

# *All Points North Model Railroad Club*

## **Minutes of Membership Meeting**

**Saturday, September 16, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:33 AM. Present were Duane Darling, President; Mike Kremheller, VP; Barry Cottrell, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and John Christiansen, Member at Large. In addition, 8 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business. Also present were one probationary member and one guest.

The President started the meeting with a review of the development of our railroad since the time of its approval by the membership in November 2002 through now. As was required in the original approval, major changes, such as the helix in 2004 and the port revision in 2005, have been brought to the membership for approval. Minor changes being proposed by the mayor, those not changing the nature or character of a "town", have been handled by the Committee Chairmen and Board; with many of those minor changes having been discussed, but not voted upon, during monthly business meetings. As Committee Chairmen have changed and some Board Members have changed, and as certain questions have risen, the President appointed a committee of John Christiansen, Scott Kurzawski, and Mark Herzog to prepare a proposal for a formalized procedure to approve changes to the layout or additions to it.

It was noted that procedures at monthly business meetings have been, for many, many years, conducted more as a family matter than as a formalized convention. Motions have been made, seconded, and voted only when required by the By Laws or when requested by a member. This has been developed by general consensus of the membership over the years as being an easier and less time consuming way to make decisions when there has been no objection offered to the question at hand. The Minutes reflect this as a consensus rather than as a vote.

Five proposals have been made to revise tracks on the railroad. Each was discussed.

1. To make a reversing loop on the narrow gage around Pistol Hill including necessary realignment of the main line. Passed unanimously.
2. To provide a narrow gage siding to the sawmill from the switchback or reversing loop (as selected by mayors effected). Passed unanimously.
3. To reposition the main line across the isle from the steam facility to allow more real estate between main and narrow gage. Passed unanimously.
4. To move the main line two inches at the steam facility to allow more lateral clearance between the upper main and the lower main. Tabled until it is determined if this area can be properly scened as is.
5. Move the turnout on the passing siding on the upper main line over the steam facility to increase the length of the siding and thereby place the turnout within easy reach. Passed unanimously.

Questions have been raised as to what portion of the electrical cost of a "town" should be born by the mayor and what portion by club funds. There has apparently been some misunderstanding up until now. Proposal was made that the mayor bears the cost of the turnout and switch machine exiting the main line and the cost of all above ground installations within the town. The mayor may use hand throws inside the town. Should

he choose switch machines, he bears the cost thereof. All electrical connections will be provided by the club. Should any lighting or animation be installed, this wiring and transformer is the responsibility of the mayor, however the club will provide 110 volt power to all areas of the layout. This motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of 12 to 1. Should any mayor have made expenditures beyond this motion, they may contact the Treasurer to request reimbursement.

Discussion was then directed to disposal of Stephen Foster's inventory with over 1,200 items inventoried. Laura has offered APN a 20% commission if we handle the disposition. The President proposed a four step procedure. First, a sale will be conducted at the Foster residence in October. Second would be to offer the remaining items at the clubhouse during our open house. Third would be to set up a table at the SanJac show with the remaining items. The final step would depend on what and how much remains, perhaps to offer on EBay. It was suggested that the club might use our commission to purchase some of the Foster inventory for club rolling stock. The membership chose the last weekend of October for step one.

There being no further business to come before the membership, motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. E. Miller, Secretary