

## Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

### Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

**President's Remarks** (Rob Wright): Rob opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

I26 will have the east bound lane closed tomorrow September 28<sup>th</sup> for the entire day. Please plan your travels accordingly.

Club elections are coming up. Larry Williams is not going to run for reelection to the Vice President position.

Please fill out the club achievement award nomination form for anyone you feel merits an award.

Embroid me is taking orders for club shirts.

**Vice President** (Larry Williams): Announced he will be stepping down as Vice President.

**Secretary** (Brad Jones) : Tours are scheduled for October 11 for 30 seniors from Hickory and October 20<sup>th</sup> for 50 members of a G scale club from Columbus, Ohio.

**Treasurer** (Larry Morton): \$491 in donations were received in the past month. Dues from two new members were received. Total of \$571 received and \$376 spent. Balance is now \$24,700.

We have received \$100 worth of donations through the new QR code that was recently activated.

Farmers market will run through the end of October and then have two more Saturdays later in the year.

**Ombudsman** (Dave Simmons): 5th Wednesday program is coming up in November. The topic will be Operations.

Special order for throttles will be in this Friday.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** John Bole, Don Short, and Ray Baldwin were all voted in as new members.

Five new member applications are on file with one to be voted on during the November meeting.

**Mentor Program** (Ken O'Brien) : No report

**Good and Welfare** (Earl Hall): Please let Earl know if you know of any members needing to be contacted.

**Website/Publicity** (Rob Wright) : Mark Elston has assumed the web site duties.

**HO Operations** (Ben Bartlett) : No report

It was reported that last week's upper-level ops session went very well and had 8 members participating.

**Library/Artifacts** (Bob Scorzo/Sally Ruhf): No report

**Electrical/DCC** (Dan Lang): major problem on the Piedmont boosters was a mismatch between the Power supply and the booster that caused the booster to short out. Another issue was an out of phase connection between the Piedmont and Asheville due to a reverse polarity button having been pushed. This button has now been taped over. Other issues were resolved by resetting the DCS240 to proper settings.

The operations computer does not have the updated JMRI program. It is in the process of being updated by Dave Hull and Dan Lang.

The new Throttles order will be picked up this weekend. If you placed an order pay Larry Morton to receive your items. The club throttles will have rechargeable battery packs installed. If you ordered a throttle Dan will provide instructions for its use. If you are ordering a UR93 Dan can name it for you.

We will be retiring our old club throttles.

**Scenery** (Terry Ketcham ): Ed Clark has been active in lighting the buildings in Edgemont.

**Outdoor Layout** (Larry Williams): The South end has been redecked. Terry and Scott have been working on scenery. The new Thomas is up and running.

**Club Computers** (Dave Hull): No report.

**City Liaison** (John Ryan): No report

**Engineer In Training:** (Chuck Batherson): No report. Rob Wright reports that we have 4 in training and 3 on a wait list. Mentors are needed.

**Sales and Donations** (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Sorting and packing up for this weekends train show. Help is needed to man the tables.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Chuck Place** reports that no layouts will be at this years show but 230 dealer tables have been rented out.

**Bill Meyers** requested that if anyone know where the box for the Y6B is located he needs it. It has the information needed to make repairs.

**Larry Morton** stated that Saturday turnout of members is very low. More members are needed to run trains for visitors. The farmers market crowd has dwindled so more parking is now available.

There is information being passed around in the community that Larry and our club is heading up the effort to have tourist rail service on the Blue Ridge railroad. This is not accurate. The Apple Valley club is not involved. Larry Morton is the chairman of the group that is working on this project.

Larry reports there is an international group hacking computers. You would get a flashing warning come up on your computer. Just turn your computer off and don't hit any response.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Attendees: 34 were present

Meeting ended at 10:55 am.