

*Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc.*  
*854 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776*

**Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**October 14, 2009**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. The meeting was called to order by General Superintendent Bryan Hunnell at 8:03 P.M.
- II. QUORUM AND PROXIES
  - A. Members present are: Bender, Brooks, Chappell, Duncan, Evens, Flynn, Gomez, Hunnell, Keegan, Keena, Korporaal, and Wardwell.
  - B. Members present by proxy are: Olesen and Stewart.
  - C. Non-voting members present are: Ashcraft (Probationary), and Geer (sustaining)
- III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA  
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- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - A. It was moved by Flynn, seconded by Duncan, and passed unanimously that the minutes of the July 8, 2009 annual meeting be approved.
- V. MEMBERSHIP
  - A. A quorum was established among the active members present (12) and valid proxies (1).
  - B. Current probationary members are Ashcraft, Rippy, and Smith. Jack Ross has been dropped from membership status for non-payment of dues and inactivity.
  - C. It was learned that long-time honorary member John Weis passed away in early October.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (Keena)
  - A. The Paymaster noted that the club is "still holding its own financially."
  - B. Net Worth:
    - 1. Total Assets \$9,684.00
    - 2. Total Liabilities \$8,048.13
    - 3. Assets less Liabilities \$1635.87
  - C. It was moved by Chappell, seconded by Flynn, and passed unanimously that the Financial Report be approved as submitted.
- VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - A. Branch Line and Narrow Gauge
    - 1. No report
    - 2.
  - B. Construction and Facilities (Keegan)
    - 1. Javier Gomez replaced several fluorescent lamps and ballests, and one entire new fixture. The layout is now visible again.

- C. Electrical (Flynn)
  - 1. The new overview tower panel (OVT) was installed in August, and operational checks completed.
  - 2. New main panel relays for Highland-Greely blocks 310-2, 311-2, 312-2, and 313-2 were installed for operation by the new OVT panel.
  - 3. Because of the new OVT panel, the local Highland-Greely yard panel can no longer be used, yard tracks are not available.
  - 4. Also - the existing CTC panel is not compatible in the Highland-Greely and loop area.
  - 5. A CNC router machine is now under construction, from parts donated by Dave Flynn, and new parts as required donated by Bill Chappell. This machine is being assembled in the workshop area, and takes up considerable floor space. It will be used for drilling new computerized control panels for our layout. Services could also be sold to other clubs.
  - 6. A panel layout design (by Chppell) for the new computerized Baker Tower is virtually complete in VectorWorks program, may need some fine-tuning, and will need layer separation.
  
- D. Standards (Korporaal)
  - 1. Arie reports he is 'back-in-the-game' after his 'sprained ankle' problem.
  - 2. Equipment checking for Open House operations is in progress, for new rolling stock to be used, older equipment will be 'grandfathered' in.
  - 3. A new digital weight scale was donated by Chappell for standards committee use.
  
- E. Scenery (Keena)
  - 1. Jim Keena is taking over the scenery department due Charlie White's new work schedule, making him much less available.
  - 2. Del Mar City has been re-installed and is undergoing cleanup for open house.
  - 3. It is proposed to try 'Flex-glue' to hold figures in place, this will allow them to be re-positioned as necessary.
  
- F. Signals (Evans)
  - 1. The cantilever signal bridge at block 110-120 east bound is under repair and will be reinstalled when fixed.
  
- G. Track (Chappell)
  - 1. Replaced SM at 202-Bayshore crossover, it was on continuously, therefore could not be operated, also it required some fine-tune re-gauging.
  - 2. Re-gauged a warehouse switch causing derailments.
  - 3. Replaced the in-operative warehouse lead SM.
  - 4. The Roundhouse panel is closed for the duration to re-wire and replace all switch machines to the current amplified 'pull-to ground' control-line operated type, was still using the direct 24v power control. This job will be completed before open house.
  
- H. Del Mar City (Keena)
  - 1. Trolley switches (by ORR) purchased for Del Mar City will be modified for 2-rail operation.
  - 2. Del Mar City was re-installed for Open House - see under 'Scenery' report above.
  - 3. Dave Flynn mentioned that it might be possible to use servo motors for switch machine control.
  
- I. Open House (Sanchez)
  - 1. The October 31 Mini Open House for LA Division was cancelled by them, they were doing the San Fernando Valley area for this tour.

2. Our regular Open House is scheduled for November 4, 7, & 8. Clean-up is in progress.
  3. An sign-up sheet is available for those expecting to be present, see Byran.
  4. Keena has obtained donations for our raffle from 'R-Hobbies' in La Mirada.
  5. At present, food service is to be determined, there are no volunteers yet.
- J. Video/Theatrical (Hunnell)
1. Bryan states that more cameras will be added, no schedule mentioned.
  2. Arie will set up the camera train for operation during open house.
- K. Operations (Keena)
1. A passenger train timetable with rules has been made up by James, some operations will be done on Saturdays.
  2. Flynn mentioned that a 'track warrants' style of operation might be tried.
  3. Byran mentioned that 'traffic problems' could be set up, some were tried out last Wed. night.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Bryan re-iterated the concept of theme nights for operation - such as older equipment vs. newer equipment.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- A. The summer electric bills were very high, due to extensive use of the air conditioner - it was suggested that a new thermostated be installed.
- B. The old malfunctioning TV set was removed, and transported to a hazards waste center. A new digital capable TV is proposed for the replacement.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- A. Arie has found a new pastime, known as 'Geo-Caching', going on a scavenger hunt look for whatever, location defined by GPS coordinates. Arie states that this is lots of fun, gets you into strange places, and is entertaining, except when one slips and damages one's ankle, making getting around very difficult for a time.
- B. Arie has upgraded the Club Website, including zoom pictures in the header. (Whatever that means?)
- C. Bryan mentioned a restaurant in O.C. adjacent to the BNSF tracks as a possible for our January banquet.
- D. Brooks mentioned a restaurant in Arcadia also as a possibility, has many beers, and an outside patio with heaters.
- E. Keena mentioned that this coming weekend is the Cajon Division convention, and there is also a 'Barstow Flyer' trip on private coaches/sleepers running a Day Trip to barstow.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M., motion by Wardwell, 2nd by Chappell, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Bill Chappell, Chief Clerk

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**NOTICE OF QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

A Quarterly Business Meeting of the Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers will be held on *13 January 2010* at 8:00 PM at the clubhouse in San Gabriel.

Many important items are scheduled to be discussed, so you are encouraged to attend and participate in any and all business brought before the membership. If you will be unable to attend, please complete the proxy below and return it to the Chief Clerk prior to the meeting.

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*PROXY*

I, \_ (print name) \_\_\_\_\_,

hereby give proxy to (name) \_\_\_\_\_,

to act on my behalf on all matters that come before the HPSMRRE membership at the Quarterly Business Meeting on *13 January 2010*.

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(signature) (date)

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**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**January 13, 2009                      8:00 PM**

- I.      CALL TO ORDER
- II.     QUORUM & PROXIES
- III.    ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
- IV.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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  - B.      Construction / Facilities
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  - D.      Standards
  - E.      Scenery
  - F.      Signals
  - G.      Track
  - H.      Del Mar City
  - I.      Open House
  - J.      Video / Theatrical
  - K.      Operations
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- IX.    NEW BUSINESS
- X.     ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XI.    ADJOURNMENT