



**Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc.
854 Broadway Avenue, San Gabriel, CA. 91776 (626) 285-1031**

**Quarterly Business Meeting
April 14, 2021 – 8:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by General Superintendent Steve Smith Sr.

II. QUORUMS AND PROXIES

- A. Active Members present: Steve Smith Sr., Chris Rippy, Dave Flynn, David Dodds, Bruce Turner, Marc Thrasher, Gary Ashcraft, John Deka, James Keena Jerry Duncan and Jack Ross.
B. Probationary Members present: Oz Pramwew, Stacy Ross, Jinger Ross, Marc Turner and Charles Smith
C. Sustaining Members present: NONE
D. Members Present by Proxies: Arie Korporaal to Steve Smith Sr.
Cliff Bender to James Keena
E. Non-Voting Members Present: Oz Pranwew, Stacy Ross, Jinger Rippy, Charles Smith and Marc Turner
F. A QUORUM WAS DECLARED BY THE CHAIR

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- A. Amendments to by-laws and Standing orders by Bill Chappell given to Arie Korporaal prior to his passing
B. John Deka has something for us after we discuss the financials

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. The minutes of the October 2020 meeting were approved as mailed
Motion by Bruce Turner, Seconded by Gary Ashcraft

V. MEMBERSHIP

- A. We welcomed new Probationary Members Charles Smith and Marc Turner
B. Discussion was held regarding voting to approve Jinger, Stacy, Oz and Dijon into the club as regular members. It was decided although they have enough time in months attending the club that because of COVID 19 they have not been in attendance enough. It was decided that voting would take place at the next Quarterly meeting.



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- C. On a sad note Steve brought up that we have lost 3 long time members over the last 3 months, Bill Chappell, Ron Wardwell and Rey Olesen.
- D. Bruce Turner and Arie Korporaal attended Bill's memorial service and Bruce spoke about the services.
- E. James spoke on his remembrance of Rey Olesen as an Amtrak employee.
- F. James reports that the Memorial Services for Ron Wardwell will be held on May 1, 2021 @ Rose Hills in Whittier.
- G. Jerry advised that Pete Debeers is still in a convalescent hospital in Reseda.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. James Keena Reported the following summary of the club's finances:

Checking Balance -	3,402.41
Regular Savings -	1,506.10
Regular Savings -	822.08
<u>CD -</u>	<u>3,241.40</u>
Total -	8,971.99

Building Maint -	5,000.00
<u>Man of Year -</u>	<u>822.08</u>
Total -	5822.08

NET - 3149.91

James also reported that our biggest expenses are Property Taxes, Insurance and Electricity.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. BRANCH LINE / NARROW GAUGE

No Report

B. CONSTRUCTION / FACILITIES

Chris Rippy Reported that he is repairing the ducting to increase the flow of air into all areas of the club house. He also reported the drain line for the Air Conditioner, we have the parts needed for the job.



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C. ELECTRICAL

Dave Flynn Reported that Castlegate is about done, he has to still hook up track wire drops to finish the job.

Dave also reports that he is still testing the new Booster design he created and that it seems to be working well. He eliminated the problems with the first design that melted.

Marc Thrasher Reported that he installed 2 new cameras. They are located at the entrance to Castlegate and entrance to Underhill. Both are operational on all cameras but have not been labeled as of yet. We still have room on the existing system for 1 more camera to be possibly placed at the far end of Castlegate to assist mainline cabs in spotting their trains as they pull into the yard.

D. STANDARDS

James Keena reported that he will begin checking club and member equipment during the summer prior to the open house.

It was also brought up that we will be purging the layout of all rolling stock and locomotives in an effort to remove equipment that belong to members no longer with us. We will be asking that members remove all of their equipment from the layout for a couple weeks. We will give notice when this happens.

E. SCENERY

Stacy Ross & Jinger Ross are working on scenery. They each are working at each end and working toward each other. They are going to organize the scenery supplies in the kitchen area. They are mostly working on cleaning up areas and revitalizing the trees with flocking.

