

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 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, 10 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business.

Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. A brief financial update was provided by the Treasurer. Our property tax bill has been received and paid for \$1,149, which was within the budget. The nominating committee presented its proposed slate of officers for 2008 with John Christiansen as President, Rodger Macauley as Vice President, Bob Miller as Secretary, Barry Cottrell as Treasurer, and Charlie Richmond as Member at Large. Additional nominations are acceptable at the January meeting.

The club Christmas Party will be December 15th at the Christiansen's home starting at 2:00 with the dinner at about 5:00. The club will provide the meat and soft drinks as usual, and members are requested to bring side dishes. Advise Carita Christiansen of your choice of side dishes.

Mark Herzog reported that our table at the Great Model Expo was well received but that the show itself was disappointing. The Secretary reported that we had the best attendance in memory to visit our clubhouse during last week end's open house. Members were reminded of the upcoming SanJac Train Show in Stafford on 2/16/08. Duane Darling invited all interested to meet at Larry's Hobbies parking lot on 11/18/07 at 12:30 to tour the Galveston Model RR museum. The scenery committee reported that work is nearing completion on the area behind the roundhouse and that the area around the coal mine will be the last major item prior to the ProRail group's visit in April. The electrical committee continues work on installing boosters to improve reliability of track power. The operating committee reported that the next operating session is scheduled for 11/24/07 at 10:00. Excess donated items have been sold on E-Bay and the funds were used to acquire needed modern era box cars. Track cleaning methods were discussed. Those with unneeded modern era box cars and plastic pellet hoppers were invited to donate those to the club's operating fleet.

The facilities committee is planning to install a new threshold under the front door and to re-caulk areas where needed. Donations of 2007 and 2008 Model Railroaders are needed. A clinic on making highway signs will be offered by Rich Clayton following this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary