

FLAGSTAFF MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Membership & Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2009

Board Members Present: Cluck, Gibbs, Lovely, Nash, Tuck

Board Members Absent: Kaufman, Lake

Members Present: Goodwin, Paradis, Scandura

Location: Home of Tom Paradis

Meeting opened at 2:38 p.m.

Minutes previously distributed to board and posted on web site. Distributed YTD Treasurer's Records, showing almost \$4,000 year end balance.

Discussed previously distributed fair income and visitor reports.

Discussed fair positives:

- Visitor numbers good; up from 2008
- Income solid
- Layout ran well, with up to seven trains at one time
- Lighting changes well received
- DCC operated well
- Member relations positive
- Staffing & operations did well

Discussed needed fair improvements:

- N-Scale had afternoon issues
- There were sometimes too many HO trains running by one member at a time, keeping others from running their train
- Sign-ups inconsistent, and some member no-shows; still have sign-up sheet available.
- Dispatch needs to be in charge; didn't always happen
- Ad train sales were down; many ads sold by other than members
- Need an ad train *sales available* car
- Need better displays; encouraged proposals for better displays
- Discussed TV with train videos; not supported
- Confusion about Grand Canyon raffle prize; will discuss earlier next year

Approved 2009/2010 Budget (attached, but will not be posted to web site).

Discussed need for 2008/2009 project update; Gibbs will contact project managers for information.

Discussed need for DCC upgrade; decided to instead produce instructions, focusing on need to purge excess numbers still in the system.

Gibbs will solicit new project proposals, due October 1, and dues, due by November 1.

Decided to offer Division sponsorship for June 12 for the 2010 summer meet; June 19 as back-up. Tuck to reserve Federated Church.

Decided to table discussion of sponsoring 2011 regional meet. Last in Northern Arizona was 1999.

Discussed Visitor Center display, due October 1. Committee will meet.

Adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Prepared by Secretary Jim Tuck