

Minutes of the board meeting held on October 11, 2016, at the home of Bill Robbins.

In attendance were board members Bob Belt, Stew Winstandley, John Gorman, Bill Robins, Fred Plymale, Alan Bourne, Bruce DeMaeyer and Tom Bensberg. Division members Thomas Bookout and Larry Smith were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bob Belt at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda:

Old business:

- 1) Organizational structure, committee & officer responsibilities
- 2) Bring & Brag direction.

New business:

- 1) Regular schedule for BOD meeting (as a place holder on calendar)
- 2) Library periodical donation research.
- 3) Annual budget proposal

Bruce DeMaeyer distributed the final version of the division organization chart (see copy at end of this document). This included three new committees. Industry Liaison: (chaired by Thomas Bookout) will provide access and cooperation with rail industry as well as other rail related clubs and organizations. Reception: (chair is vacant) will insure meeting signup sheet is completed, recognize and notify superintendent of visitors or first time members and record their contact information. Scouting: (chair is vacant) will coordinate all division scouting related activities. The board voted unanimously to establish the three new committees. Bob Belt will identify the chairs for the vacant committees.

Bruce distributed the first draft of the Division Ops Manual. This will record the basic duties of all officer and board positions. Once complete it will provide a reference for future board members and committee heads.

Considerable discussion about bring and brag. For the time being members will be invited to bring any model to meetings to share. For the time being, we will follow last year's pattern with no voting or scores.

AP judging will be discussed at later meetings.

Topic for November clinic was changed to a group discussion of "Mistakes Made on My Layout". This will be moderated by Fred Plymale.

Bob Belt reported on his discussions with the Lexington Public Library about providing one or more model railroad periodicals to the library branches. At the moment the library only has space for one additional periodical at two branches. Bob is still in discussion with library and publishers about which periodical is most appropriate and what cost will be.

Bob also noted that the new Eastside Library has a craft room that might be useful for future hands on clinics..

Alan Bourne proposed that the division adopt an annual budget. Time frame would be October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. This corresponds to terms of officers and board. It will be

created by the Treasurer and approved by the board. The board unanimously approved Alan's proposal.

Bob Belt recommended that the division purchase a used laptop computer to provide audio visual support for division meetings. The board unanimously approved the purchase with a price not to exceed \$250.00

Bob led discussion about future board meetings. It was decided that until further notice, board meetings will be tentatively scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of John Gorman. Each month Bob will determine if a board meeting is actually required and will notify the board at least a week in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.