

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

President's Remarks (Rob Wright):

Mentors list could use some additional volunteers.

Club would like to have additional volunteers for back up for committee chairs.

Club Christmas party will be December 10th at the Burnt Shirt vineyards.

Farmers market starts May 4th.

John Ryans wife passed away last week.

We have had 1500 hits on our club web site last month.

Vice President (Bill Davies): no report

Secretary (Brad Jones): Reminded members to update emails if not receiving club reminders.

Treasurer (Larry Morton): \$1125 monthly income received. \$8183 received YTD. Expenses were \$3538 for the month and \$6026 YTD. A deposit of half the cost of the Christmas party was made to the Burnt Shirt Vineyard.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Simmons is looking into excursion options.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): We have an unwritten policy that a prospective member needs to be present to voted in as a member.

8 members were voted in today. New members are Avrodis Soukiasian, Mike Moran, Bryon Marshall, James Gerlitz, Frank Caston, Dan Bails, Tom Seay, and Jon Ruehle.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): no report

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Updated us on members experiencing health issues.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): We had a good turnout for the April Op session but some members failed to notify Bill Raymond of their attendance.

There was a turnout with a broken ground throw in the Piedmont division. It has been repaired.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Gave a talk on proper throttle charging procedure. Mentioned that the NMRA magazine this month has an article on short circuit management. DCC Specialties short circuit protectors need programmed to handle reverse loops.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham):no report.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams):. Scott Williams reports that the grist mill is assembled and scenery is being installed.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): no report

City Liaison (John Ryan): absent

Facilities (Terry Ketcham) absent

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Place): 3 mentors and 1 junior member are scheduled for this weekend. Currently have 9 kids in the program and 3 are regular attendees.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): 6 boxes of donations were received from Roger Haag. There is a lady whose husband passed away who has a large G scale collection and wants to sell if possible. Interested members can contact Pete for info.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc.

Cleaning cars need to be kept in their assigned areas and cleaned after use.

Set up tracks should not have trains left sitting on them.

State Tourism group tour today at 11 AM.

Vision Meeting review

5th Wednesday programs will address club survey needs that have been identified.

Turntable project is on going.

Visitor count project is not feasible.

Piedmont signal system is deemed to be adequate for on Op sessions in its current design.

Red Cross classes are not going to be conducted.

Dave Simmons is pursuing excursion options.

Next Meeting May 22nd at 10AM.

Fifth Wednesday program is May 29th at 10AM

Old Business None

New Business None

Attendees: 30 were present

Meeting ended at 11:05 am.