

FLAGSTAFF MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Board of Directors & Membership Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2007

Members Present: Cluck, Davis, Goodwin, Lake, Lawson, Lovely, Paradis, Scandura, Scott, Snow, Stout, Tuck

Location: Flagstaff Model Railroad Club

Meeting opened at 7:35 p.m.

2007 County Fair statistics:

Donation Income \$353.40

Raffle Income \$706.00

Raffle Expense for N- and HO-Scale Trainsets \$150

Ad Train Income \$800

Raffle Tickets Sold 882

Hours Worked 346 by 22 members (there are 31 club members)

Number of different persons working:

Friday – 14, Saturday – 12, Sunday - 15, Monday - 12

Visitors 8,360

2007 Income \$1,853.40

2006 Income \$1,643.00

2005 Income \$ researching

2004 Income \$ researching

2003 Income \$1,686.00

Random thoughts about 2007 County Fair:

All agreed that the fair was a success

Operation Lifesaver table banner was good

Add duct tape to supplies list

Plan for school rush at 10:00 Friday

Saturday evening was short staffed

Guardrails were great; need one at bottom

Need non-skid on kids' bench

Add wipes for hands to supplies list

Place fair benches in shade at building side

Build a wheelchair ramp at rear door (need to discuss with the county)

Printed too many Scavenger Hunt sheets (printed 400)

Printed too few club flyers (printed 200); OK for the fair

Need One Way arrow at front door

Need to run cleaning cars (not agreed by everyone)

Run Thomas back-and-forth, like a trolley, with a delay

Buy one piece raffle tickets

Send a letter to club before the fair: *The fair is a SHOW for the public, which pays for our otherwise free rental. We should have no food or other junk on the layout, or be doing any other prep work, except to correct problems. We should all wear our nametag and hat.*

Provide DCC and operations classes before the fair, with a description of the fair routes

Fix background music, and provide appropriate speakers

Establish club rules for the fair:

- Cleaning cars (not agreed by everyone)

- Train lengths

- Running others' cars – long standing tradition is that if you leave your train on the tracks, it is available to other members (except in the under-N-Scale storage)

Move TV to avoid EXIT sign

Add FREE signs to crossbuck and building sign

Add a front door shelter for rain and sunlight, fans for visitor area and roller shades for windows

Provide exercises for standing long hours

Mount stats for visitors in frame:

- Length of track in feet and scale miles

- Years

- Brief history

Need to always have a physical presence in dispatch

Liked the informal nature of extra members allowing flexibility of operations

Add an N-Scale column to the sign-up sheet

Need club cars off the staging yard to allow for members' set-up

May need to restrict number of trains each person may run (2 was discussed)

All August Tuesdays should be spent in fair preparation

- Clean layout and track

- Install special scenes

- Set up trains

- Set up tent, lower windows, test trains

Good to have two people in tent for breaks

Also good to have an engineer in the visitor passageway to explain operations

Counter should be left clean

Need more attention to filling all positions

Need better visibility of donation box

Minutes of July 10, 2007, posted on the web, not discussed (secretary's feelings hurt)

Discussed interpersonal relations. No one member *owns* any part of the layout; it is owned *jointly and severally*. Club Code of Conduct circulated as a reminder.

Treat others professionally and courteously.

Reminded that when a project is performed, members need to be taught about its function, to avoid loss of operational knowledge.

Reminded that ALL projects are to be coordinated with the superintendents, except scenery projects, which affect the entire layout.

PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER. Resubmit proposals for those that continue into the new year.

Brainstormed major projects for the next year:

Dispatch panel
Reverse loops
Storage tracks
N-Scale power supply
South Mountain
New club throttle

Discussed the layout's approaching stability (but some of the club members still have a ways to go to reach maturity, Art)

DUES ARE DUE

Treasurer asked if he would prepare budget. *What part of no don't you understand?* he said.

Consideration of Membership Applications

First reading:
George & Marilyn Wallace
Walt Howard

Treasurer's report approved:

Balance in Bank	\$2,665.88
Expenses This Year	\$2,500.00
Anticipated Balance After Membership Dues	\$4,000.00

Discussed continuation of operating sessions; unanimous agreement. Discussed computerized versus card systems. Paradis will research.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Prepared by Secretary Jim Tuck