



*Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc.*  
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## **Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting Oct. 12, 2011**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was called to order by General Superintendent Bryan Hunnell at 7:58 PM.

### **II. QUORUM AND PROXIES**

- A. Members present are: Gary Ashcraft, Cliff Bender, Jerry Brooks, Bill Chappell, John Deka, Everett Evans, Dave Flynn, Bryan Hunnell, Pat Keegan, Jim Keena, Arie Korporaal, Ray Olesen, Dave Sanchez, Keaton Walker, Ron Wardwell, Charles White.
- B. Members present by proxy are: Jerry Duncan & Javier Gomez
- C. Non-voting members present are: Dawson Weber, Tom Geer, Lindsay Smith and Ron Merkel.
- D. A quorum was established among the active members present(16) and valid proxies (2).

### **III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- A. Vote for a replacement for 'Member at Large'.
- B. Banquet plans.
- C. Jerry Brooks can no longer process the re-cycling papers & bottles. Need a replacement volunteer.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. A motion was made by White, seconded by Keaton to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Annual Meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **V. MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Ed Zeis gave notice that he is resigning from the club.
- B. A motion was made by White, seconded by Wardwell to vote Dawson Weber and Lindsay Smith in as active members. After a short discussion of the advantages to the club, Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Ray Grossman is still inactive on military leave.

### **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (Keena)**

- A. The Quarterly Financial Report was presented by Keena. It was noted that the Net Worth (cash) showed \$17,632.96, where it should have been \$2718.58, and should be so amended. Ref item (D) below.
- B. Quarterly report (7/1/11 - 9/30/11): Income \$3437.44, Expenses \$2653.71, Net (gain) \$783.73.
- C. Net worth: Total assets: \$10,175.77; Liabilities: \$7,457.19; Net cash: \$2718.58.
- D. It was moved by White, and seconded by Keegan that Quarterly Financial Report be approved as amended. Passed unanimously.

### **VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Branchline and Narrow Gauge (Keaton Walker)
  - 1. Keaton & Dawson are working on the lower loop trackage
  - 2. Chappell is replacing missing narrow gauge trackage on the upper east side, wiring to follow.
- B. Construction and Facilities (Hunnell)
  - 1. Some fluorescent lighting on the main floor is flickering. It will be a future project replace these lights.

2. New control panel slides are needed for the Del Mar Panel. It was stated that these are available from McMaster Carr

C. Electrical (Flynn)

1. The new boosters for the DCC upgrade on the west side have been installed and wired, DCC operation is now available for Vista and one other panel. The remaining 3 panels require an additional toggle switch and wire feeds.
2. A new club iMac computer has been installed. Some software will need up-grades.
3. Software work is in progress for the CNC panel drilling machine.
4. We will need to add a 220v circuit line to the CNC machine.
5. A new micro-processor computer is now available for the Highland / Greeley panel, software revision has been started. When this is complete, it will again allow full use of the Highland / Greeley yard areas, except the Greeley turntable, which will be a separate project.

D. Standards (Korporaal)

1. Everyone is requested to perform your own standards check on your equipment for Open House. An 'OJT' trail session will be setup next Wednesday to facilitate checking. Pay particular attention to coupler height.

E. Scenery (Keena)

1. Vacuuming and dusting for Open House is in progress, also 'bright boys' to clean trackwork.
2. Chappell will pick up work tools / knee pads, etc. from block 270, re-opening the block for operation. This stuff was in place to work on re-installing the narrow gauge track on the east wall.

F. Signals (-)

1. No report.

G. Track (Chappell)

1. No report, except narrow gauge as noted above.

H. Del Mar City (Keena)

1. Flynn states that white LED's are available for various lighting projects.
2. Dusting and cleanup for Open House is in progress.

I. Open House (Arie)

1. Will be Nov. 2, 5, & 6. Notices will be e-mailed. Copies for distribution to hobby shops will be here saturday. This will be a 'low key' announcement schedule, no notices in the publications.
2. Donations for the open house raffle have been received so far from Kadee, RIX, and railmaster.
3. Dave Sanchez has volunteered to do food service on the lawn outside the wood shop.
4. No camera bags will be allowed on the train floor. This will be a new rule for all future open houses.

J. VIDEO (Hunnell)

1. No report.

K. OPERATIONS (Keena)

1. The recent Wednesday night operating session was very good due to an excellent setup, and had to be continued to a second Wednesday.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. In the July meeting, a motion by Dave Sanchez was tabled for future discussion. Dave reopened this discussion, with a new motion to expel a particular member for conduct unbecoming, according to our bylaws. Much discussion followed regarding future access to the club of this member, one point was do not give him a key. Arie stated he has kept up his dues and is a fully paid up member, and has not abused club privileges. Keegan stated we should meet with and talk to him (before deciding). C. White stated that when he was General Super, we much trouble with a member abusing club privileges, such as drinking on the premises and leaving a big mess afterwards. This member was finally expelled.

Dave called for a vote on the motion on the floor, to expel said member. The vote was 1 'Yea' and 17 'Nay'. This amounts to a full quorum of members present, there were no abstentions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lindsay Smith made a motion to nominate Charlie White as the new 'Member at Large'. Seconded by Keaton. There were no other nominations. Motion passed, with one opposed.
- B. Dave Flynn stated that we should re-build the original Castlegate Yard, or wire up and make the new configuration work. No action was taken on this topic.
- C. Discussion for the yearly banquet were started, Jerry Brooks mention the Coco's restaurant at the corner of Baldwin and Camino Real as a candidate.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Dawson Weber has volunteered to do the recycling effort, so keep bringing bottles & papers.
- B. There is a new web site, titled "Model Railroad Hobbyist". The exact website name is to be determined.
- C. Charlie White has been very sick the month of August..
- D. A 'redwood forest' was donated to the club by Chappell, purchased at half price at the Sacramento NMRA national convention.
- E. Jim Keena won some 'honorable mention' awards at the Sacramento NMRA national convention.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM, motion by Wardwell, 2nd by Lindsay, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted (late),  
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 *11 January 2012* 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) \_\_\_\_\_,  
or alternate (name) \_\_\_\_\_,

to act on my behalf on all matters that come before the HPSMRRE membership at  
the Quarterly Business Meeting on *11 January 2012*.

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(signature) (date)

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**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**January 11, 2012                      8:00 PM**

- I.     CALL TO ORDER
- II.    QUORUM & PROXIES
- III.   ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
- IV.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V.     MEMBERSHIP
- VI.    FINANCIAL REPORT
  - A.     Quarterly report
- VII.   DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - A.     Branchline & Narrow Gauge
  - B.     Construction / Facilities
  - C.     Electrical
  - D.     Standards
  - E.     Scenery
  - F.     Signals
  - G.     Track
  - H.     Del Mar City
  - I.     Open House
  - J.     Video / Theatrical
  - K.     Operations
- VIII.  OLD BUSINESS
- IX.    NEW BUSINESS
- X.     ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XI.    ADJOURNMENT