

Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation
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2004 Annual Report

The hoped for acquisition of property near OMSI was still pending at the close of 2004. The ORHF Board continues to believe that this is the best site for the maintenance facility and other ORHF activities. With Gus Kamp's expertise, designs for the maintenance facility continued evolving along with revisions to the PowerPoint outreach program.

Work on the Business Plan got underway in the fourth quarter with the development of an outline and beginning an inventory of all equipment that currently resides at the Brooklyn Roundhouse.

On January 31st a planning retreat for the ORHF Board was held which was facilitated by Vaughn Brown of Jeanne Lawson Associates.

During May the second ORHF newsletter, Volume 1, Number 2 was published and distributed to approximately 400 supporters. During the year the ORHF mailing list continued to grow as interest return postcards were distributed at the Roundhouse, Portland's Union Station and other venues.

Discussions have begun and are on-going with the City of Portland regarding development of a formal agreement between the groups and the City for custodianship of the steam locomotives.

In November a proposal was forwarded to the Oregon Department of Transportation for incorporating rail car storage under the new MLK Viaduct. At the time of submission ODOT indicated that no planning had yet been developed for this space and appreciated our suggestion. All ORHF rail groups have major problems finding good and reasonably priced rail car storage space with covered space nearly non-existent.

Discussions continued between the City of Portland and Union Pacific Railroad regarding the Roundhouse water-oil separator maintenance and the facility lease.

Multiple Brooklyn Roundhouse tours were hosted for various community groups. Without question, Portland's steam locomotives are attractions even when not steaming and while they reside in a visitor *unfriendly* environment.

Following the receipt of the first stock donation, a process was established for accepting and liquidating donated stocks.

Board meetings are normally held the third Monday of each month beginning at 7 PM. The meeting facility is provided without charge by Michael Willis Architects and is very much appreciated.

The seven organizations comprising ORHF remain committed to the ORHF goals and to working together to reach these and other objectives.

2004 Outreach Meetings:

- Robin Grimwade, new City of Portland Parks Development Director.
- Multiple meetings with Mark Raggett, City of Portland Planner
- Dulcy A. Berri, RG, Principal Hydrogeologist, PBS Engineering & Environmental
- Multiple meetings with the Central Eastside Industrial Council Land Use committee.
- Multiple meetings with representatives of the Oregon Maritime Museum
- Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
- City of Portland Mayor Vera Katz

Organization Representatives:

Pacific Railroad Preservation Association – Dale Birkholz
Friends of 4449 – Doyle McCormack
Friends of O.R.& N. 197 – Rob Sinclair, as of September John Rasmussen
Northwest Rail Museum – Ed Immel
Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS – Arlen Sheldrake
City of Portland – Steve Pixley
Brooklyn Action Corps – Vacant until August 12th appointment of Gus Kamp
Community at Large Representative – Dick Samuels, Oregon Pacific Railroad
Community at Large Representative – Bob Melbo, ODOT-Rail Division

2004 Elected Officers:

President – Doyle McCormack
Vice-President – Ed Immel
Treasurer – Dale Birkholz
Secretary – Arlen Sheldrake

Adopted by the ORHF Board of Directors on February 28, 2005.

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