

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

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

Christmas Luncheon, December 12th at 11 AM Burnt Shirt Vineyards.

Club elections. Rob Wright reelected as club President. Bill Davies elected as Vice President.

Please fill out the club achievement award nomination form for anyone you feel merits an award. Awards will be presented at our Christmas gathering.

Naptha bottles should be refilled when empty and the trash needs to be taken out when full.

Vice President (Larry Williams): The club bylaws are being revised and cleaned up. We will have a future club vote to adopt the new version. Mostly just making sure the bylaws are consistent from start to finish.

Secretary (Brad Jones): no report

Treasurer (Larry Morton): \$2568 was raised through club presales and show sales. Had \$865 in donations of which \$213 was from the new QR code system. We have raised approximately \$2500 more than what we have spent YTD.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: We have 7 new member applications received but not all of them have paid the initiation fee.

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. Earl is to check on Tom Fulton and Norton Carey.

Website/Publicity (Rob Wright) : Email account is still not working. Dave Hull and Mark Elston will investigate and remedy. NOTE: Rob got the email account working today.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): The October operations session went well and had a good turnout. Largest group that we have had in the recent past. Some track cleaning issues arose.

Make sure you clean track as often as you can. Since we have a lot of traffic though the depot it creates a need for frequent cleaning.

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

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): The NMRA magazine this month has a good article on the new DT602 series throttles. Dan brought copies as handouts. It's a good read for anyone wanting to learn more about the 6 series throttles. The club has sold our older 4 series throttles and purchased new UT6D and DT602D throttles.

When turning on the Piedmont Division in the morning throw both power switches to ON and push the loconet reset button on the DCS240 to clear addresses from previous session.

When you are done using a club throttle return it to the office. Do not leave it unattended out on the layout.

The WIFI signal coverage was tested and works well. Note if you leave the coverage area and return you will need to close your app and restart as it will lose its continuity.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): absent

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): Work is continuing on scenery restoration.

It was suggested that we have a shutdown procedure available for members to shut the outdoor system down at the end of the day.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): Java/JMRI update on the Asheville computer has been completed. The new Ops computer was recently updated as well.

City Liaison (John Ryan): No report

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Place): 4 trainees this month with 1 on the wait list. Next month we will have 5 mentors available for the 5 trainees.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): \$2351 was raised at the train show and another \$100 check is due shortly.

Chuck Place: Suggested that new members not go out and run trains unless they have a knowledgeable member coach them until they have completed the operations portion of the new member training. This requirement needs to be added to the application form.

OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting November 22nd at 10AM.

Old Business None

New Business None

Attenders: 28 were present

Meeting ended at 10:50 am.