

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 2004

Meeting was called to order by the President at 1015 AM. Present were Steve Hashagen, President; Willie Watts, VP; Jerry Williams, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and Stephen Foster, Member at Large. In addition, 11 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct any business to come before the club. Also, one probationary member and two guests were present.

The SanJac train show will be on March 20th in Humble. APN will hold an open house from 4:00 to 8:00 in conjunction with the show. Also, the Lone Star Division of NMRA will have their convention in Houston in June and we will invite anyone interested to visit our clubhouse.

Our tax bill has been received at \$1,194 as expected and will be paid next week. We have no feel as to what to expect for next year's taxes, but we will budget at \$1,500.

John Christiansen discussed proposed reconfiguration of the helix to reduce the grades and the proposal was unanimously accept

Scott Kurzawski discussed the advantages of FSR (family service radios) for club use in operating sessions. These are available in 3 channel or 14 channel models and are produced by a number of manufactures. All can communicate with each other. They can be used with a headset, a collar mike, or as a hand held radio. They will provide good communication anywhere in the clubhouse. Good models can be bought at a variety of stores for a little as \$20. Scott is donating two radios to the club to be used by anyone not choosing to buy their own. The club decided unanimously to adopt FSR for communication during operating sessions.

Discussion followed on control panels and lighting schemes. The club decided to go with amber LEDs to indicate routing, red LEDs to indicate an occupied block, and blue LEDs to indicate power. Rotary switches were selected to control the tumouts in the yards.

Our annual elections were conducted. Steve Hashagen was reelected as President, Charles Richmond was elected as Vice President, Barry Cottrell was elected as Treasurer, Bob Miller was reelected as Secretary, and Duane Darling was elected as Member-at-Large. Barry will assume the full duties of the office of Treasurer, including APN bank account signature at the conclusion of this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the club, motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 12:13 PM.

Respectively submitted,