



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

**Annual Business Meeting
July 13, 2022**

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by General Superintendent, Chris Rippy

- II. Quorums & Proxies
 - Active Members:
 - Chris Rippy - Marc Thrasher - Arie Korporaal - Stacy Ross
 - Bruce Turner - Gary Ashcroft - Jerry Duncan - Ron Merkel
 - Jack Ross - Jinger Ross - Marc Turner
 - Probationary Members: None
 - Sustaining Members: None
 - Members by Proxy: (1)
 - Cliff Bender to Arie Korporaal

- III. Additions to Agenda
 - None

- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Minutes of the April 2022 meeting were approved by Jack Ross, 2nd Jinger Ross and approved All in Favor

- V. Membership
 - Bob Grimm is a new probationary member
 - Oz Pramwew dropped last year and should be removed from the roster.
 - Vel Randic is behind in dues by more than 2 months and considered no longer in good standing
 - Error on Dues spreadsheet: Dave Dodds has paid for the year; William Smith is Lindsay Smith and not a new probationary member.

- VI. Financial Report
 - Account Summary & Dues as of June 2022 presented by Arie Korporaal with printed copies available at the meeting.
 - \$13,557.90 Checking and \$5,567.35 Savings/Money Market
Total: \$19,125.25 in Assets
 - <\$5,956.83> Pre-Paid Dues, <\$5,099.28> Building Maintenance Fund, <\$822.17> Facko Man-of-the-Year Fund and <\$72.50> Key Deposits
Total: <\$11,950.78> in Liabilities
 - Report was approved as submitted



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VII. Department Reports

- A. Electrical: Ron Merkel named provisional head
- Ron is in the process of gathering info and schematics
 - Circuit breaker testing lead to a failure at Cab 5 for both DC & DCC. DC was repaired and DCC was partially repaired. A booster and/or power supply is needed to fully repair (the relay is okay). 2-3 boosters are missing internal circuit breakers and an in-line fuse may be needed.
- B. Standards & Operations: Arie Korporaal
- August will begin equipment checking for Open House
- C. Scenery: Stacy Ross
- Continuing to improve greenery around the layout
 - Jack expressed interest in working with lighting and replacing the flood lights in the lower Vista yards.
- D. Track: Jack Ross
- Switch #271 has intermittent issues (including derailments) after being repaired. The curve leading into the switch appears to be the cause. This is considered a low priority due to low frequency of failure and need of other projects.
 - "New" turntable for the steam shops was donated by Arnie's Hobby Shop. The turntable is DCC compatible. Installation (including additional track, lighting, scenery, etc) was approved as a project by the membership.
- E. Signals: Jack Ross
- Jack has asked to step down from signals. He can physically build signals, but cannot program and feels the department needs someone who can.
 - Per Bryan Hunnell, there are (3) separate facets to signals – building, wiring and programming (hex code).
- F. Construction and Facilities: Chris Rippy
- Building is in good standing
 - Yearly inspection is approaching (before fall weather starts)
 - Projects include the exterior hand rail (1st) and additional lights in the front room. The sprinkler system needs to be programmed to fit the drought watering schedule. The A/C in the front room continues to need attention and requires new duct work or a new unit due to low capacity.



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G. Projects

- Castlegate: needs more drop feeders, but is operational; does not have local power.
- Branch Line & Narrow Gauge: new probationary member, Bob Grimm is interested in the project.
- Del Mar: no action – to be revisited after Open House
- Activities and Communications: Open House; "Communication Station"

VIII. Old Business

- Internet Provider – the Paymaster (Arie) to review current and potential companies/plans
- Security System – still up for debate on level of security needed.

IX. New Business

- A. Proposed Bylaw Update: Add "Member at Large" to Officers and Directors section. 1st reading passed unanimously (no second reading required).
- B. Proposed Standing Rule Update: Increase Building Maintenance Fund cap to \$10,000 (versus \$5,000). 1st reading passed unanimously (second reading next meeting).

C. Board Elections

- Superintendent: Marc Thrasher by acclimation (unanimous)
Marc Thrasher – nominated by Chris Rippy, 2nd by Jinger Ross
Chris Rippy – declined nomination
Move to Acclimation for Marc Thrasher by Stacy Ross
- Assistant Superintendent: Chris Rippy by acclimation (unanimous)
Chris Rippy – nominated by Marc Thasher, 2nd by Bruce Turner
Move to Acclimation by Stacy Ross
- Chief Clerk: Stacy Ross by acclimation (unanimous)
Stacy Ross – nominated by Jack Ross, 2nd by Marc Thrasher
Move to Acclimation by Marc Thrasher
- Paymaster: Arie Korporaal by majority vote
Arie Korporaal – nominated by Jack Ross, 2nd by Jinger Ross
Bruce Turner – nominated by Marc Thrasher, 2nd by Stacy Ross
Arie accepted for only one term; Bruce named assistant Paymaster
- Member-at-Large: Jack Ross by acclimation (unanimous)
Jack Ross – nominated by Jinger Ross, 2nd by Chris Rippy
Move to Acclimation by Chris Rippy

- D. Review NMRA registered road names listed in Bylaws & Standing Rules.



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- E. Proposed Bylaw Update: Omit NMRA requirement for membership. Believed to have already been previously approved. 1st reading passed unanimously (no second reading required).

- X. Announcements
 - 1. Swapmeets
 - July 23rd at the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot
 - July 31st at Orange Empire Hobby Shop in Pomona

 - 2. Jerry Duncan won 1st place in Popular Choice for his Santa Fe reefer train at the NMRA Cajon Division Meet.

- XI. Adjournment
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm by Chris Rippy