

## Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

### Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2024

**President's Remarks** (Rob Wright): 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 Annual Christmas party will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Location is same as last year at the Burnt Shirt Winery.

Help is needed in greeting guests. Three times recently the depot door has been left unlocked. Make sure you lock up when leaving. Make sure cleaning supplies are put away during visitor hours.

Any interest in a member only day? At least 8 hands went up expressing interest.

**Vice President** (Bill Davies): Apple festival is this coming weekend. Come early and parking is available.

**Secretary** (Brad Jones): Reminded members that if they are not receiving emails from me to see me. One member got email issue resolved after the meeting.

**Treasurer** (Larry Morton):

- \$1,238 monthly income received.
- \$1,067 spent.
- \$11,510 Income YTD and expenses \$9,515.
- \$24,225 Current balance.

**Ombudsman** (Dave Simmons):

#### Projects.

- Looking at a GO Pro camera to record training videos.
- A field trip to the one of the following areas is being planned. Spencer shops, Johnson City/Jonesboro, Central Club, or Hub City.
- Dave will provide details at a later date.
- 5th Wednesday program has not been developed as yet.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** (Chuck Place) Tim Byrd and Mark Salsieder were voted in as members. There are 4 applications to be voted on in upcoming meetings.

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

**Good and Welfare** (Earl Hall): no report

**Website** (Dan Bails): Web site is working and 25 members are signed up for access.

**HO Operations** (Ben Bartlett): The August Op session went well and had a good turnout.

**Electrical/DCC** (Dan Lang): Dan gave a talk on proper charging of new throttles. Instructions are posted on bulletin board and will be posted at charging station. Dan is working with Chuck Batherson on updating Ops computer to work with WiFi. Loc Sound DCC seems to be a common system on new Locomotives from various manufacturers and many seem to have issues.

**Scenery** (Terry Ketcham): Thirty-six figures have been added to the layout. Mostly in groups of three. Terry has been cleaning up scenery materials and plans to sell some excess at the train show.

**Outdoor Layout** (Larry Williams): Rebuild is pretty much completed. The water wheel is working well. Some track was out of gauge and is being corrected. The camera car has been repaired.

**Club Computers** (Dave Hull) : Windows 10 security issues are being addressed. Cameras need repositioned. Telegraph system is working and if you see anyone pounding the key correct them.

**City Liaison** (John Ryan): 7<sup>th</sup> street renovation is going slow. Completion date unknown. Next project will be continuance to Ash Street.

**Facilities** (Terry Ketcham): Ants outside the building near trash cans have been sprayed by Terry and he has notified the city that further spraying is needed. Terry will set mouse traps as some mice have been spotted. City obtained one quote for termite control but it was very high so additional quotes are being obtained. The water fountain was replaced by the city. The loose vent in the meeting room was fastened down by the city. Light in the shop had LED bulbs installed which remedied the issue with lighting. Hornet nests out back will be sprayed today. Handrail at Hickory yard was loose and stronger brackets are being looked at to beef up the handrails. The air filtration system in the Asheville division was sold for \$250.

**Engineer In Training:** (Chuck Batherson): absent. 4 Jr members and 4 mentors currently active. One of the Jr members is home schooled and did a project on model Railroading that won a state competition.

**Sales and Donations** (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) Some O gauge donations have come in and very little HO gauge has been donated.

**Artifacts and Library:** (Sally Ruff) A donation of our excess artifacts was given to the Saluda Museum. Sally displayed a drawing of a Southern train station and a 100-share stock certificate of the Southern Railroad that she had framed. They will both be put on display at the depot.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Misc.** 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November is the Asheville train show.

**Next Meeting September 25th at 10AM.**

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

Attenders: 34 were present

Meeting ended at 11:15 am.