

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

Nov 19, 2025 10AM

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Election of president and vice president for 2-year term. Rob Wright and Bill Davies were reelected. Elections for Secretary and Treasurer will be next October. Ben Bartlett celebration of life Dec 6, 2pm. Naming workshop after Ben Bartlett was proposed and passed. A sign will be made and posted in the shop. Table saw for sale, see Terry Ketcham. Bob Barnes: Polar Express train replacement cost of \$400 was approved. A proposal to send Lisa Konczal \$500 for her YouTube video of our club was proposed and passed. Club voted to open the depot on Friday December 26th to the public. Will be open our regular days of December 24th and December 31st. There will be a Farmers market this Saturday November 22nd and December 6th.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): Please update emails if changes are made. *Send to "contact@avmrc.com"*

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): The club received \$1,348 this month and spent \$4,505. Current bank balance is \$25,820. Train Day update. We had a large crowd on Saturday morning and a small turnout in the afternoon. A locomotive was on site and the public was allowed to take a visit of the cab and visit with the two locomotive employees.

Ombudsman (Bill Meyers): Looking at doing Polar Express reading on either Dec 13th or 20th. Waiting on Boys and Girls club to decide date they can provide readers. No Mr., Mrs. Clause due to schedule conflict. Terry Ketcham will look into buying a hot chocolate urn for the club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): absent

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Updated the mentor sheet with additional mentors.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): absent

Website (Dan Bails): no report

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): absent. Ken Obrian reported a low turnout and the op session went well. There will not be a December Op session.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): A Wiring clinic was completed. Locomotives should be picked up by the fuel tanks, not the shell. We had one locomotive destroyed by having been dropped. Do not use address 00. One turnout in Black Mountain was not operating electrically.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): December 3rd will be the scenery clinic. Do not bring in your modules. Terry will have one available for demonstration. There is a surplus of wire that will be made available to club members.

Thomas layout: (Romar Taylor): Design for wooden Thomas set has been approved by the board. The Thomas indoor and outdoor layouts need separate budgets. The indoor Budget should be \$7-800 per year. The construction of the outdoor layout will cost approximately \$2,500. It will be a 7' x 7.5' table. The \$2,500 was approved. The layout will be located just outside the door in the Ashville division.

Building: (Terry Ketcham): Do not pour hot coffee in the trash can. It melts the trash bag and causes a mess.

Training Workshop (Tom Hagerty): absent. Ken O'Brien will teach how to model buildings.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent. A nice LGB locomotive has been donated and will be used on our club layout.

Club Computers (Dave Hull, Kelly Orr): no report

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): no report

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): We have 8 EITs and need more Mentors. It's a commitment of 1.5 hours one time a month. No EIT will be held in December.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): No sales this month. A donation was received with stipulation that it be displayed. It has been placed in one of our display cases. We will need additional display cases in the future.

Annual Party: (Pete Bain): A signup sheet is posted on office door. 1 guest is free, others cost \$40 each. Please sign up by December 6th. Event will be at the Hendersonville Country Club at 1860 Hebron Road, Hendersonville. Blue jeans are not approved for wear inside the club house. Dress appropriately, business casual recommended. There will be a fee for drinks other than coffee, tea, or water. Soft drinks \$4, Mixed drinks \$8 or \$16, beer \$4 or \$6, wine \$8-9. We will meet in lower level and an elevator is available. Gather at 11 AM, Meal at noon. Entertainment at 1 pm by High Top Country band followed by closing comments from Rob Wright.

Artifacts (Sally Ruff. Callie): absent

Library: (Callie) absent

OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting: January 28th at 10AM. No meeting will be held in December.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attendees: 28 members present Meeting ended at: 11:15AM