

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

the Mon Valley Model Railroad Club Newsletter

February 2010

WANTED :: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Call to order

President Deavers called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. There were twelve members present, including three officers.

Minutes

The January minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

In his absence, Treasurer DeVault submitted reports covering the past two months. The December report showed a closing balance of \$2023.67 with the CD valued at \$1801.06. The January report showed a closing balance of \$2476.92 with the CD value remaining at \$1801.06.

Both reports were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Caboose: None

Constitution: See New Business

Ad Cars: None

DCC Improvements: Bill Hudak reported that he will move the 8 amp booster to the PC staging yard. There was some talk about installing kill switches there.

Old Business

The purple wall POQ is finished and Gary thanked those responsible for this project. The lighting POQ is continuing with more progress made this month by AJ and Don.

February 2010 Train of Thought

Mike Hohn delivered the Tichy pulpwood car kits and distributed them to those who have donated funds. Mike and Jim Kubanick will assist any members who need help in putting them together and Jim will paint the fleet once they are built. There are 24 cars.

There was some discussion on the January 1 op session. Gary thought it was our best ever, with plenty of positive feedback from our guests. The following op session, however was cut short by a snow storm and we stopped running at the lunch break. Only club members were present for this one. Still, it went fairly well enough to show that we are learning how to operate. Gary would like to schedule another sometime soon.

New Business

Discussion centered on reviewing the proposed Constitutional changes. Rich Henderson provided enough copies, with proposed changes printed in red, for all to review. Changes were modified as follow:

Article 2.3 - delete: Regular.

Section 2.7 - 2.7.6: Wording corrections.

Article 3.3: Change "a member must be present".

There were also suggested revisions in the order of Articles 3.4 to 3.7. Rich will revise these.

SCHEDULE

March 4, 2010
Business Meeting

April 1, 2010
Business Meeting

April 17, 2010
Division 2 Jamboree
www.keystonedivision.org/

May 6, 2010
Business Meeting

May 14-16, 2010
Coalfield Express
www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express.html
NMRA-MCR Convention

June 3, 2010
Business Meeting

July 1, 2010
Business Meeting

August 5, 2010
Business Meeting

September 2, 2010
Business Meeting

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Article 5.9 - Change "July" to "June".

Article 6 - Add "As governed by Roberts Rules of Order"

Article 7 - Add 7.8R regarding making minor changes without requiring vote.

Article 8 - Add 8.5 regarding making minor changes without requiring vote.

Article 1, Section 1.2 - Rich will define club purpose to confirm with suggested wording presented in Eric's email.

Section 1.4 - Section 1.4 Drop reference to emblem. The membership present felt that the Constitution is not a proper place to reference this.

The BOD will review the next draft and present it to the membership for final approval. If accepted, it will go into final draft to be mailed out with ballot for approval by the membership.

The BOD proposed a dues increase: \$60 for Regular; Associate \$50, Family \$70; College Student: \$35; Youth \$24. This was voted upon by the members present and passed.

The BOD proposed a new rate for Ad Cars of \$35. There was some discussion on this after which a motion was made and seconded. The motion was defeated by a vote of 6 to 5.

Rich Henderson and Jon Hebb have volunteered to take over the club Yahoo Group and Website to relieve Eric Hansmann of the burden.

Eric also wants to retire from the newsletter editor position, so that position is open to anyone who might be interested. If anyone is interested, please step forward.

Adjourn

After a long and fruitful meeting Gary called for a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. He received a motion and seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted February 5, 2010, by former Secretary Jim Kubanick.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of 12/1/09 \$ 1786.17

Income

Open House Donations \$ 484.00
Dues - Lew Matt \$ 50.00
Dues - Shawn Jones \$ 50.00

Expenses

Rent: January \$ 265.00
NMRA Division 2 Pike Ad \$ 25.00
Allegheny Power \$ 56.30

Balance as of 12/31/09 \$ 2023.87

Bank Certificate value \$ 1801.06

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of 1/1/10 \$ 2023.87

Income

Op Session Donations \$ 92.00
Dues Paid: DeVault, Raque, Hines, Lemelle, Deavers, Hudak Sr, Kirby, Benders, Kubanick, Malnikof, Chervenick, D Henderson, R Henderson. \$ 650.00
Ad Box Car \$ 25.00

Expenses

Rent: February \$ 265.00
Allegheny Power \$ 48.95

Balance as of 1/31/10 \$ 2476.92

Bank Certificate value \$ 1801.06

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