

Quarterly Business Meeting
April 2, 2014 8:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. The meeting was called to order by General Superintendent Bill Chappell at 8:12 PM.
- II. QUARRUMS AND PROXIES
 - A. Members Present: Gary Ashcraft, Dave Dodds, Dave Flynn (Assistant Supervisor), Bryan Hunnell, Pat Keegan, Jim Keena (Pay Master), Lindsay Smith (Clerk acting), Ron Wardwell,
 - B. Members Present by proxy: Cliff Bender, Ray Olsen,
 - C. Non-Voting Members Present: Mark Thomas
 - D. A quorum was declared by the Assistant Superintendent with nine present plus two proxies of the twenty current members. Chief Clerk Dawson Weber was not present so Lindsay Smith was appointed as Clerk for this meeting.
- III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
 - A. Added in New Business: DCC Operations.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - A. The Minutes from October had not been approved at the January Meeting. Gary Ashcroft moved, Jim Keena seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the October 2013 and January 2014 Quarterly Meetings. The motion passed without dissent.
- V. MEMBERSHIP
 - A. Gary Glaze and Mark Thomas are probationary members. Mark is working on Castlegate.
 - B. Mark Garrett has resigned and turned in his keys.
 - C. Javier Gomez is three months behind in dues.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. Chief Clerk Keena has changed to Quick Books for financial management. This report is in a new format which more clearly reports transactions or cash flow.
 - a. Assets and Liabilities equal \$9,683.91
 - b. Gross Income since July 2013 7,905.77
 - c. Expenses since July 2013 6,480.42
 - d. Net income 1,419.09
 - e. Individual membership accounts
 - B. Dave Flynn moved, Bill Chappell seconded the motion to approve the Financial Report dated March 31, 2014. There was no dissent.
- VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - A. Branchline and Narrow Gauge. No Report
 - B. Construction and Facilities. Bryan Hunnell reported:
There is a new front porch light switch.
A dead possum was removed from the front step.
Shelves have been added in the cabs for DCC controllers
 - C. Electrical. Dave Flynn reported:
DCC Boosters have been installed for the main line cabs.
Bill Chappell has been connecting relays.
Toggle switches were installed in the cabs.
Del Rey controls are in place
We need to put in three more cab plugs.
 - D. Standards. Jim Keena reported:
He continues to bad Order cars. In August he will begin inspection of cars and locomotives in anticipation of the Open House. He encourages owners to check couplers. Wheels should be cleaned and gauged.

- E. Scenery. Jim Keena reported:
Bryan Hunnell has added lights to tracks 1 through seven in the round house.
Cleaning the tracks and scenery should continue.
 - F. Signals. No report
 - G. Track. Pat Keegan reported fixing the turnouts in segments 160 to 171.
 - H. Del Mar City. Jim Keena reported
Five row housed have lights and another light sequencer is available.
 - I. Open House. Lindsay Smith has listed our Open House in Flag Stops for the local area NMRA news. In May, we will have a VISIT FROM THE Big Trains Show at Ontario.
 - J. Video. Bryan Hunnell has brought in the video cameras and amplifier/switches from his home. We need to add cab switches to add two cameras to see into hidden areas.
 - K. Operations. Jim Keena announced we will run Schedules on April 30, 2014 (The fifth week in April). We will warm up on April 23, 2014. He has added caboose cards to help identify the train as it moves around.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. By-law changes. The four changes previously moved and approved in January were reviewed again. Ron Wardwell moved, Dave Flynn seconded a motion to approve the changes at this second reading. Lindsay Smith had the copies from the January meeting and each item was defined during the discussion. The motion to approve previous Ari Korporaal's motions I through IV as a group was passed without dissent. Ari will prepare a draft revision of the By-laws for information.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- A. DCC Operations. Bill Chappell raised the issue because he is concerned that the DCC may cause damage and bad feelings unless it is regulated. Many agreed that a controller addressing code 3 can cause inadvertent re-programming of equipments on the layout main line. So we must caution all who come into the layout not to reprogram on code 3 in the mains or yards. Lindsay Smith is delegated to keep current a list of codes on display at the car repair station which may become the reprogramming site. A separable track will be equipped to program equipments. Bill was also concerned about two of four digit codes. Pat Keegan allayed his concerns because codes zero to 125 are two digit codes. We shall continue to use a stripe on the locomotive number to display the code for that locomotive. We will discuss these issues more as we continue to evolve to the new control methods. We trust that members and guests will be polite if they operate DCC on OUR layout.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- A. Jim Keena announced the NMRA Spring Meet on May 17 in Alhambra and the church.
 - B. Lindsay Smith announced the Pacific Railroad Society Meeting on April 11 would have Steve Crise photos and video of the movement of the UP Big Boy from the Fairplex.
 - C. Bill Chappell announced the SPNGS will meet in Lone Pine in May
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
- A. Gary Ashcroft moved for adjournment at 2115 (9:15 PM).