

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 18, 2006

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:27 AM. Present were John Christiansen, President; Mike Kremheller, VP; Barry Cottrell, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and Rich Clayton, Member at Large. In addition, 16 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business. This was our best attendance in memory. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented. Chip Mullen was accepted as a full member in good standing

A financial update was presented by the Treasurer. The club remains sound financially. As the 2007 assessment was postponed until December 2008, the available budgeted funds for the electrical committee and the scenery committee are running low, so anyone who is in position to do so is asked to contribute to the 2008 assessment early. Additionally, committee chairmen are requested to review their budgets as submitted through December 2008 to insure they are still applicable and sufficient.

Members are reminded of our Fall Tour open house in November scheduled for November 10th and 11th from 10AM to 6PM. . It was suggested that we direct our work towards those projects that can be completed by that time in order to have the clubhouse as presentable as possible for our guest. The Really Great Train Expo will be at the Reliant Arena on November 3rd and 4th. The President will contact this show regarding a potential club table at the show.

A scenery update was offered by Mike Kremheller. Our primary effort near term will be the area behind the roundhouse. Randy Handley will be working on the coal mine area. Member's thoughts are invited as to how to proceed with the Mount Willie area.

Duane Darling gave a facilities update. Progress on the new bookcases and utilization of the old bookcases was reviewed. Our water well has been repaired. We need to recaulk the joint between the siding and the slab when the weather cools off. Members are requested to consider the rough in of Mt Willie and to present their ideas at a future meeting.

Roger Macauley will be taking over as chairman of the operating committee. The frequency of operating sessions was discussed. The conclusion was that from now until after the ProRail group visit on the 3rd weekend of April, an operating session will be conducted on the fourth Saturday of each month with primary focus on modern era equipment. During this period the 1st and 2nd Saturdays will be maintenance days and the 3rd Saturday will be run days. Start time for the operating sessions was discussed and the consensus was that a 10:00 start would work best. As modern era equipment will be utilized during the ProRail group visit, we need to concentrate on insuring that our modern era fleet is in top condition.

Rich Cutler shared his experiences at the NMRA convention in Detroit.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary