

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Business Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 AM. Present were Duane Darling, President; Mike Kremheller, VP; Barry Cottrell, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and John Christiansen, Member at Large. In addition, 12 other members in good standing and one probationary were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business.

The President asked if there were any corrections to last month's meeting and, there being no corrections, the minutes were accepted as posted.

The Secretary was requested to provide a brief overview of APN's election procedures. A nominating committee is to be appointed at this meeting who will consider a slate of prospective officers and will post that slate on the bulletin board prior to the November meeting. Anyone interested in serving as an officer may contact the nominating committee or add their name to the slate posted on the bulletin board. The nominating committee will report to the membership at the January meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Any uncontested positions may be elected by acclamation. The nominating committee will handle the voting for any contested positions. The President then appointed Charlie Richmond (Chairman), Moe January, and Rich Cutler as the nominating committee.

The President announced that Larry Stella has completed his probationary period and has been offered full membership. Larry was given his key to the clubhouse. John Christiansen reported on the proposed procedure for guidance to mayors on the development of their towns. This proposal is to be presented to the Board for consideration and then for consideration by the membership at a future meeting. The closing of the Texas State Railroad was discussed. There was interest in a club outing prior to the closing, but it is doubtful there is sufficient time to schedule prior to the closing. There is reported interest by several groups in acquiring the railroad from the State.

Our open house is three weeks from today. The consensus is that all significant construction should be completed by next Saturday to leave two weeks for sprucing up and troubleshooting prior to the open house. Those present at Stephen Foster's last Saturday gave an account of sale of Stephen's railroad equipment.

A target date of December 2nd was suggested for the Club's Christmas party. More details on that at November's meeting. It was requested that all power tools be returned to the shelves under the Conroe yard after use and that all hand tools be returned to the cart when finished. We are all too prone to leaving tools wherever they are set down and the next member must search for a needed tool. Members were encouraged to stay after the conclusion of the meeting for Rich Clayton's clinic on RailOp.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary