

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 17, 2006

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:31 AM. Present were John Christiansen, President; Mike Kremheller, VP; Bob Miller, Secretary; and Rich Clayton, Member at Large. In addition, 15 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business. Previous month's minutes were accepted with additional appointments of Larry Stella and Errol Coker to the electrical committee and Mark Herzog to the operations committee.

The President announced that Terry Bryant had resigned from APN. Mike Kremheller presented an update on scenery that has been accomplished and what is to come next. The electrical committee, as was discussed at the last meeting, made a recommendation that the switch behind the roundhouse should be moved to permit easier maintenance. Charlie Richmond provided an update on bridges being built and yet to be built.

Rich Clayton and Mark Herzog provided an operations update. They reported on our Pro Rail visitors last week and anticipate an invitation next year for APN to be invited to join the Pro Rail Circuit. Some minor changes were suggested to improve operations on our layout. Our next operations session scheduled for March 31st at 2:30 is being prepared and the duration should be about 3 hours with about 20 trains scheduled. With the recent additions to APN's rolling stock, we now have a sufficient stock of general purpose cars. More motive power and a few specialty cars would be beneficial. Another voluntary work session for car inspections is scheduled for next Saturday to get all the new rolling stock ready for operations. An operating session at Don Bozman's is set up for April 28th. Those interested will meet at Fuddruckers on I-45 South at 12:30.

Mark Herzog reported that APN's web site is now up and running supported by a commercial server and is under our control. Paperwork for the changeover to be finalized will require a few months to complete. Scott Kurzawski provided an electrical update. We are not certain of the source of electrical problems at the last operating session, but changes have been made to isolate and more easily identify any recurrence. Duane Darling brought us up to date on the helix he is constructing which will join the upper and lower narrow gauge tracks.

Duane and Johnny Krezinski reported on lighting and drainage improvements being planned. Rich Cutler reported on possible security upgrades and the cost thereof. With Terry Bryant's resignation, Dime Box became available and Will Smith was appointed as mayor. The footprint and character will continue as a pulp wood operation as previously planned. Marty Barkley reported he had sold the last of the Foster inventory which he had taken to a train show for \$225 which will now be given to Laura. Mike Kelley reported on progress in rearranging our library. Questions were raised about the background at Roxburgh and several possible alternatives were discussed but

no conclusion was reached.

The President stated that \$1,500 has already been raised from the Hashagen inventory (mostly from club purchases of rolling stock) which will go to Betty Hashagen, and with a similar quantity of items still to go on sale following this meeting. John explained the procedure to be followed during the sale of the Hashagen items. The objective is to try to insure an equitable opportunity for all members. Anything not sold today will be offered on E-Bay.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary