

Association of Commuter Rail Employees

Local Division 9

Locomotive Engineers

Regular Meeting Summary

October 10, 2005

Meeting called to order at 11:01

Total members attending-27

Motion-Minutes –carried

Financial report-carried

Motion to suspend regular business & open nominations-carried

Nominations closed (See page 2 for slate)

Committee reports

Relief: Bobby Amodia returned to work after rotator cuff surgery. The October 6 retirement party went very well. Mike Coar returned to work after injuring his elbow. Bruce Sullivan is out of work from previous ankle injury. Joe Spreng recovering from a broken foot sustained while getting off equipment in NH. Timmy Lynch undergoing chemo for cancer of the jaw. Fred Kelly making great progress in his battle with cancer. Mike Lynch will be retiring at the end of October.

Local Chairman:

NH: (RR DeAndrus) Getting an early start on Thanksgiving schedules. Anyone wishing to be off or to work the holiday please contact a LC.

HR: (TR Cooper) Leaf season is here. All members should use extreme caution. MN has been sending letters of investigation for on the job injuries. If you have received a letter of investigation contact your Local Chairman immediately, DO NOT SIGN ANY WAIVERS. GC MF Doyle is fighting this issue.

HD: (JJ Potthast) There is talk over a new station in Tarrytown to accommodate the new condominium development in the site of the old GM plant. John McNulte will be leaving Harmon and will be replaced by Sue Doering and Eddie Byrne. .

GCT: (RR Gunderman) Jobs have stayed largely the same.

General Chairman: (MF Doyle) The Metro North Labor Coalition is meeting with the MTA and the NMB over the stalemate in contract negotiations. The recent BLET A-card mailing contained some information that is intended to smear ACRE officers. First, the so called “mystery” \$5500 disbursement on the 2004 LM-2 report was actually money paid by members to have their bone marrow tested for John D’Amore. The OLMS requires it to be reported in this manner, as these funds were solely intended for a specific member. Second, the W-2’s presented were not the only source of funds paid to the officers. Conspicuously absent were the W-2’s and LM report for the GCof A of 127 . There you will see the majority of funds paid to officers. There is no greater amount of money paid to ACRE than BLE 127 aside from the fact that hourly wage increases have risen since 1999. Lastly, an aspersion was cast that an agreement was “hidden” from the contract package was a memorandum to have MN pay all costs associated with “union business mark-offs”. Under our by-laws, and those of our previous organization, total reimbursement is required. This

was done only as a mechanism for reimbursement. To this date, no ACRE Local 9 member has ever utilized this. All members marking off union business have been reimbursed entirely by the Division and not made use of this process because the mark-off's are too infrequent.

President's Report: (MB McCarthy) New furniture has been ordered for the lounge. Delivery is being held up until the leaking problem is resolved. Election ballots will be prepared and mailed on October 22, 2005.

Unfinished Business – A rough draft of the “Retirement Checklist” has been prepared. After conferring with the respective departments involved the checklist will be available to all members.

New Business – Motion “Accept 24 student applications”-carried unanimously

The following are the results of Local Division 9 Nominations held on October 10, 2005:

General Committee

- **General Chairman:** MF Doyle unopposed
- **Local Chairman GCT:** RW Strobel
SJ Donnelly
- **Local Chairman NH:** Donnie Whalen
Tommy Kirner
- **Local Chairman HR:** TR Cooper unopposed
- **Local Chairman HD:** JJ Potthast unopposed

Local Division

- **President:** MB McCarthy unopposed
- **Vice President:** DG O'Keefe unopposed
- **Legislative Rep:** JM Gaines unopposed
- **Alt Legislative Rep:** VA Flanagan unopposed
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** JR Lindenberg
LR Weigel
- **Alt Sec/Treasurer:** MV Mitchell
Chris Lundy
- **Executive Board Trustee:** L Carpenter
RK Hadley
PJ Byrne
- **Local Division Trustee:** JT Dudek unopposed
MA Bellucco unopposed
- **Board of Appeals:** JM Spreng

John McBride

SA Zumpano

A Mahoney

G Scanlon

• **Alt Board of Appeals:**

Tom Potthast

unopposed

• **Guide**

Kenny Dibble

unopposed