

Coachella Valley Model Railroaders, Inc.

Located on the Riverside County National Date Festival Fairgrounds

Minutes of membership Meeting, December 7, 2011

Club president Richard Blackwell opened the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Richard Blackwell.

Richard mentioned that this was our annual membership meeting to comply with state and corporation requirements

Jim read minutes of last meeting, accepted as read

Jim read financial report, accepted as read

Rich explained that anyone can see the yearly income/expense ledger and that a printer copy is here to review.

No old business

New Business

- Rich thanked Dale, Jerry and all others who helped on the raffle table for 2011. It was the best one ever and now they have a task to do it once again for the 2012 fair.
- Rich explained the importance of dispatching your locos from hand controllers when finished for the day.
- Rich explained that we should not be holding toggle switches in the on position when using them to operate turn-outs. Switches are momentary on-off-on. We are burning up turn-out motors when holding them on.
- Rich explained that we need to be more careful on cleaning the swing rail in the turn-outs as we are bending or breaking the contact tab and then the turn-out needs to be replaced. Let one of the officers know when the turn-out is malfunctioning. Hershey asked about making the frogs on the turn-outs electric and that would eliminate that problem. Ski explained that the insulfrog® switches take care of that problem.
- Rich discussed the fair sign up schedules while Jim handed them out. If you sign up for a time slot, don't just show up and then go out and take in the fair. If you sign up, you must fulfill your schedule. If you cannot commit any specific time, you are still welcome to join us and run your train(s).
- Rich explained we must use the radios while operating during the fair.
- Rich mentioned we should not be allowing general public visitors within the layout perimeter during the fair. If you have guests, escort them in, stay with them then escort them out. It's crowded enough just with our own members operating their trains.
- Rich mentioned that he was setting up an embroidering machine so members, supplying their own shirt, can have a clubs logo embroidered on it. Rich would charge \$5 per shirt to help defray his expense in providing this service.
- Hershey requested member advisement of the change made to by-laws reference the wording change to clarify that VP, Secretary and Treasurer positions are elected and not appointed.
- Bob Pelton discussed rebuilding the North end of the layout next year. It was tabled until our next meeting on March 10, 2012.
- Ralph made a motion to consider dismissal of Joe Winkelmann from membership due to his Email comments against Richard and Jim. Ski suggested we wait until Joe returns so he can explain his comments. Jack and Hershey also said we should wait until Joe's return. Motion amended to hold until his return. Moved and 2nd
- Barnacle asked about engine numbers and suggesting we place a board up so all can see what numbers are in the system before you address your engine so we wouldn't get a conflict. Richard explained the mechanics of the controller system already in place that tells a person if a number is already in use. Jim made a motion to keep as is as we really don't have a problem with that. Motion passed.

Voting by written ballot was made for 2012 Officer Positions, including five absentee ballots submitted by members not able to attend the meeting. President: Richard Blackwell, 1st VP: Ski Gruzalski, 2nd VP: Ralph Butcher, Sec/Treasure: Jim Hundley

Closed meeting at 8:08 PM