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Quarterly Business Meeting

October 11, 2006 • 8 PM

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

II. QUORUM AND PROXIES

Members present: John Bruno, Cliff Bender, Charlie White, Everett Evans, Tom Morrow, Dave Flynn, Ed Zeiss, Pat Fluhrer, Dave Sanchez, Jerry Duncan, Bryan Hunnell, Arie Korporaal, Pat Keegan, Jerry Brooks, with proxies Ron Wardwell to Pat Keegan, Bill Chappell and Dave Flynn, and Lee Stewart to John Deka. A quorum was established.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Zeiss moved approval of the minutes of the July 2006 meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Jerry Duncan. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Jack Ross has completed his stint in Scenery Department and has done some in Track Department. He still needs to work in two other departments before being advanced to Active Membership.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Assets:	\$12,200.55
Liabilities:	\$8,350.70
Net Available:	\$3,642.05

Note: Liability includes \$5,000 building maintenance fund.

Total assets of \$12,200.55 (comprised of business checking, regular savings, Man of the Year Fund, investment CD, credit balance at hobby shop) with projected expenses of \$9,250 for the year. The First Quarter income exceeded expenses by \$410.29.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Report as distributed.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Branchline and Narrow Gauge (Ed Zeiss)

Charlie White reported that wire feeds to Branchline, Narrow Gauge, Common, and Reversing Block have been added. For now this portion of the layout works as a large, single block. Adding two junction blocks could have the Narrow Gauge operational for Open House.

Some switches need to be installed. Arie Korporaal has volunteered to install the switch machines needed.

B. Construction/Facilities (Pat Keegan)

Painting of the club building is being planned now. The discussion centered around the date for the project and how many members can be present to help on the chosen date. A discussion as to color, scheme, and “decorations” was held. The matter of the paint scheme was discussed and referred to the Board of Directors.

C. Electrical (Dave Flynn)

Finishing up odds and ends: relay panels 3 and 4; the network is powered from the power panel and not via an extension cord; Vista Yard can now be powered from West End/EYF; Casper Tower panel is finished and waiting to be inked; it will be built in the February/March time.

Relay project will require the layout to be down 6 to 8 weeks to complete. Some signals have been added.

The West End Yard panel has new drawer slides rated at 400 lbs. The drawer can be opened/closed with a finger.

D. Standards (Arie Korporaal)

Standards Department has completed the checking of all equipment on the layout and several sets of member's trains a week ago. Bad ordered equipment has been placed in the wheel cleaning room. Take yours home; it is not a long-term storage area for bad-ordered equipment. If you have equipment needing to be checked before Open House you have one more Wednesday night before we begin “shakedown” operations for Open House.

E. Scenery (Charley White)

Plexiglas has been installed along the perimeter of the benchwork to protect close up scenery. John Deka, Glen Gardner, Pat Fluhrer, Pat Keegan, and several others worked on this project.

Some discussion ensued on the progress on “the hole” above Manzanar.

F. Signals (Everett Evans)

A new bracket has been designed and installed for mounting signals to the layout. These are used

were it is not feasible to drill simple mounting holes in the existing plaster. A few new signals have been constructed along with the reworking of an existing signal bridge.

G. Track (Bill Chappell)

Board of Directors met with Bill and discussed short- and long-term projects. Trolley line will be moved to the top of the Track Department list. Other projects will be evaluated.

H. Del Mar City (Jim Keena)

Street lights have been created for use in Del Mar by Dave Flynn.

I. Open House (Jerry Duncan)

Jerry pointed out that the building needs a “deep cleaning” before Open House. He suggests each member should sign up for jobs on the Open House job list.

Each member can have two trains on the layout at Open House. Some discussion ensued on the running of Metrolink trains (2 at a time tying up 2 cabs). Run the appropriate rolling stock for the era of the prototype. Trains will not be broken up during Open House except power and caboose exchanged after a run around the layout.

J. Video/Theatrical (Bryan Hunnell)

New monitor has been donated to the club.

Jerry Duncan has donated a new screen to the club which will be mounted in a new location in the future. It will be mounted at an optimum angle of 45 degree to the long axis of the club room.

A slide projector and carousel trays was donated by Arie Korporaal.

K. Operations (John Deka)

No report

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Bylaw change: Nominations for officers to be made at one (business) meeting prior to the biannual election of officers meeting.

There being no written motion presented for the members’ consideration the proposal was tabled until the next business meeting. Bruno moved, Fluhrer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scale Rails article

Bryan is collecting information or articles written about the club which will be used to prepare an article for the NMRA Scale Rails monthly publication. Due date is November 1st.

B. Preparation and installation of a professional club logo sign

White moved, Fluhrrer seconded that a vinyl-covered sign over the existing metal sign on the front of the building to be paid from donations and recycling money. The existing paint has been stripped and the metal sign will be used for the vinyl covering including protective covering with

Bruno, White, Duncan, Zeiss, Evans, Korporaal and Geer donated \$20 each; Morrow donated \$10 for a total of \$150. The balance of the cost will come from recycling money.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

White: Susan and Charley White are having a Halloween Party on October 21st. It is a desert-luck party so bring a desert to share. Their Christmas Party is December 2 at 6 PM; horse and only rides will be part of the fun.

Fluhrrer: Pat Keegan has fixed and donated a 2-6-2 and a couple of other rolling stock for the Open House. Fluhrrer will order 1,000 wheel sets from Intermountain for resale to club members. Normally they are \$0.75 per axle; in quantity they would be about \$0.40 per axle.

Sanchez: Bill Walker has opened up a discount train store on Las Tunas, across the street from Mama Petrillo's.

Annual Awards Banquet will be at Edwards Steak House.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn until the next Quarterly Business Meeting was made by Brooks, seconded by Bruno and passed unanimously at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Arie Korporaal, Assistant Superintendent