

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Embroidery prices will be going up soon. When public is present there is no switching allowed and trains can not pass between the Asheville and Piedmont divisions. No more than 4 trains are allowed in each division when open to the public. Use the signup board to ensure your slot to run a train.

Vice President (Bill Davies) absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): Replacement of plastic couplers on locomotives and rolling stock with Kadee couplers is advised for better operation.

Treasurer (Larry Morton): 2025 YTD. \$927 donation income received. Income YTD is \$1,670 and expenses \$1,172. Train show income was \$2,506 with another \$440 owed to us.

We have approx. 19 members that have not paid dues and may get dropped from membership.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): 8 people are signed up for trip to Spencer shops trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place). 3 new members were voted in. Chris Skidmore, John Testament, and Dustin Kelmer. There are 4 more members applications in the pipeline for a future vote.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Needs additional mentors.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): absent. Norton Kerry passed away a couple weeks ago.

Website (Dan Bails): 94 members are registered on the website. Two calendars were added One public and one for members only.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): Last Op session went well. Had issue on the bridge alignment at Hickory. Had issue with spotted cars moved before Op session started. Note being sent out by secretary to address this issue. (note: Was sent 2/26/2025)

Shop. Bad order tags must be filled out on anything left on repair bench. If you repair and item leave a filled out and completed form as well. Sign all repair forms. Any non-club items left on the repair bench will be confiscated and sold at the train show.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): When turning the layout on in the morning. Turn on Piedmont first then Asheville division. (Secretary has sent memo to membership 2/26/2025).

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): A windmill was added by Saluda grade.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent. A new plastic structure is on order and Scott will assemble. Several new trees have been added.

Club Computers (Dave Hull) Computers are all up to date.

City Liaison (John Ryan): absent.

Facilities (Terry Ketcham): Cleaned out under the layout.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson) 1 new kid has been added bringing the total to 4 in the program.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) Show went well. Thanks to all who helped out.

Artifacts and Library: (Sally Ruff) absent.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc.

Next Meeting at 10AM March 26th

Old Business None

New Business None

Attenders:32 were present

Meeting ended at 11:10 am.