

Business Meeting

Sep 4 2021

Agenda part 1

1. Member News : Potential New member Tyler Devine
2. Minutes. Motion to accept needed.
3. Treasurers Report (will also cover RRMRC finance). Also Fridge Money – Jud.

Treasurers report

(As of September 1, 2021)

RRMRC CHECKING ACCOUNT

Starting Balance:	\$1,214.11
Deposits	0
TOTAL:	\$1,214.11
Withdrawals:	\$10.30 (2 months service chg)
CURRENT BALANCE:	<u>\$1,203.80</u>

RRMRA CHECKING ACCOUNT

Starting Balance (as of July 1, 2021 Report): \$11,311.96

Deposits

Amazon Donation	\$40.78
Dues:	\$821.00
In House Auction:	\$2,682.92
PayPal Dues:	\$433.08
Total Deposits:	\$3,977.78

ENDING BALANCE: \$15,289.74

Withdrawals:

Payment to MC Church:	\$2,050.00 (2 months)
Chubb Insurence	\$1,213.00 (1 year)
Club Tools (Crimper)	\$53.82
Total non-layout Expenditures:	\$3,316.82

HO Layout Expenditures:

Bill Deitchman	\$1,128.43
L. Frank	\$89.00
Keith Waddell	\$30.39
John Eilers	\$49.54
Wayne Beck	\$56.01
Keith Waddell (Card)	\$58.54
Total HO:	1,411.91

N Scale Layout Expenditures:

Bob Ellis	\$220.20
Total N:	\$220.20
Total Expenditures:	4,948.93

CURRENT BALANCE: \$10,340.81

Layout Expenditures To Date:

HO Scale :	\$8,627.57
N Scale:	\$1,420.20
Total :	\$10,047.77
Total Available Funds This Month:	\$11,544.61 (includes RRMRC)
Spending Cut-Off Point =	\$5,000.00
Funds Remaining to Cut-Off Point:	\$6,544.61

T report cont

- How long can we survive on the recent Internal Auction?
- Estimated time to reach \$5K limit?

- Comparison
 - July – Funds were \$12,585. Expense on HO \$3977, N \$0
 - Sept – Funds are \$11,544. Expense on HO \$1412, N \$220

- Conclude
 - With the auction results we are keeping our head above water while still spending on HO and N.
 - We have eaten into \$1412 of our budget of \$1785 for HO stuff. This means we can only spend another \$373!!! We still need some cork and glue.

Agenda part 2

1. IRF update – only if news
2. Committees.
 - a. Web Page: New Owner : Duncan MacDonald.
 - b. HO Layout planning progress-
 - a. Scenery Committee – we now have 4 subgroups working on the west wall. This activity has stalled recently despite two buildings being completed. **Need to re- energize.**
 - b. Back Track Spline complete with track.
 - c. Mining Loop baseboard complete. Next step : track laying.
 - d. Box 8 now tracked! Next step : electrics and Box 9.
 - e. Need more workers!!! Electrics, track laying.

Agenda part 3

- C) N Layout planning progress-
 - Ramp from lower level to Upper starting to be scenicked.
 - Track Laying going on, on upper level

Agenda part 4

a. Funding –

i. Membership.

1. Need a better interaction with new members. We still need a better way of doing this.
2. Flyer (Keith), You Tube (Ken and John E).
3. Membership Type . Ass. And Virtual – Steve. See notes

Membership – Steve Ideas

I previously submitted some ideas for different membership categories that included internet membership. The issue for the internet membership is what would we be giving people for their donation and membership. I have some additional ideas I'd like to discuss at the next business meeting.

First idea : An **HO and an N scale motive power and rolling stock acquisition committee**. The purpose of these committees is twofold. First the committee members would be out soliciting donations for **an annual raffle**. The purpose of the raffle is to raise money for club acquisitions. Their second focus would be on actually purchasing acquisitions that the membership decides on. My initial idea came out of upgrading the Santa Fe cars the club owned and Dick generously purchased. The Club would vote on an acquisition- A named Train (Daylight, UP City of Los Angeles, WP Zephyr, Santa Fe El Capitan, etc) or a locomotive or something the club needs. The Acquisition committees would meet and discuss a purchase for the year and then bring their suggestion to the membership for a vote. The officers could participate by looking at needed acquisitions in general areas.

Update: This has happened and we have decided to try and collect SP motive Power and Cars. To date we have appropriated 4 SP locos and 6 cars and a member has donated some good quality SF passenger cars. See notes for a vote.

Second idea: Subscriptions. If one of the scale acquisition committees decided a named train should be the acquisition for a particular year the committee would solicit subscriptions to that project. The subscriptions would be for whatever a member could afford and not a fix \$ amount. The subscribers would then get the responsibility for that train including the benefit of running that particular train at club open houses and functions. They would also have responsibility for maintaining the train.

Update : Not discussed much further.

Third: **Internet memberships**. The benefit for internet membership would be the ability to purchase tickets for an annual raffle limited to members only

Update : Club Members should discuss.

