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7th Division PNR/NMRA Annual General Meeting 2015 Held During Vancouver Train Expo At The Forum Building, PNE, Vancouver BC On Sunday November 8 2015 From 1400 To 1600 Hours.

Minutes

Call To Order

Superintendent Russ Watson called the meeting to order at 1405 hours in a meeting room at the Forum Building at the PNE Vancouver BC. 22 members, including 3 Executive members, signed in. Also included in the membership count were 2 member guests from the 6th Division.

2015 Agenda

Russ Watson announced that he was adding an item to New Business called the Meet Portion of the Vancouver Train Expo. Motion to accept by Rene Gourley, Seconded by Scott Calvert – Carried.

Minutes From 2014 AGM

Motion to accept by Dick Suttcliffe, Seconded by Rene' Gourley – Carried.

Old Business Arising From The 2014 AGM Minutes

- Bill Hewlett Slide scanning Project. Greg Kennelly was not at the meeting, but Russ Watson talked to him earlier that day and Greg stated that nothing had been done. For those not aware of the collection, it consists of a few hundred slides, mostly of the PGE. Rene' Gourley put forward a motion to look into the getting them scanned professionally, and if not exorbitant, just get it done - Carried. A discussion ensued about what should be done with them, once scanned. Rene' will take on this project. (secretaries note) – At a later date Russ Watson reported that Bill Galovich of Mission

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Old Business Arising From The 2014 AGM Minutes - Continued

BC, would do the scanning no charge and burn them to a CD/DVD. Mike Chandler would deliver the slides Bill who will arrange to return them to Greg Kennelly once scanned. Mike will coordinate delivering the finished CD/DVD to Brian Clogg to put on our website. A decision will have to be made at a future date about offering them for sale at a nominal charge.

- Jim Ferrier Collection. Doug Mayer was not at the meeting. Russ Watson reminded all that the collection consisted of a large quantity of full sized CPR equipment drawings held at the Revelstoke Railway Museum. Doug took on the project to organize and scan them. However, because of the physical size of the drawings, he needs someone to help him. To date a few people have volunteered, but progress is slow. It is understood that the collection is in safe hands at the moment but in a much disorganised state. Efforts at this time are limited to sorting and documenting the contents.

- Local Membership Meetings. Ken Rutherford was not at the meeting but Russ Watson recapped the work done by Ken so far. Ken felt there were areas in the 7th Division where members did not get to meet one another and that it would benefit the club to have small one day events to encourage people to get to know about the hobby and each other. In the past the Executive approved an expenditure of \$200.00 to help defray expenses. So far Ken and Ted Alexis have held meetings on the Island. Other than that, several clubs all over the division have been and continue to get together on a regular basis.

- Selkirk Express 2016. Jim Walker was not at the meeting but Jim Little spoke on the subject. The information is recapped and enclosed in **Addendum 1**.

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New Business

- 2015 Election Results. Two positions are up for election this year- the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Dan Rowsell has agreed to stand for Assistant Superintendent. Up to two weeks ago, Jim Guillaume had agreed to stand for Superintendent. Unfortunately family medical issues forced him to withdraw. In his place John Martin has agreed to stand. Russ Watson called three times for each position, for additional candidates. Upon no response, Dan Rowsell was declared our new Assistant Superintendent and John Martin to be our new Superintendent.

- Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award Coordinators Report. See **Addendum 2**. John Green spoke about the difficulty of contacting this year's winner. It had been hoped that he would be at the meeting. Therefore John stated that he would advise the winner as soon as he was able to make the presentation. (secretaries note) John made the presentation a few days after the AGM and the winner is Greg Kennelly. The January/February edition of the Bulletin Board has details of this presentation.

- Meet portion of the Vancouver Train Expo. Russ Watson spoke about an informal meeting he had with Peter Mueller, the Chair of Vancouver Train Expo. The reason for the discussion was the problem of the VTE Organising Committee coming up with volunteers to organise both a public Train Show and a Modellers Meet. Russ spoke about his fear that without help, the Modellers Meet would disappear. Accordingly it was decided the 7th Division would have to absorb responsibility for organising the recruitment of volunteers for the meet portion. A discussion continued about what was needed to put on the meet portion. (secretaries note) In the time since the AGM, an exploratory committee has been formed to look into this situation.

- Not in the agenda, but Russ Watson asked VTE Chair, Peter Mueller if he would like to comment on this weekend's event. Peter thanked us for the opportunity and stated that the public attendance would probably come to 4000 plus for the two days. As such he was confident that they would be able to do it again next year. He then asked us if we wished for the same type of event next year. He received an enthusiastic round of applause. In response he then asked if any of us would volunteer to help put it on. As an anecdote he said that on the

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New Business Continued

weekend, someone complained that the usual door prizes were not available this year. In response, he said the reason was that the person that normally solicited these prizes was already doing two other jobs. Would he care volunteer to do it next year?

Elected Executive Reports and Appointed Position Reports

Treasurers Report

- Larry Sebelley summarized and presented his written financial report for the year ending October 31 2015. See **Addendum 2**. Not in his report is a cheque he received on the weekend, from the Victoria Club in the amount of \$250.00, for the 2015 show.

Summary

Revenue - \$2669.

Expenses - \$1265.

Net Profit - \$1404.

Motion to accept by Rene' Gourley, Seconded by Jim Little – Carried.

