

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Optimum is due at the depot today to repair the internet connection.

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 Annual Christmas party will be held December 10th at 10AM. Location is same as last year at the Burnt Shirt Winery.

Vice President (Bill Davies): No report

Secretary (Brad Jones): Reminder that members interested in club shirts need to contact Randi Leder to place an order.

Treasurer (Larry Morton): \$650 monthly income received. Last Saturday \$230 in donations came in in one day. Expenses include a \$500 donation to Adams Kids, a project being ran by Carl Hill who gave the talk on how the depot was saved. Expenses also included \$445 to scenery and lighting.

Balance at end of the month was \$24,971

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Projects. We need a camera set up to record and live stream to the overhead projector when we do our classes and skills demonstrations. A team made up of Steve Anderson, Dave Simmons, and Bill Davies will investigate and recommend a solution.

A field trip to the Spencer shops is being planned. Dave will provide details at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place) Benjamin Dolan has submitted an application for membership. There were no applications for vote this month. Three applications will be voted on next month and one in September.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Volunteers are needed. See Ken to help out. Ken has a subject list if you are interested. A video of Larry Morton's talk on the club history will be available soon.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Herb Weiss passed away last Sunday. Details on arrangements will be passed on when available.

Will Garner is still experiencing foot issues.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): The June op session had best attendance since COVID. A limit had to be placed on the number of trains allowed out at the same time. Two issues arose. First was a power outage on the Black Mountain turnouts. Second was that a train set up in Ashville had been moved and was short two cars.

Note: If a string of cars has a colored tag they are to be left alone. DO NOT MOVE THEM. Same goes for a train with a yellow numbered tag.

A Utility knife has been purchased for the shop. A 2-56 drill and tap has been purchased. 50 each 33" wheel sets have been purchased and if a member needs some, they are \$1 per wheel set. \$4 for a set of four to do one car.

Always assume a club locomotive has dirty wheels and clean them before you operate it.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): The Black Mt turnout issue was loose wire connecting the CDU (capacitive discharge unit) to a Euro connector. These 10 turnouts are the only ones on the layout not operated by Tortoise machines.

The WIFI is a separate system than the internet so we can still connect to the layout.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Some scenery got stuck in a Thomas locomotive wheel. Trimming on scenery is being done to resolve this issue. About 40 Preiser figures have been ordered. Bob Barnes is relocating the Hendersonville crossing gates. The railway bus in Hendersonville gathered some interesting discussion from a visiting pair of bus drivers. Quite the sticklers for authenticity.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent . Terry reported the outdoor layout is running well There are a couple out of gauge spots being remedied.

Club Computers (Dave Hull) : The internet needs to be restored for updates to be completed. Dan Bails reports that the access to the Club website members section will require each member to sign in and create their own password. Dan would then approve.

City Liaison (John Ryan): 7th street renovation is going slow. Completion date unknown.

Facilities (Terry Ketcham): The gutter leak has been repaired. Archives are taking up a lot of space under the layout and need cleaned out. Can we get rid of the air handler. Air vents and duct work need cleaned.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): Two kids are expected for the next session, more in September.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Large G scale donation was received as well as a standard gauge collection.

Artifacts and Library: (Sally Ruff/ Bob Scurzo) American Flyer and Lionel donation needs appraised. Steve Anderson and Bill Davies will assist. Numerous black and white photos need digitized and originals offered to historical societies. Mike Scolari will assist.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc. Rob Wright requested volunteers to clean, take-out trash, clean yard tracks, and refill Naphtha bottles. Thanks were given to those already helping out. Just jump in and take care of what needs done.

7th avenue parking continues to be problematic. Parking is generally available on Boxcar Street.

Next Meeting August 28th at 10AM.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Attenders: 32 were present

Meeting ended at 11:25 am.