Four: **Annual raffle**; The acquisition committees would spearhead collecting donations , but all members would be encouraged to participate by getting donations. Raffle prizes could include caps, t-shirts, train cars, books (and maybe even a locomotive if we got a big enough discount) and should not be limited to high end HO or N scale items. Parents with kids interested in trains would buy tickets for Thomas and other children's things. We also shouldn't limit ourselves to train related merchandise.

I am thinking this should be a two tiered thing. Part of the raffle for club members only and part of the raffle to be held at IRF

Acquisition Committee Proposal

HO Scale:

SP F unit set. Need an additional B unit Currently have 1 Kato/Stewart F7A 1 Kato/Stewart F7B 1 Intermountain F3A

Would like an ABBA set. so need an additional B unit. F7 or F3

Reefer cars. Would like to have a complete block of PFE/SP Wooden Ice Reefers. Currently have 4 intermountains. Need to check inventory for additional ATHEARN/MDC units with correct road name. Then identify how many to buy .

Oil Cars for refinery. Identify the proper style for era and location Stick with SP? remove any inappropriate cars.

70s/80s SP engine set.

Purchase an iconic SP 70s/80s EMD set prevalent all over the system. This would be a 3 unit set which included any of the following types of locomotives.

EMD SD40

EMD SD45

EMD SD40T-2

EMD SD45T-2

Santa Fe Passenger set

Need one additional powered Stewart/Kato B unit.

Have 4 cars donated by Steve.

Steve to find 5th car and then specify remaining car needs.

Cab Forward? Nice to have, but not for this first round as many club members have them to bring in as needed.

N Scale

Need a set of **BN power**

2 units and combination of **SD40-2/SD45** Need to be painted in the original green and black with white stripes.

Lumber cars

(Troy and John to review existing inventory) Need a set of center beam flats, bulkhead flats, chip cars and log cars.

Amtrak Passenger train

(John to poll N-scalers for preference.) Jud suggested old San Joaquin style with 1 F40PH and 4 Amfleet cars. TBD

Covered Grain Hoppers. (need to verify how many. Club currently has zero)

Gravel Hoppers (Again, need to identify a count. Club has few/none.)

Agenda part 5

- Funding
 - Membership cont
 - Youth Program. Waiting for Diane to progress this.
 - Ken and Lou have suggested at least two programs – one scratch building and the other wiring. Duncan has offered up a decoder clinic and Mark W has offered an Arduino course.

Agenda Part 4

i. Solicitation of Funds

1. Member donations – Need volunteer to update a list of things we need then distribute through Duncan or John E.
2. Serv Orgs and other non profits – Bill De.
3. Craft shop solicitations – John E
4. Sponsor Hall of Fame, plaques etc – Bill De, Lou.
5. Grants, manufacturers – ?
6. Shop.com income. Keith needs to reactivate.

Agenda Part 5

i. Services

1. Auctions. – Keith. Donations continue to come in. Troy to put big N scale layout on Craigs List.
2. **On Line auction. – The Next One!**
3. Equipment repair – Lou. Decoder fitting – Keith. Since both Keith and Lou are fully occupied on building the HO Layout, this will not happen anytime soon. Duncan has offered to run a decoder clinic with just a couple of members saying Yes.
4. Consignment sales – Lou. With no IRF, maybe start putting items in the cabinet with suggested price on them.
5. Appraisal Day – Don. Post covid.
6. You Tube videos – Troy
7. **Swapmeet – Steve. Plan for next May?!**
8. Contest w entrance fee – Paint walls on HO – Don. Post covid.
9. Layout Building – Keith (needs advertising), John E (mini layouts - advertise?). Not happening anytime soon.

On Line Auction

Keith Needs Help

- Lessons learned from last one
 - Lot of work getting photos, descriptions, tracking items
 - Photos need to be professional – Kens items sold, other not so much. Need Lou, Don or other to help.
 - Descriptions : titles need to include loco number or unique description. Need knowledgeable people – Jud, John E
 - Full descriptions need to be templated properly and experts to fill out. Need Keith, Troy and Duncan.
 - We plug the items into the on line auction ourselves.
 - The auction finishes when the last person finishes their bid. Auction went on for 15mins after close time.

Agenda part 7

- a. Switching Layout Update – John Bowles.
 - b. Electrical – Lou. Update. HO Lighting?
1. Operations : None. Junior program? Volunteer?
 2. Trips : Silicon Valley trip – David, Garden Railroad – Keith.
Potential Trip to Greeley? Next year?

Agenda part 8

1. Old Business
 - a. Riley sign latest – Keith. Reworked work plan. Keith to resign.
 - b. Covid 19 update – Masks unless vaccinated.
 - c. HO Rolling Stock – Group met to keep back items from donations for SP equipment : PFE Cars, ABBA set, Cab Forward, other SP items.
 - d. Roseville Historical Soc update
 - e. Last Internal Auction : JB.
2. New Business :
 1. Friends of Rocklin Library Seminar. Oct 23.
 2. IRF Replacement : Swapmeet in Spring, On Line Auction In Dec.
 3. We need more workers on the layout!
 4. Code of Conduct on Internal Auctions: Treasurer's word is final. You must be live at the auction to participate or hold your proxy entirely responsible. Post Auction disputes are unproductive and cause hardworking Officers distress.
3. Close of meeting.