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Minutes of the Quarterly Business Meeting
April 13, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by General Superintendent Bryan Hunnell at 8:03 PM.

II. QUORUM AND PROXIES

- A. Members present are: Gary Ashcraft, Cliff Bender, Jerry Brooks, Bill Chappell, Jerry Duncan, Everett Evans, Dave Flynn, Javier Gomez, Bryan Hunnell, Pat Keegan, Arie Korporaal, Steve Smith, and Keaton Walker.
B. Members present by proxy are: John Deka and Ron Wardwell.
C. Non-voting members present are: Dawson Weber, Tom Geer and Lindsay Smith.
D. A quorum was established among the active members present(13) and valid proxies (2).

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. A motion was made by Ashcraft, seconded by Javier to approve the minutes of the Jan 14, 2011 Meeting, as revised by deletion of paragraph XI.A, extraneous time hack for end of meeting. Use paragraph XI.B for correct information. Motion passed unanimously.

V. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Keaton Walker has returned to full active status.
B. Current probationary members are Dawson Weber and Lindsay Smith.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (Hunnell)

- A. It was moved by Flynn, and seconded by Steve Smith that Quarterly Financial Report be approved as distributed. Passed unanimously.
B. Quarterly report (1/1/11 - 3/31/11): Income \$3539.91, Expenses \$5,010.77, Net (loss) \$1,470.86.
C. The Net worth statement was not printed.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Branchline and Narrow Gauge (Steve Smith)
1. Steve reports that Dawson Weber is working to finish the re-work on the narrow gauge loop.
- B. Construction and Facilities (Hunnell)
1. Bryan announces again that we need a painting party for the clubhouse exterior.
2. A pair of new ballasts were installed in the one of the fluorescent fixtures in the workshop. These are the new electronic type, light-weight, quiet - no buzzing hum, and turn-on in about 2 seconds, and about half the price of the old type.
- C. Electrical (Flynn)
1. Received the 'X' axis motor (paid .99) for the CNC panel drilling machine, installation and software work is in progress. Chappell will buy the connectors needed for this new motor.
2. Two blocks were added to the proposed Baker Tower.
3. We now have a good supply of white LED's for whatever use.

- D. Standards (Korporaal)
 - 1. Lindsay and Brooks are performing wheel cleaning on the rolling stock that is on the layout
- E. Scenery (No report)
- F. Signals (Evans)
 - 1. Everett states that he may return to working on the HPRR signal system after he finishes the LGB scale bridge he is working on for a friend.
- G. Track (Chappell)
 - 1. Keena re-soldered points on the double slip switch in Del Mar throat.
 - 2. Pat Keegan replaced the toggle switch for the turnout behind the roundhouse. There have been no problems since.
- H. Del Mar City (No report)
- I. Open House (Smith)
 - 1. There will be a 'Mini' open house for the PSR tour/meet on Saturday, April 30th.
- J. VIDEO (Hunnell)
 - 1. A functional test was completed on the 8 by 8 video switch that was donated to the club.
- K. OPERATIONS (No report)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The 'American Disabilities Act' (ADA) discussion was re-visited: Per Charles White we need to consider the situation regarding disabled persons access. One way around this 'problem' is that we should eliminate 'open houses', or allow visitors by 'Invitation Only'. Gary Ashcraft states that his friend 'Jeff' could be contacted on this subject. Lindsay states they had to add a ramp to the San Dimas (Railway Station) Museum at an expense of \$200,000, which they later found out it did not work as advertised. A disabled person must have a 'loss' to be able to sue. A statement was made that 'Private Clubs' are exempt from application of title III requirements.
- B. After a lonnng discussion of the 'Pros' and 'Cons' of the situation, the consensus of opinion was to 'remain as is'. (i.e. - don't rock the boat.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Steve Smith is getting parts and auxiliary equipment to add DCC capability to local control panels (Vista, West End, Doering, Roundhouse, and Del Mar), requiring a DCC booster/controller unit and 4 additional boosters. Steve donated two of these, and Keena one. Arie and Lindsay each donated a 'Pro-Cab' hand-held throttle unit. This leaves 2 boosters and parts for power supplies to be built, requiring about \$700. A donation of \$300 was made toward this project, leaving \$400 to be funded.
- B. Arie made a motion for the club to spend the \$400 additional for this project, seconded by Duncan. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Implementation note: The DCC system will be overlaid on top of the existing analog DC (ADC) system, with a toggle switch on each control panel to select between the two, emulating a 2-cab setup, where one 'cab' is the ADC throttle, and the other 'cab' is the DCC throttle.
- D. The electrical department proposed a method to upgrade the scenery lighting for street lights, building lights, tower lights, and signals, by use of magnetically attached bases. This would avoid breakage of such when accidentally knocked over. One would just re-attach the magnet base to the layout. A motion was made by Flynn to fund \$600 for this project. There was no second, so this idea is postponed.
- E. The electrical department stated that there is a need for additional input/output p.c. boards, computer boards, and turntable controllers to continue layout upgrades, requiring about \$600. This subject was Tabled until next fiscal year.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. There will be a slide show on the Pacific Electric Railway at the Glendale auditorium on May 12th at 7:00 PM.
- B. Van Facko's wife Emily passed away. A few of the older club members went to the funeral.
- C. Steam locomotive #3751 will be at San Bernardino. (Sorry, didn't catch when.)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM, motion by Duncan, 2nd by Steve, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Chappell, Chief Clerk