the Central Terminal Restoration Corp. is still not finished with their construction work and this is another year without the Train Show.

The 2024 Calendar is available tonight. The "First Night" price is still \$10 and will be honored tomorrow at the Picnic as well.

President Ball reported that we are still working on several projects at the Station besides the DRI Grant Work. The problem with getting ties persists, they are available from CSX, but no one who has an appropriate truck will move them. We continue to try.

Bruce Becker Reported on the Picnic and Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at the Museum on Saturday. Mayor Tylec has been invited, festivities include a ribbon cutting ceremony and hot dogs, hamburgers and salads beginning at 2pm.

The Challenge Grant is still in effect, be generous.

The request from the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society by Kelly Lynch to use the digitized film of the 1941 NYC Empire State Express leaving Buffalo was approved and they were notified.

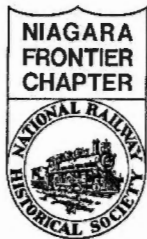
A committee was appointed to select a candidate to be elected as Advisory Council Representative. Ashley Smith, Randal Kibler and Bob Andrycha as Chairperson were appointed. Their report to be made at the next meeting and the election to be at the November meeting.

Anton SchwarzmueLLer reported on the marker application for EL-2. The application has been submitted to the Pomeroy Foundation and we are hoping that we will be awarded the first marker in the new Transportation Series. Anton noted that they used our proposal for the mockup on their literature.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday September 19th at 7:30pm at the station. An email will be sent.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and the program presented.

Respectfully Submitted



Treasurer's Report

September 2023

Opening Account Balance - 9-1-23	\$14,765.90
Plus Total Deposits	+\$1,700.72
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$3,949.50
Closing Account Balance - 9-30-23	\$12,517.12
Total Outstanding Items	-\$245.38
Closing Financial Position - 9-30-23	\$12,271.74

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

September 9, 2023

PO Box 1043
North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Kelly Lynch
Vice President
Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 11017
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Kelly;

This letter is to convey permission by Niagara Frontier Chapter, NRHS, Inc. for the use by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, Inc. of the digital copy of the film showing the New York Central train The Empire State Express leaving Buffalo, N. Y. on December 7, 1941. With this permission comes the requirement for crediting both the source and the photographer in any usage.

We trust that this letter meets with your requirements. Should you require any adjustment or addition to this document please let me know.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President

Minutes of the meeting:

The Regular Monthly meeting of the NRHS Niagara Frontier Chapter, Inc. was held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 7 pm at the Wheatfield Community Center, Church Street, North Tonawanda.

President Ball called the meeting to order shortly after 7:20 pm. There were no guests this evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Motion by Steve Frey , second by Ben Hiltz. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Bruce Becker gave his report (attached).

Membership Chairman Neal Keirn reported that it was time to begin the renewal process again. He and treasurer Bruce Becker are trying something new. Members who get their ESEX by email will get an emailed renewal notice. Members who get their ESEX by mail would get a mailed notice. He reminded everyone that the dues are now \$30 with emailed ESEX and \$35 with paper Essex by US Postal service.

Program Report: President Ball reported that tonight's program would be a commercial DVD featuring the LeHigh Valley with several scenes of the Buffalo Div. The DVD is courtesy of Larry Gustina and projection by Bruce Becker. Tony Schill will do November, subject to be advised. Brian Angevine will provide Rotary Snow Plow DVD for December. Mark Klingel has January, subject TBA.

There was no report from our National Advisory Council Representative, Becky Gerstung, as she is traveling.

Chairman of the nominating committee for Advisory Council Representative, Bob Andrycha, reported that Becky Gerstung would accept the nomination for the office for 2024. Notice will appear in the ESEX next month and the election will be at the November Meeting.

It was noted that the Central Terminal Restoration Corp. is still not finished with their construction work and this is another year without the Train Show and possibly next year as well. Newly discovered issues with the structure of the parking garage are holding things up.

The 2024 Calendar is available tonight. The price is \$13.

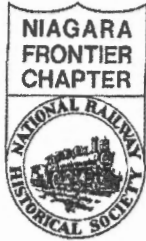
President Ball reported that we are still working on several projects at the Station besides the DRI Grant Work. We have a truck and driver lined up for Saturday November 4th to pick up ties. Arrangements courtesy of Neal Keirn and The Falls Road Railroad.

The Challenge Grant is still in effect, please be generous.

Anton Schwarzmueeller is working tonight, no Historic Marker Report.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and the program presented.