Secretaries Report

- As an aside Bob Leggett reminded everyone that this was Russ Watson's last duty as 7th Division Superintendent and he called for everyone to show their appreciation for all his years of service to the Division. Round of applause given.

Bob thanked everyone that got their written reports emailed to him prior to the AGM, it is a great help in the organization of the meeting.

Superintendents Report

- Russ Watson read his previously submitted Superintendents report. See **Addendum 2**.

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Membership Coordinators Report

- Brian Clogg read his previously submitted Membership report. See **Addendum 3**. As well he noted that problems with membership renewals had greatly improved. Dick Sutcliffe stated that renewals had been processed at the Canadian head office by one person and that he now had help.

BB Editors Report

- BB Editor John Stevenson was not at the meeting nor had he presented a report.

Video Library Report

- Don Gooch was not at the meeting. However, his wife Gladys had emailed Bob Leggett prior to the meeting and stated that there had been no activity in loaning out the videos in the last year. Russ Watson stated that in past years there had been very little activity in this area and wondered if the time had come to cease this service. Motion from Rene' Gourley to dispose of these videos through sale or donation. Seconded by Scott Calvert. – Carried. Russ stated that he would contact the Gooch's to discuss their disposal. (Secretaries note) Shortly after the AGM Russ emailed the Secretary and stated that he had emailed Gladys Gooch to let her and Don know about the approved motion to dissolve the video library and she replied saying she would search their computer to find the library inventory list and send it to him. As of January 21, 2016, Russ had not received the list.

Publicity Coordinators Report

- Dick Sutcliffe spoke about his previously submitted Publicity report. See **Addendum 3**.

Member Aid Chairmans Report

- Mike Barone had not previously submitted a Member Aide report. However he stated that there have been no requests from the membership for help, but that he had not followed through with his intended advice to be published in the BB.

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He would correct that. A discussion followed as to whether this service was redundant in the age of the internet. However it was pointed out that the NMRA had decreed that this was a service we had to provide to the membership.

AP Chairmans Report

- Mike Chandler read his previously submitted report. See **Addendum 3**.

Director At Large Report

- Ken Rutherford was not at this meeting, however Russ Watson read from his previously submitted report. See **Addendum 3**. (secretaries note) Ken had written this report a few weeks ago and it states that Jim Guillaume was running for Superintendent. As already noted, Jim had to withdraw at the last moment and John Martin is running in his place.

Web Master Report

- Brian Clogg had not previously submitted a written report but spoke about it. He wished to thank the previous webmaster, Greg Madsen for his help. We have now moved our site to a new domain owned by the 7th Division, and have considerable space on it to add member information. He is requesting member feedback in that regard.

Jack Work Memorial Trophy Coordinators Report

- Rene' Gourley had not previously submitted a written report but spoke briefly about it. For those not aware about it, this award is given to a 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work demonstrated in modelling. Namely: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward thinking, quality workmanship and sharing all of this with other modellers. It is a once in a lifetime award and is nominated by peers. This year there was one nomination but Rene' felt that at this time, that was not enough to judge an award.

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Area Representative Reports – Subdivisions

South Vancouver Island

- Ted Alexis was not at the meet, but new Assistant Superintendent, Dan Rowsell, spoke on his behalf. The Victoria Train Show in May was successful and, as previously noted, had been able to make a \$250. donation to the 7th Division. He urged us to come to their show, as they come to ours. Their club is currently still looking for a home; they are currently in a trailer. They have three active clubs in the area.

Mid Vancouver Island

- Ken Rutherford was not at the meeting but had previously submitted a written report, which was read by Russ Watson. See **Addendum 4**.

North Vancouver Island

- No report.

Lower Mainland - Langley to Hope

- Larry Sebelley had previously submitted a written report which he summarized at the meeting See **Addendum 4**.

At the end of his summary he switched roles to a 7th Division Director, of which he is one. He asked all those in attendance, that if the 7th Division takes on the role of organising the Modellers Meet, what were their opinions about keeping the Train Show and Modellers Meet together on the same weekend. This caused a lengthy discussion by many in attendance and the virtual unanimous opinion was that it should stay together. Even our two guests from the 6th Division joined in. In spite of the fact that their shows are held separate (and very successful shows they are – Edmonton and Calgary), they felt it would be detrimental to what we are doing here, to separate them.

Lower Mainland – Vancouver/Richmond/Burnaby/New Westminster

- John Green summarized his previously submitted report. See **Addendum 4**.

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Area Representative Reports – Subdivisions Continued

Lower Mainland – Surrey and Delta

- No report.

Lower Mainland – North Shore To Pemberton

- No report.

Interior – Kootenay Region

- Mike Barone had not previously submitted a written report but gave a verbal one. Their group went up to Edmonton in September and had a good time at their train show. In the last month or so the club has had some visitors who were serious about getting into the hobby. Other than that, things have been pretty quiet.

Interior – 100 Mile To Prince George

- Russ Watson had not previously submitted a written report but gave a verbal one. He stated that there has not been much activity in the area and unfortunately had lost members. He said that now, after giving up the job as Superintendent, he hoped to be able to spend time looking into holding a local membership meeting.

Interior – Okanagan/Thompson/Shuswap

- No report.

Positions Open – North Fraser Valley – Tri Cities To Mission/North Of Prince George/Bulkley Valley To Prince Rupert

Adjournment

- Motion To Adjourn – Rene' Gourley at 1530 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Leggett – 7th Division Secretary