

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 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, 9 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business. We had two visitors as well.

Motion was offered and seconded to accept last month's minutes. Motion was accepted. The President pointed out that July will be our annual birthday party. The consensus was that the party be held at the clubhouse. Duane Darling was appointed "party master" with David Tumulty as assistant. As usual, the club will provide meat, soft drinks, plates, and utensils. Members are to coordinate with Duane on what side dishes they will bring. Date to be determined, but likely to be July 14th.

The Treasurer provided a brief financial report indicating the club remains financially sound. The club provided Betty with \$3,691.68 as the proceeds of the sale of the Hashagen inventory. In addition, John Christiansen has given Betty a check for an additional \$260 from other items which he had sold on E-Bay. The Treasurer reported that only \$5,500 remains outstanding on member stakes from the original \$34,000. It is anticipated that the club should be debt free within the next three years.

The Scenery Chairman reported on current projects and those items to be worked on next. The Operating Committee reported we had 8 members at the Bozman operating session and all went well. The Operating Committee would like to see the club have monthly operating sessions to provide practice both for the members and for the Operating Committee. The operating sessions will slowly become more complex as we gain skills. We should know within the next couple months if the ProRail group will be coming to Houston next April. The Operating Committee is preparing a listing of things we should accomplish prior to that time. The most obvious thing is just to keep up to date on general maintenance of the layout.

The membership then discussed options for our drainage problems. Johnnie Krezinski has prepared an elevation chart of our property. We have basically three options; prepare a ditch along the south boundary to the street, a culvert under the driveway and then on the street, or a ditch around the east wall of the clubhouse towards the north boundary and then on to the street. The last option appears to have the least problems. Information gathered indicates that this can be accomplished, including a couple truckloads of crushed concrete, for under \$1,500. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize expenditure of up to \$1,500 from the donations account for this project but with further review by the membership if more than \$1,500 is required.

Discussion was held on replacing the metal shelves in the meeting room with wood shelves similar to the dispatcher's desk. This would cost \$800 in materials with Duane and Barry doing the construction. The existing metal shelves would be cut down and put on casters to fit under the layout for storage. The project was approved providing that sufficient donations are received to cover the cost of materials.

Rich Clayton requested suggestions as to what subjects would be desired for future clinics on meeting days. Rich Cutler offered to conduct one on weathering structures with chalk and alcohol.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary