

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 AM. Present were John Christiansen, President; Mike Kremheller, VP; Barry Cottrell, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and Rich Clayton, Member at Large. In addition, 14 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business. Four guests were also present. One guest, Randy Handley, has submitted an application for membership.

The President asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

The Treasurer gave a financial review indicating APN was in good shape. Funds are not being expended as rapidly as anticipated and consequently the Treasurer recommended that the 2007 and 2008 assessments already approved by the membership, each for \$210, be delayed by one year. It is believed that the layout funds already collected along with expected prepayments will be sufficient to carry us forward for the coming year. Should this not prove to be true, the Treasurer will bring this issue back to the membership. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to delay the assessments by one year for each assessment.

As required by our By Laws, the President appointed new committees as follows:

Electrical; Scott Kurzawski, Mark Herzog, and Roger Macauley,
Scenery; Mike Kremheller, Moe January, and Bob Miller,
Scenery subcommittee for bridges; Charlie Richmond,
Operations; Rich Clayton and Scott Kurzawski,
Facilities Improvements; Duane Darling, Barry Cottrell, John Krezinski, and Rich Cutler.

The first name on each committee is the Chairman. The last committee is a new function and was charged to inspect our facilities and then to make any appropriate recommendations to the membership. Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees is encouraged to make this known.

The previously approved motion to move the switch behind the roundhouse to a more accessible location was revisited. In the absence of any reported problems and the Electrical Committee's belief that the switch can be maintained as is, a motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Electrical Committee and the Operations Committee to make a recommendation to the Board who is hereby authorized to make a decision on the issue.

Charlie Richmond made a report on his recommendations on the type of bridges he proposed for various locations. Rich Clayton gave a debriefing on our recent operating session and plans for upcoming sessions. Don Bozman has invited us to an operating session and that is tentatively scheduled for April 28th. A clinic and work session is scheduled for February 24th on production of trees for the layout. A review of our participation at the SanJac show was given. Mike Kremheller gave a review of scenery development at various towns and the anticipated projects expected to move forward

over the next several months.

Betty Hashagen reported she found an additional 7 boxes of rolling stock which have now been brought to the club for disposition. The club will handle this with 100% of the proceeds going to Betty. The President stated that he believes Steve would have wanted all the appropriate items to remain on APN's layout. We have donated funds sufficient to buy up to 100 of those cars at \$10 each, which would be equal or greater than what Betty could net if these items sold on EBay after fees and shipping. The President asked for a motion authorizing the following; 1, that APN buy up to 100 of the most appropriate cars to be selected by the Operating Committee; 2, that the remaining cars (those that can easily priced) be made available to members willing to leave them on the layout; and 3, that the engines and cars not readily priceable are be evaluated and made available to members at the next meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept this procedure.

Our club web site is currently hosted by Matt Sell, a former member. The site is currently experiencing technical difficulties, and, further, is not under control of current club members. The President proposed that we set up the web site with a commercial provider. This would cost about \$100 to accomplish and about \$50 a year thereafter. Motion was made, seconded and passed to do this. Scott Kurzawski and Mark Herzog are to make the necessary arrangement to accomplish this.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary