



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

**Quarterly Business Meeting  
October 12, 2022**

- I. Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by General Superintendent, Marc Thrasher
  
- II. Quorums & Proxies
  - Active Members:
    - Marc Thrasher   - Arie Korporaal   - Stacy Ross   - Jack Ross
    - Bruce Turner   - Gary Ashcroft   - David Dodds   - Jerry Duncan
    - Bryan Hunnell   - Ron Merkel   - Bruce Turner   - Marc Turner
  - Probationary Members: Bob Grimm
  - Sustaining Members: None
  - Members by Proxy: (1)
    - Jinger Ross to Jack Ross
    - Chris Rippy to Jack Ross
  
- III. Additions to Agenda
  - None
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - Minutes of the July 2022 meeting were approved by Bruce Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Duncan and approved All in Favor
  
- V. Membership
  - Dijon Venable (active) and Rey Castillo (probationary) are past due and need to be contacted/letter sent notifying of suspension
  - Steve Smith has not renewed sustaining membership and will be removed from the roster.
  - Steve Crise will be removed as an honorary member
  - Gary Ashcroft has paid, but not applied to spreadsheet
  - Tom Geer has paid sustaining membership dues
  - Dave Flynn and James Keena have large amounts pre-paid
  
- VI. Financial Report
  - Chart of Accounts as of September 2022 presented by Arie Korporaal
  - Report was approved by Bruce Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Ross
  - \$13,881.17 Checking and \$5,770.44 Savings/CD for a total of \$19,651.61 in Assets
  - \$120.00 found, unknown where to apply (not a dues payment)
  - A/C unable to turn on/find key to activate 75cent



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VII. Department Reports

A. Electrical: Ron Merkel

- Power supply DCC boosters were homemade without current protection.
- (1) new power supply purchased to use as an example for Cab5.
- Boosters are \$40 each and need approximately 5 (1 for each cab) + \$20 shipping.
- DCC review will be delayed until next meeting

B. Standards & Operations: Arie Korporaal

- Check equipment for Open House in 3 weeks.
- Allowable is 1 freight and 1 passenger train.
- Vista yard is full; Operators need to utilize Castlegate to set up trains versus in the middle of the layout
- Club cars need maintenance
- We need a chief carman – Jack Ross volunteered
- The following needs to be met: rollability, weight, coupler height and owner ID

C. Scenery: Stacy Ross

- Continuing to improve greenery around the layout
- Jack & Chris worked on the truss bridge (including scenery) from 271, around the little river and the lower bridge to 300.
- Castlegate needs gray ballast & rock; Bryan inquired about painting the rails, but it was agreed that would take too much time with low priority.

D. Track: Jack Ross

- Switch #310 to Greeley was fixed
- Pinehurst siding
- Roundhouse/turn table will need to become a project

E. Signals: Jack Ross

- Arie donated tri & dual lights
- Jack will convert bulbs to LED and can build, but still needs help with the electrical install and programming.

F. Construction and Facilities: Stacy Ross (for Chris Rippey)

- New bulbs & fixture for Castlegate area
- Outside handle needs a clear coat prior to Open House
- Bryan: Use shampoo machine for carpet (versus rent carpet cleaner)
- Garage needs to be cleaned out

G. Branch Line & Narrow Gauge: Bob Grimm

- Partially running – needs booster and switch motors; wiring is a mystery
- Track plan is missing a section
- Panel for turnouts is needed – discussion for ground throws (tortoise controls) due to location



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- H. Del Mar:
  - No Report
  
- I. Activities & Communications
  - Open House – Marc
    - Crew scheduling is for weekends only
    - Saturday the club will provide food
    - Sunday everyone is invited to Jakes Roadhouse in Monrovia
  - Bruce: Shotgun Kelly appearance fee \$300 (discounted) for Saturday noon-4pm. Club members voted to save for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House in April. Bruce & Dave both offered to pay \$100 each towards to appearance fee; Jerry may do so as well.
  - New flyers and logo for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - NMRA – contact James Keena for Bob Shaparo
  - Communication Station
  
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Internet Provider – Board to review and put new in place
  
  - B. Proposed Standing Rule Update: Increase Building Maintenance Fund cap to \$10,000 (versus \$5,000) – second reading approved unanimously.
  
- IX. New Business
  - A. Lawn:
    - Contract with gardener ended and not renewed
    - Landscaping options – discussion approved drought tolerant plants and rocks; possible gravel driveway (astroturf and concrete determined too expensive). Building & maintenance team to look into proposals.
  
  - B. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
    - Discussed Open House
    - Jack proposed an article in Model Railroad Craftsmen (possible ads) with Harry Wong. Jack also knows the editor for Whitewater Productions.
    - Create logo for t-shirts. Contact Daylight Sales for pricing
    - Create 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary hoppers (Accu-Rail)
  
  - C. Bryan Hunnell wanted to discuss various “gremlins” that are intermittent throughout the layout. Suggested possible training procedures and creating S.O.P. or other printed procedurals.
  
- X. Announcements
  - Bruce is moving to Idaho (pending sale of house). He will continue on as a member.
  - San Bernardino swapmeet is coming up
  
- XI. Adjournment
  - Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm by Marc Thrasher