

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2024

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Bill Davies filling in as President. Cell phones off. \$5 fine imposed for interruption.

Elections are coming up in October for President and Vice President. If you are interested in running for one of these positions let a board member know of your interest.

The survey regarding being open one day a month has shown enough interest to start having the Club open the 1st Thursday of each month from 10AM to 2PM. This will be a member only day to run trains. The first day we will be open will be November 7th.

Vice President (Bill Davies): Filled in for President

Secretary (Brad Jones): Reminded members to sign up for individual password to access the club website.

Treasurer (Larry Morton): \$406 monthly income received and \$355 spent. Income YTD is \$11,913 and expenses \$11,874 leaving a balance of \$24,225.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Projects. Looking at a GO Pro camera to record training videos.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Chuck Place): We currently have 7 applications in the pipeline. Introduced two applicants, Jim Gibson and Davis Vanderbilt to the membership.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): no report

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Will Garner is back and attended today's meeting.

Website (Dan Bails): Web site has some photos uploaded. He is available today to help members get signed up for the website.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): The September Op session went well and had a good turnout. Best turnout since COVID. There will not be an Op session in October or in December. Will look at possible upper-level Op session in October. Ben has reorganized the club throttle storage cabinet to get the charging wires up off the layout.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Absent

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Will trim platform on passenger station on outdoor layout to provide better clearance.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): car barn doors have been rebuilt and redesigned.

Club Computers (Dave Hull) : Computers are in good shape. Monthly Microsoft updates will be installed.

The current video surveillance system only backs up one day. Will upgrade to a 22-day backup. This will cost \$250. (Board approved this expenditure post club meeting).

City Liaison (John Ryan): absent. Farmers market will continue through October. Additional days will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving and December 7th.

Facilities (Terry Ketcham): City provides TP and paper towels. Mouse traps caught one mouse. A dead rat was found in Asheville division. Members were encouraged to keep the depot clean and dispose of any food leftover at the end of the day.

Cleaning under the layout continues and will be finished after the train show items are removed for the show.

Handrail brackets that had one screw are being replaced with three screw brackets and are working well. An additional brace was added to the yellow handrail and has firmed it up nicely.

Concrete screws have been purchased and will be used to fasten down the carpet in the Asheville division.

The office coffee pot has failed and a new one is being obtained.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): 3 kids are signed up for the next session.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) A few N, HO, and O scale donations have come in.

Artifacts and Library: (Sally Ruff) absent

OTHER ITEMS

Premeeting Presentation: Prior to the regular club meeting we had a presentation from one of our EIT members called "Little Train, Big Fun". Wyatt Merrill 8 years old gave his award-winning presentation to the club. He had won several 4H awards at county, District and 1st place at State competition in the 8–10-year-old category. Wyatt complimented his mentors in the EIT program as well as stating his appreciation for the whole EIT program.

Larry Morton:

Obtained a donation of a Ground throw. 1-1 scale!! Will need assistance lifting it off his trailer.

Misc. November 15-16 is the Asheville train show.

Next Meeting October 23rd at 10AM.

Old Business None

New Business None

Attendees: 28 were present

Meeting ended at 11:10 am.