



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

Quarterly Business Meeting
April 13, 2022

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by General Superintendent, Chris Rippy

- II. Quorums & Proxies
 - Active Members:

- Chris Rippy	- Marc Thrasher	- James Keena	- Stacy Ross
- Bruce Turner	- Gary Ashcroft	- Dave Dodds	- Jerry Duncan
- Bryan Hunnell	- Arie Korporaal	- Jack Ross	- Jinger Ross
- Lindsay Smith	- Marc Turner	- Dijon Venable	

 - Probationary Members: None

 - Sustaining Members: None

 - Members by Proxy: None

- III. Additions to Agenda
 - None

- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Minutes of the January 2022 meeting was approved by Bruce Turner, 2nd by Jinger Ross and approved All in Favor

- V. Membership
 - Vel Randic and Dijon Venable are behind in dues and considered no longer in good standing until paid current.
 - Dawson Weber is a sustaining member who has not paid dues in 2 years and standing needs to be reviewed

- VI. Financial Report
 - Account Summary & Dues as of April 2022 presented by Jim Keena with printed copies available at the meeting.
 - \$11,792.12 Checking and \$5,567.35 Savings/Money Market totaling \$17,359.47 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 totaling <\$11,950.78> in Liabilities
 - Report was approved as submitted



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VII. Department Reports

A. Electrical: No Head

- With the leave of Dave Flynn, the department needs new direction. DCC has been proposed. Bruce proposed to maintain the electrical as is through Open House (approximately 7 months away) as any project could impede the event. Jack advised he has connections with NCE and Kevin Honda at Arnie's (hobby shop). Chris calls for a leader, no volunteers. Lindsay recommended Bryan Hunnell, who turned down the nomination. Marc would like to start the planning of a DCC switch now and promote it during Open House.
- Dave's legacy work is difficult, if not unable, to repair or change.
- Pull-out control computer at Highland/Greely is obsolete.

B. Standards & Operations: James Keena

- The June 29th operations night will be the last event hosted by Jim.
- Everything is staying on track for standards

C. Scenery: Stacy Ross

- Continuing to improve greenery around the layout
- Lindsay brought in a steam shovel for the quarry
- Details West track detector kit installed with details and scenery

D. Track: Jack Ross

- Switch #271 was repaired with the help of James. The curve was causing a derailment, which was fixed with a sweeping curve. Rail was bowed out of gauge. Switch was repaired at the hillside of Highland/Greely.

E. Signals: Jack Ross

- Built (3) signals with Dave: (1) double and (2) single headed signals. The double headed signal was installed but without wiring. Single headed signals need room to install.

F. Construction and Facilities: Chris Rippy

- Light ballast out in the front room. Chris will replace with LED light fixtures similar to the lights over the layout (variable temperatures).
- Roof is holding with the recent rain storms.
- The water heater is okay
- The heater & A/C are okay, but are expensive to run. A/C will be switched to coin-operated.
- Emergency hatches have been inspected, some found loose and repaired.
- Handrail at inside stairs down to layout have been made; diagonal half step is being reviewed.



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G. Projects

- Castlegate: possibly complete. Wiring of controller or power supply is in a book. No switching power. From Bryan per Dave, Castlegate needs feeders; Chris and Marc replied that the feeders are done.
- Branch Line & Narrow Gauge: No Action
- Del Mar: No Action
- Activities and Communications: Stacy Ross
 - July 2nd will be a send off run day for James Keena.
 - Open House: scheduling will be done by Marc Thrasher; Stacy will act as chair.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Dues increase approved all in favor
- B. Internet Provider & Security System: all in favor to pursue quotes

IX. New Business

- Bryan Hunnell took the floor to discuss possibly adding an advise level position to the Board. This person would act as the liaison with the various departments. The general consensus agreed that this was already held by the current Board positions and the bylaws would be reviewed.

X. Announcements

- April 30th is the Buena Park Swapmeet

XI. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm by Assistant Superintendent, Marc Thrasher