

**Minnesota Streetcar Museum
Operation Committee Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022**

ATTENDEES:

Keith Anderson	Bill Arends	Todd Bender
Pat Cosgrove	John Dillery	Rod Eaton
Bruce Gustafson	Dave Higgins	Aaron Isaacs
Karen Kertzman	Jim Kertzman	Bill Pekarna
Jim Vaitkunas	Dick Zawacki	

The committee met via a Zoom meeting for approximately an hour and a half to discuss the following topics:

Recruitment Plan

Volunteer Coordinator Pat Cosgrove provided the Committee a status on recruitment indicating that emails to several local historical societies along with carryover names from last year have resulted in interest from 88 individuals. Based on the training schedule provided by Bill Pekarna, and the Committee's decision on vaccination requirements, Pat will send out emails shortly to the listed individuals to obtain their interest and commitment for an introductory training meeting.

Training

Overall, training will be led by Superintendent of Training Bill Pekarna with support from several members including Karen Kertzman and Todd Bender at ESL and Chris Heck leading PCC training.

Bill indicated that the training curriculum will be consistent with last year having the core training (classroom and on the car) at CHSL led by Bill. Once the car basics are trained trainees will be sent to the specific line they are interested in operating at for line-specific training.

The application cutoff date is tentatively set at 3/31, but exceptions may be made

Tentative Dates: MSM Orientation and Classroom Training sessions; Sun/Mon March 27/28 and Sun/Mon April 3/4

Car Availability / Mechanical Update

Chief Mechanical Officer Dick Zawacki indicated that two cars will be available at both railways at the start of the training season.

CHSL: Car nos. 322, 1300

ESL: Car nos. 78, 265

Engineering Update

Chief Engineer Keith Anderson discussed start-up plans to inspect and repair as necessary spikes, switch points, and other track infrastructure to ensure readiness for the opening of the 2022 season. Keith also mentioned that inspection work will continue on a scheduled basis throughout the year addressing prior year safety concerns. No major infrastructure work is planned for 2022 that would impact operations

Proposed Schedule – excluding special events

At ESL and CHSL, weekend service will start on April 30 and run through the Labor Day weekend in September. The Committee decided to not publish the printed schedule but have the schedules on-line only and to provide the information on the museum's bulletin boards such as the one at the 42nd Street CHSL's Linden Hills Station and the bulletin board at ESL's Water Street platform).

The planned schedule is listed below, but may change due to crew availability and finalizing ESL's Farmers Market plan.

CHSL

We will expand service at CHSL to reinstate Wednesday and Thursday evening operations. Additionally, to provide expanded options for charter operations we will schedule a second car during Saturday's 1st shift that will be available for charters. If no charters are scheduled, the car will operate as part of a normal 2-car operation. The intent is to provide charters access to a more attractive time slot and to avoid potential scheduling issues in having to find a second crew at short notice.

We are planning two PCC shifts – Thursday evening and Saturday 1st shift

The full schedule from May 27 to September 5 (Labor Day) is:

- Wednesday afternoon in June, July & August – 1 PM to 4 PM
- Wednesday evening – 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

- Thursday evening (PCC) – 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Friday afternoon in June, July & August– 1 PM to 4 PM
- Friday evening – 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Saturday – 1st shift 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM (PCC) & standard (charter) car
- Saturday – 2nd shift (std car) 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Sunday – 1st shift (std car) 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
- Sunday - 2nd Shift (std car) 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM

ESL

The current plan is shown below. If the Farmers’ Market does not happen, a second shift will be added to the Saturday operation June, July, and August.

- Saturday (1 shift) 11-3
- Sunday 12:30-3
- Farmers Market (status) Karen to confirm

Special Events

Both CHSL and ESL have extensive plans for special events and are planning a full slate of fall/Halloween and Christmas events and the return of some past favorites (Murder Mystery) assuming the lifting of COVID restrictions and other logistical challenges. In the comments below I am highlighting some of the notable changes to historical events. Thank you to Rod Eaton (CHSL) and Karen Kertzman (ESL) for developing very robust schedules.