F. SIGNALS

Jack Ross reports that he still has the signals and unfortunately due to his work he has not been able to do much on the signals. He reports that when he gets back to it he will be concentrating on signals on the East side as that area has very little lighting.

G. TRACK

No Report

Someone needs to step up and take this over. Chris Rippy and Jinger Ross indicated that they may be interested in helping out. Jinger Ross and Stacy Ross will be on the lookout for trouble spots.



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H. DEL MAR

No Report

I. OPEN HOUSE

Steve Smith Sr. suggested we start looking at Open House at the July meeting. He also said he has a list of Manufacturers he has used in the past to solicit donations for our open houses.

J. OPERATIONS

James Keena reports that there were no formal operations during the Covid-19 due to not enough operators available. He also reports that there is a new train on the layout for use it is our Heritage train

Steve Smith Sr. announced that he has donated a complete train with locomotives to the club. It is the McKinley explorer train and wanted it painted into a club colors as a modern club passenger train.

John Deka announced that he donated 2 locomotives painted in HPRR colors for helper service in Bay Shore.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second reading on the two by-law changed submitted by Arie (Attached)

Section D Meetings and Quorum

1. **Section D1 – REPLACE** the word mailed and ADD “Distributed via US Mail, electronic mail or other physical or electronic means”.
2. **Section D2 – ADD** “or Governor of the State of California” after President of the United States
3. **Section D2 – ADD** “Official meetings may be held, when feasible, via electronic broadcast or other means using standard web browsers or specific computer-based applications”
4. **Section D9 – ADD** “Proxies may be filled via US Mail or electronic means”.



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Proposed By-Law change Second reading was voted on and approved unanimously

Section E Dissolution

1. **Section E10 – ADD** “When a member leaves the Society and is no longer in a due-paying membership category, all seniority credits that may have been earned are lost. If a former member rejoins the Society at a later date, seniority status begins anew when the member is advanced to dues-paying membership category”.

Proposed By-Law change second reading was voted on and approved unanimously

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jack Ross announced that due to Athearn moving their West Coast operations to Illinois that the company is donating a bunch of top line Athearn products to clubs in So. California. We will be receiving a box of donations to be use as we want.
- B. John Deka brought up that we need more members and a discuss was held regarding the promotion of the club and raising more funds because at this point our funds won't support any new projects.
- C. Chris Rippy wanted to give accolades to Dave Flynn for his tireless effort in completing Castlegate. Dave has been here most days and even on his days off.
- D. Bill Chappell had submitted by Proxy through Arie Korporall one by-law and one standing rules change (Attached) for first reading.

Bylaws

B. Officers and Directors

ADD – 5.1 A member may not nominate himself or herself as a candidate for any office.

Proposed By – Law change First Reading was voted on and rejected by a vote of 7 No's and 5 Yes's

Standing Rules

8. Security



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ADD - 8.1.4 Only a member of the Board of Directors may request another member to relinquish his or her key.

ADD – 8.1.5 If a member’s monthly dues are in arrears, any action with regard to that member will be determined on an individual basis by the Board of Directors. In some case, as determined solely by the Board of Directors consideration will be given to rekeying all Clubhouse locks as appropriate and reissuing new keys to all members in good standing.

Proposed Standing order change First Reading was voted on and approved unanimously. Second reading to be held at next quarterly business meeting.

- E. Resignation of Steve Smith Sr. due to Steve and Holly buying a house in Las Vegas and Steve transferring to Las Vegas he will not be able to continue to serve as the General Superintendent. He will not be leaving the club and will be moved to a Sustaining member.
- F. Chris Rippy Assistant Superintendent will act as General Superintendent in Steve Smith Sr’s. absence. Chris will be calling an executive Board Meeting to fill Vacant positions at the conclusion of the Quarterly meeting.

X. ANNOOUNCEMENTS

James Keena Announced the upcoming swap meet in Buena Park

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Steve Smith Sr. and Seconded by Jack Ross to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marc Thrasher
Chief Clerk**