Division 10 Mid-Central Region National Model Railroad Association 6/15/16

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Division 10 was held on June 15, 2016, at the home of Rick Cobb. Present were Superintendent Rick Cobb, Assistant Superintendent Bob Belt, Treasurer Tom Krill and Secretary Tom Bensberg. Newsletter Editor Stew Winstanley joined the group at about 7:20 p.m. Stew was present for information purposes but is not a voting member of the committee.

Rick announced that the current Central Christian Church division meeting location will no longer available. In the meantime Bob Belt will schedule meetings at local Lexington libraries as far in advance as possible.

Tom Bensberg asked if the club had ever made a donation to the Central Christian Church to thank them for allowing us to use their facilities. It was stated that at one point in time we had provided a small gift for the church janitor. Tom Bensberg made a motion that we donate \$500 to Central Christian Church. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Treasurer Tom Krill will make arrangements to provide the check to the church as soon as possible.

The superintendent noted that one club member had questioned the meeting start time. It was agreed that the normal start time was 1:30 p.m. as noted in the Lantern, on the division website and calendar and in meeting announcement emails for at least the past year. This will continue to be our start time until further notice.

Rick placed a phone call to John Gorman to discuss two items. First, John believes he may be able to arrange for KET to allow us to meet in their conference room at their Cooper Drive location in Lexington. John will report back after he has made inquiries.

Second, John recommends the division purchase voice mail software that will phone announcements to division members as required. This is needed since some of our members do not have email and others do not read emails on a timely basis. Cost will be about \$195 per year. It will require a volunteer to set up and maintain. John stated that Paul Southgate has volunteered to take on this task. It was noted that Paul will need to join the NMRA before he will be allowed access to member information. John will look into the details of the software and report back. The final decision will be made by the full board.

Bob Belt discussed options for separating quarterly Bring & Brag AP judging from the division meetings. This will allow judges to fully participate in the meetings. This item will be deferred for discussion with the full board and at a division meeting.

Rick noted that he found no club flyers at Hobbytown. Stew will ask Mark Hunt about the status of the flyer program.

Stew announced the nominating committee has a proposed slate: Superintendent – Bob Belt, Assistant Superintendent – Bruce DeMaeyer, Treasurer – Alan Bourne and Secretary – Tom Bensberg. The slate will be announced in the August Lantern as required by division bylaws.

Bob Belt, assuming he is elected Superintendent, will take care of appointing Trustees and committee heads as required.

Rick Cobb agreed to create a list of 12 Bring & Brag topics for future use.

There was discussion of the most recent division meeting where discussion of the T-Track project took up all the meeting time and the announced clinic topic was tabled. It was agreed that this should not happen in the future.

The group discussed the Wendell Greer Award. Rick and Bob will write up the criteria for the award. The group agreed that Fred Plymale will receive the 2016 award.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 p.m.