CHSL

- Summer Santa (new)
- All Aboard (new event for autistic children)
- Kids Club events
- Returning favorites – PJ Party, Murder Mystery

ESL

- Art on the Lakes (June)
- Crazy Days (July)
- Apple Days (August)

Charters

Charter Manager Pat Cosgrove described some process changes to improve the handling of charter business. As noted in the scheduling section we will test Saturday afternoon service at

CHSL and plan to have the station open during some charters, providing an opportunity for store sales.

COVID Policy

The Committee approved the requirement for all operating volunteers to be fully vaccinated – which includes a third shot. As with the previous requirements we will not require proof but expect compliance. As noted in the Recruitment section, Pat will include this requirement as part of his communication with potential new volunteers.

Open Positions

- CHSL Grounds Foreman - OPEN

APPENDIX – ESL 2022 Special Events - Detail (as of 2/16/2022)

Story Time Trolley: Thursdays June 23rd, July 14th, August 18th. 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. & 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Farmer's Market: Tuesday's June 7th thru Tuesday August 30th. 2 P.M. – 5 P.M.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 30th 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Art on the Lakes: Saturday June 11 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. & 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Sunday June 12th 12:30 to 3 P.M.

Father's Day: Sunday June 19th 12:30 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Independence Day: Monday, July 4th 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Crazy Days: Thursday & Friday July 21st and 22nd 2P.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday July 23rd 10 A.M. to 1P.M. & 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Sunday July 24th 12:30 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Grandma's Day (Grandparents):

Sunday August 14th 12:30 to 3 P.M.

Labor Day: Monday September 5th 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Apple Days: Saturday September 17th 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. & 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Sunday September 18th 12:30 P.M. to 3P.M.

Halloween

Ghost Trolley (1 night only):

Saturday October 22nd 6 to 9 P.M.

Trolleyween: Sunday October 23rd 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. & 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Trick o' Treat in Excelsior:

October 29th New event for ESL, ride the trolley between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., \$2 per person. Trick o' Treating at the Excelsior merchants and the trolley 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Christmas

Jingle Bells Trolley (new event): Friday, Saturday & Sunday November 25th, 26th & 27th 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday December 2nd, 3rd, & 4th 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

COMO-HARRIET STREETCAR LINE 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27		29	Start of Service 	1

April

Operator Training
 Recertification
 Foremen Clinics
 Kids Clubs Family Ride
 Start Weekend Service

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
2	3	4	5	6	7	Mother's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16		18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Start Daily Service	28	29
Memorial Day Service	31					

May

Training Continues
 Mother's Day
 Kids Clus RoW Cleanup
 Open Door Mpls.
 Start Daily Wed - Fri
 Memorial Day

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
		Start Wed/Fri Afternoon	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Owl Service	ALL ABOARD
13		15	16	17	18	Father's Day
20	R.J. PARTY	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June

Start Wed/Fri Afternoon
 Owl Service
 All Aboard
 Kids Clubs Speeder Ride
 Father's Day
 PJ Party

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MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
July Fourth Service	5	6	7	8	Owl Service	ALL ABOARD
11	12	13	14	15		17
18	P.J. PARTY	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July

Fourth of July
 Owl Service
 All Aboard
 Kids Clubs Barn Tour
 PJ Party
 Murder Mystery

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	SUMMER SANTA	10	11	12	Owl Service	ALL ABOARD
15		17	Streetcar Camp	19	20	21
22	P.J. PARTY	24	Streetcar Camp II	26	27	28
29	30	31		End Wed/Fri Afternoon		

August

Murder Mystery
 Summer Santa
 Owl Service
 All Aboard
 Kids Clubs PCC Ride
 Streetcar Camp I
 PJ Party
 Streetcar Camp II
 End Wed/Fri Afternoon

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	End Daily Service	3	4
Labor Day Service	6	7	8	9	Owl Service	11
12	13	14		16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	Company Picnic
26	27	28	29	30		

September

End of Daily Service
 Labor Day
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