Respectfully Submitted



Treasurer's Report October 2023

Opening Account Balance - 10-1-23	\$12,517.12
Plus Total Deposits	+\$1,966.35
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$5,314.57
Closing Account Balance - 10-31-23	\$9,168.90
Total Outstanding Items	-\$0.00
Closing Financial Position - 10-31-23	\$9,168.00

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

MATCHING GRANTS DONATION
4359 = # 6718

Date	Type	Trans	Payee/Transaction Description	Squ.	Dep.	Gross	Withdrawal, Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance (YEAR)
10/01/23			[Balance As of 10/01/2023]						\$12,517.12
10/02/23	ACH	With	Square				-\$16.20		\$12,500.92
10/03/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$63.45		\$60.41	\$12,561.33
10/03/23	ACH	With	Spectrum				-\$117.97		\$12,443.36
10/03/23		Check	#2004 - Bob Andrycha				-\$190.00		\$12,253.36
10/03/23		Check	#2005 - Carl Butland				-\$55.38		\$12,197.98
10/04/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$15.50		\$14.75	\$12,212.73
10/05/23		Check	#2006 - City Clerk - Treasurer NT				-\$7.27		\$12,205.46
10/06/23		Dep.	By Becky Gerstung					\$304.00	\$12,509.46
10/06/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$15.50		\$14.75	\$12,524.21
10/06/23		Check	#2008 - WNYRHS				-\$165.00		\$12,359.21
10/10/23	ACH	Dep	Square					\$19.63	\$12,378.84
10/10/23	Debit C.		Amazon				-\$940.00		\$11,438.84
10/10/23	Debit C.		Amazon				-\$355.98		\$11,082.86
10/10/23	Debit C.		Sherwin Williams				-\$206.80		\$10,876.06
10/10/23		Check	#2007 - Twin City Glass				-\$97.00		\$10,779.06
10/11/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$15.50		\$14.75	\$10,793.81
10/11/23		Check	#2009 - Bruce Becker				-\$250.00		\$10,543.81
10/12/23		Check	#2010 - Bob Andrycha				-\$30.16		\$10,513.65
10/16/23		Dep.	By Bruce Becker					\$80.00	\$10,593.65
10/16/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$30.00	\$10,623.65
10/16/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$30.00	\$10,653.65
10/16/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$25.00		\$24.25	\$10,677.90
10/16/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$15.50	\$10,693.40
10/16/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$15.50	\$10,708.90
10/16/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$15.50	\$10,724.40
10/16/23	Debit C.		Amazon				-\$949.99		\$9,774.41
10/16/23		Check	#2011 - Steve Frey				-107.77		\$9,666.64
10/18/23		Dep.	By Bruce Becker					\$1,016.00	\$10,682.64
10/18/23	Debit C.		Pioneer Printing				-43.37		\$10,639.27
10/18/23	Debit C.		Pioneer Printing				-44.82		\$10,594.45
10/19/23	ACH	With	National Fuel				-125.00		\$10,469.45
10/23/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$50.00		\$48.25	\$10,517.70
10/24/23	ACH	With	National Grid				-127.00		\$10,390.70
10/25/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$186.00		\$180.01	\$10,570.71
10/25/23	M. Dep		By Bruce Becker					\$15.50	\$10,586.21
10/25/23		Check	#2012 - Ben Hiltz				-285.07		\$10,301.14
10/27/23		Check	#2013 - D. Bernard				-975.00		\$9,326.14
10/30/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$55.00		\$52.80	\$9,378.94
10/30/23	Debit C.		Amazon				-224.79		\$9,154.15
10/31/23	ACH	Dep	Square			\$15.50		\$14.75	\$9,168.90

	Comments
Square Marketing Charge Exp	
\$46.50 '24 Calendars/\$16.95 Gorge Book Rev	
Phone/Data Service Exp	
Square Marketing Charge Exp	
Poster Printing Exp.	
GE Repair Reimburse Exp	
School Tax Tower Exp	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
November Show Table Rental Exp	
\$15.50 '24 Calendar/\$5.00 Donation Rev	
Nut, Screw & Bolt Hardware Supply Exp - Reimbursement coming B	
GE & TI Engine Battery Chargers Exp	
Paint & Paint Supplies - DRI Expense	
GE Window Repair Exp	
2024 Calendar Rev	
Picnic Exp Reimburse	
Reimbur Paint Supply Exp	
Donation Rev.	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Membership Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
North End Furnace Exp - - Reimbursement coming S. Frey	
GE Repair Reimburse Exp	
\$1000.00 Reimbursement from Steve Frey/\$16 Donation	
September Newsletter Expense	
October Newsletter Expense	
Gas Exp	
Donation Rev.	
Electric Exp	
2024 Calendar Rev	
2024 Calendar Rev	
Misc. Reimburse Exp	
23-24 Winter Season Plow Season Exp	
\$25 2024 Membership /\$15.50 2024 Calendar Rev	
Fire Exit Signs & Nest Thermostat Exp	
2024 Calendar Rev	

