

Minnesota Streetcar Museum
2015 Operations Planning Meeting
Saturday, January 31, 2015
Recap

Attendees: Bill Arends, Bruce Gustafson, Rod Eaton, Todd Bender, Dave Higgins, Dick Zawacki

Weekend revenue service will begin at CHSL on Saturday, May 1st with daily revenue service beginning on Friday, May 22nd. Daily revenue service will end on Friday, September 4th. Regular service will end on Sunday, November 1st with no further service at CHSL until the Holly Trolley. The Holly Trolley is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29 and Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Hours of operation will be 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Vinternatt will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Revenue service at ESL will begin on Saturday, May 1st. With the Farmers' Market moving to Tuesday from Thursday, weekday revenue service will begin on Tuesday, May 5th. After Labor Day revenue service at ESL will be one shift only Saturday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be no regular revenue service during November.

The PCC will operate on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM starting on Sunday, May 24th through Labor Day, September 7th. The PCC will also operate on Wednesday evenings. The last day of PCC operation will be Labor Day.

Story Time trolley at ESL will be held on Thursdays. (Which Thursday each month?)

Carbarn at CHSL will be open on Fathers' Day from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Wednesday afternoon service will begin on June 3rd and go through August 26th. Time of operations will continue to be 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

PJ Trolley at CHSL will be the 3rd Thursday of June, July & August at 6:00 PM.

The Murder Mystery will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 PM on July 24, 25, 26, 31 and August 1 and 2.

Model Train Day at CHSL will be Saturday, August 8th from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM at the Isaacs Carbarn.

Streetcar Camp at CHSL will be Thursday, August 13 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Pumpkin Patch will be held at CHSL on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11.

Ghost Trolley at CHSL will be Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Trick 'r Trolley will be Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Ghost Trolley Late Show, Sunday, October 25 from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Halloween Trolley at ESL will be Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Trick 'r Trolley will be Sunday, October 25 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Christkindlsmarkt will be held at ESL on Friday and Saturday, November 27 & 28 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and on Sunday, November 29 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

ShiftPlanning

Bruce Gustafson will set up ShiftPlanning for the season, activate foremen, operators and station agents

Event helper position will be added for special events

Foremen and Operators will be activated after recertification

Track work session will be set up on ShiftPlanning and was scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at 9 AM

Charters will be up on ShiftPlanning with Bill Arends and Bruce Gustafson slotted as place holders.

Training

Foreman recertification will be required for all Foremen but will not require a check ride. It will be more a meeting with the foremen to brainstorm how to address the operational challenges we faced in 2014 and our expectation for 2015. Also have a laptop computer available to go over ShiftPlanning. The foremen will need to take a written test. Rod Eaton offered to write the test. Tentative schedule for these meetings was the first two Saturdays of April at the carbarn. It was not determined who would conduct these meetings.

Operator recertification: All second year operators will be required to take a check ride in addition to the written test. All operators will need to take a written test with a portion of operators randomly selected to take a check ride. Chris Heck will be contacted to determine how he selected the operators last year. The same test will be given to foremen and operators. No dates were scheduled for operator recertification.

New operator training will be headed up by Dave Higgins. Bill Arends will work with Dave on the orientation session for potential new operators. Orientation will be held at CHSL. Training will be done at both sites depending on which location the trainees plan on operating. Todd Bender will be in charge of training at ESL.

No dates have been set up for orientation.

Training will be schedule based on the availability of the trainers and trainees schedules.

Other

There will be no changes in regular fares or charter fares.

There will be no change in payment method for charters to include on-line payment

Stale merchandise should be discounted

Bill Arends will talk with Ben Franske and John DeWitt about the option for members to be able to renew on-line.

Rod Eaton will order the card schedules for 2015