

All Points North Model Railroad Club

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 10:30 AM. Present were Roger Macauley, Vice President; Barry Cottrell, Treasurer; Bob Miller, Secretary; and Charlie Richmond, Member at Large. In addition, 10 other members in good standing were in attendance; consequently a quorum was present to conduct business.

Members were reminded that ProRail starts next Thursday, and help is needed. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Sign up for those things you can help with. We need to give the clubhouse a through cleaning. All steam era cars, other than for non-operating sidings, need to be cleared from the layout. We need standbys for engines and throttles. We will need to have help available to fill any vacancies not filled by the ProRail guest. No more construction until after ProRail. The membership's desire for future operating sessions will be discussed after ProRail

Rich Cutler reviewed track cleaning and the successful use of Flitz. The track cleaning cars should only be used on the main line and passing sidings. The Treasurer reviewed our financial status which remains substantially unchanged from last month as receipts and expenditures have been equal. Scott Kurzawski identified about \$3,000 he has spent in the linking the computer and operations controls. Discussion of this was scheduled for next month's meeting.

Charlie Richmond identified potential subjects for clinics that have been suggested. He would like to see one conducted about every other month following our monthly meetings. Suggestions from members for other topics are welcome.

Long term planning will begin following ProRail. Drainage improvements are essential immaterial of what our long range plan might be, so that will be the first item to be contemplated. Completion of our present layout is necessary before any sort of expansion could be considered. Areas still available for development are; shelf over steam facility, north end of Conroe yard, area behind Conroe yard both upper and lower levels, area behind the diesel facility, Roxburg east, and the area between the new port and the refinery. Anyone interested in developing any of these areas should speak to Charlie Richmond.

Members are reminded that APN will host an open house for the Lone Star Region of NMRA on June 21st from 10:00 to 12:00. This would be on our normal monthly meeting date, so that might need to be changed. As this will likely involve a large number of guests, we will need an adequate number of members on hand to insure good order.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Miller, Secretary