Total Outstanding Items	\$0.00
Closing Bank Balance	\$9,168.90
Closing Financial Position	\$9,168.90

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

October 2, 2023

PO Box 1043

North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Steve Frey, Second by Al Le Teste: That the Chapter Reimburse Bruce Becker the amount of \$250.00 for food expense for the Chapter Picnic held September 9, 2023.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	*	
Greg Gerstung	Yes	email
Bob Andrycha	*	email
Nancy Andrycha	*	email
Neal Keirn	Yes	verbal
Al LeTeste	Yes	Verbal
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	email
Randy Bugucki	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Verbal</i>
Bruce Becker	Abstain	
Jim Ball	Yes	email
Steve Frey	Yes	email
Karen Frey	Yes	email
John Dahl	Yes	email
Ben Hiltz	Yes	verbal
*No Reply		

Vote closed October 5, 2023. The Motion has carried; the Secretary will please enter this report into the Minutes.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President

Minutes of the meeting:

The Regular Monthly meeting of the NRHS Niagara Frontier Chapter, Inc. was held on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 7 pm at the Wheatfield Community Center, Church Street, North Tonawanda.

President Ball called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. The only guest this evening was Frank Pastor. There were some 36 people in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Motion by Greg Gerstung, second by Ben Hiltz. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Bruce Becker gave his report (attached).

Membership Chairman Neal Keirn reported that the renewal process has begun again. He and treasurer Bruce Becker are trying something new. Members who get their ESEX by email will get an emailed renewal notice. Members who get their ESEX by mail would get a mailed notice. He reminded everyone that the dues are now \$30 with emailed ESEX and \$35 with paper Esex by US Postal service.

The Challenge Grant is still in effect, please be generous.

Program Report: President Ball reported that tonight's program would be courtesy of Tony Schill on the subject of interurban trollies. Brian Angevine will provide Rotary Snow Plow DVD for December. Mark Klingel has January, subject TBA. Beyond that is to be determined.

The report from our National Advisory Council Representative, Becky Gerstung. National is doing their membership renewal campaign.

There was no report from the Central Terminal Restoration Corp.

The 2024 Calendar is available tonight. The price is \$13.

Winterwalk is officially on, it will be Saturday December 2, the Museum will be open from 10am until 4 pm. Santa Clause is expected to make an appearance. Karen Frey and Nancy Andrycha are handling arrangements, Ben Hiltz and Bruce Becker are also on Committee.

We will be setting up for the WNYRHS Toy & Train Show on Friday at 10am We have three tables.

President Ball reported that we are still working on several projects at the Station besides the DRI Grant Work. We received approximately 240 ties from CSX at their former Kenmore yard thanks to Neal Keirn and the Falls Road Railroad for the use of their truck. A Reznor gas heater was given to us to be used to heat the workshop in the north end. It will be installed soon. Bob and Nancy Andrycha are painting the "stone room". Archival work continues. We have requested funding from the Niagara County Legislature for an HVAC unit for the expanded Archive Room.

Anton SchwarzmueLLer reported that today was the close of application for the new Transportation Series Historic Marker from the Pomeroy Foundation Report. We should hear soon if our application for EL-2 has been accepted.

The election of Advisory Council Representative was held. Becky Gerstung had agreed to be re elected. The Presiding Officer asked for nominations from the floor, there being none, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot electing Rebecca Gerstung to the post for the year 2014.

President Ball wished all the Veterans a happy Veterans day on Saturday and thanked them for their service.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and the program presented.

Respectfully Submitted

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting December 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter NRHS, Inc. was held at the Town of Wheatfield Community/Senior Center at 2790 Church Road in North Tonawanda. President Jim Ball called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. He asked if there were any guests, there were none.

There was a motion by Ben Hiltz and a second by John Dahl to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed. Carried.

Treasurer Bruce Becker gave his report which is attached.

Membership Secretary Neal Keirn Reported that the annual renewal campaign was in progress. There is a new format this year with on line subscribers getting on line renewal notices.

President Ball read the program report, tonight will be a DVD provided by Brian Angevine, Rotary Snow Plows on the Cumbres & Toltec. January's program will be by noted photographer Mark Klingel on contemporary railroading. February, March and April are open. Tony Schill has May.

National Advisory Council representative Becky Gerstung reported that National is also conducting their renewal campaign at this time. Calendars are for sale this evening for \$13.00

Central Terminal Restoration Corp. had no report. The major reconstruction project is ongoing. All activities held there are outside.

President Ball Gave the Restoration Report; a lot of things are getting done at the Museum. The transom window over the east door #1 is ready to install. Bob Andrycha is working prepping the utility room for painting. The "mini split" HVAC unit for the Archive Room is being installed. We have received a grant from The Niagara County Legislature \$6,700, to pay for the majority of the work. Carl Butland has removed the head lights from the Tonawanda Island locomotive and they will be rebuilt.

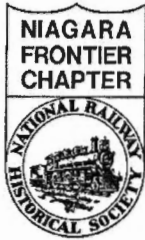
We participated in the annual WinterWalk festival. There were so many people through the Museum that no accurate count could be made. Santa Clause was in residence and we had the pony rides out front. A very successful day. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Anton Schwarzmeuller reported that the application process for the new Transportation Series historic marker closed today. We should know soon if we are approved.

The annual election of Chapter Officers was conducted by Advisory Council Representative Becky Gerstung. There being no nominations from the floor, the previously published list of candidates was elected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Treasurer's Report December 2023

Opening Account Balance - 12-1-23	\$10,243.95
Plus Total Deposits	+\$8,816.60
Minus Total Withdraws	-\$5,537.44
Closing Account Balance - 12-31-23	\$13,523.11
Total Outstanding Items	-\$32.37
Closing Financial Position - 12-31-23	\$13,490.74

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

December 17, 2023

PO Box 1043

North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Ben Hiltz, Second by Bruce Becker , That the Chapter purchase seven 20 lb ABC fire extinguishers From Trost Fire Equipment, Inc. for use on the property. This includes hanger brackets. Per quote from Trost (attached) \$161.00 per extinguisher and \$50.00 each per hanger. Total \$1477.00

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	Yes	Verbal
Greg Gerstung	Yes	Verbal
Bob Andrycha	Yes	Verbal
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	Verbal
Neal Keirn	Yes	
Al LeTeste	Yes	Verbal
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	Verbal
Randy Bugucki	*	email
Bruce Becker	Yes	Verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	Verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	Verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	phone
John Dahl	Yes	Verbal
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal

*No Reply

Vote closed December 18, 2023 The Motion is carried.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

Niagara Frontier Chapter

National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier

December 17, 2023

PO Box 1043

North Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

Motion by Becky Gerstung, Second by Steve Frey, That the Chapter make a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars to the American Brain Tumor Association in memory of Paul Van Brocklin.

Name	Vote	Method
Dave Skoney	Yes	Verbal
Greg Gerstung	Yes	Verbal
Bob Andrycha	Yes	Verbal
Nancy Andrycha	Yes	Verbal
Neal Keirn	Yes	
Al LeTeste	Yes	Verbal
Mark Lewandowski	*	
Becky Gerstung	Yes	Verbal
Randy Bugucki	*	
Bruce Becker	Yes	Verbal
Jim Ball	Yes	Verbal
Steve Frey	Yes	Verbal
Karen Frey	Yes	phone
John Dahl	Yes	Verbal
Ben Hiltz	Yes	Verbal

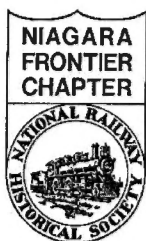
*No Reply

Vote closed December 18, 2023 The Motion is carried.

James V. Ball

James V. Ball

President



Treasurer's Report Calendar Year 2023

Opening Financial Position - 1-1-23	\$ 13,815.87
Plus Total Revenue	+\$ 40,955.84
Minus Total Expenses	-\$ 41,308.50
Owed From DRI Account	+\$ 5,922.41
Total Outstanding Items	-\$32.37
	-\$ 3,000.00
Closing Financial Position - 12-31-23	\$ 16,353.22
Net Operating Profit/Loss	+\$2,537.35

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce B. Becker

Bruce B. Becker

24 CARBON

EXPENSE - 2432.23
REVENUE - \$ 3,022.50
PROFIT \$ 590.27

MATCHING GRANT

TOTAL TO DATE - \$ 30,944.00

SB FUND (Locomotive Fund)

BXP. TO 12/31/23 \$ 2,522.86