

2019 AGM Minutes

7th Division PNR, National Model Railroad Association

Held at Atrium Hotel, Vancouver B.C, 09 November 2019

Call to Order; Meeting called to order by Superintendent John Martin at 19:30

- **Quorum:** Twenty-three members in good standing in attendance. Quorum requirement is met as verified by member signature.
- Superintendent Martin welcomed all members and guests and introduced the Board of Directors in attendance with regrets being sent by Director-at-Large Ken Rutherford.
- Motion to Approve the 2019 Agenda- Emil Ferry. Seconded- Tom Lundgren. Carried
- **Minutes of 2018 AGM-** Members were reminded that these minutes are available on-line at the 7th Div. webpage. Therefore, an abridged version of the minutes was read by the secretary to the members outlining the board's activities for the year. Motion to accept the 2018 AGM minutes by Larry Sebelley, Seconded by Tom Car. Carried
- Poll of attendees regarding the desire to have the committee reports available to all attendees in paper form taken by the Superintendent. By a count of 3 for paper copies, and 20 against said copies, in future the secretary will have a single copy available for reference. All reports are available on-line at 7divpnr.ca/documents. For information only, 20 copies of the 2018 minutes were printed at a cost to the division of \$32. At the end of this AGM, 10 copies were left behind.
- **2018 Treasurer's Report-** Larry Sebelley displayed and reviewed the 2018 financial statements for the meeting by the on-line resource. He reports that the division is in very good condition. The issue of payment by the region to the division has been resolved but not without surprise as Larry reports according to the Regional Treasurer the 7th Div. has been overpaid in years past and that going forward we should only expect \$370 USD for membership refund to the divisions. Motion to accept the 2018 Treasurer's Report by Gary Hazell. Seconded by Jim Guillaume. Carried.
Note: 2019 Treasurer's Report has been received by the board and is on display in 7th Division PNR documents.

- **Old Business arising from 2018 AGM**

1. **Jim Ferrier Collection-** Doug Mayer gave brief outline of history of collection. The 7th Division collection is in the care of the Revelstoke Railway Museum and is stored in space donated by CPR in the Revelstoke station. Doug, Mike Barone and several others have been working to catalogue the collection, and Doug's working group recently located additional drawings. Doug reports there are 4-5 dozen (1%) drawings that have been scanned. If you wish a particular drawing, Doug lends the drawing so that you can scan and copy the original and then return the original and scan to him.

As well, the drawings pertinent to Revelstoke from the Glen Lawrence collection have been digitized and the efforts are underway to return those originals to Dave Manser in Vancouver. Question was asked where the collection should ultimately reside and Doug feels that the Canadian Pacific Historical Association should receive them.

2. DVD Collection- Collection was presented to membership in attendance for \$5.00 per video. If there are left overs, Superintendent recommends that they be made available on eBay for \$2.50 which was the sum offered by a local hobby shop for the full collection of 40 videos when they were all available.
3. Insurance Coverage- Ed Molenkamp has arranged for NMRA Canada to have \$2 million or \$5 million liability coverage available. Superintendent Martin did contact NMRA insurance provider and they assured him that they have had a claim from Canada and that it was paid but there is no paper trail to confirm. Anecdotally, the Vancouver Train Expo has their own insurance coverage.
4. RMMBC Participation Survey- There are 340 NMRA members in the 7th Division, with 140 members from the lower mainland. Of those, only 40 members participate from that group that participate in RMMBC, meaning 100 NMRA members choose not to come to an event in the lower mainland. Why? Some feedback indicates scheduling conflicts or a dislike for Simon Fraser University.
5. Membership Refund from PNR to 6th and 7th Div.- PNR executive feels we've been overpaid in the past and Larry Sebelley reports there will be a reduction in the future coming to the 7th Division.
6. Bulletin Board- There is to be no more paper copies going out to the membership except by specific special arrangement. Closed.
7. Heritage Award- it is well underway and will be awarded for the first time for work in preserving railway history by an NMRA member in and around the 7th Division. A recipient has been identified and author Bob Turner will be present at RMMBC to make the inaugural presentation.

- **Elected Directors & Standing Committee Reports**

1. Superintendent's Report- John wished to thank members for their reports and the membership for informing themselves of those reports on-line. Dan Rowsell is stepping down from the board as the Ass't. Superintendent. Round of applause given by all in attendance. John Stevenson has chosen to step down as the editor of the Bulletin Board newsletter. He too was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the 7th division as the editor for the past five years. Hearty round of applause given by all in attendance. Two separate motions of appreciation to these two individuals for outstanding service to the 7th Division made by Doug Mayer, Seconded by Emile. Carried. Superintendent acknowledged the fine work of four 7th Division members that worked tirelessly at and for the Cranbrook convention to make the 6th Division event such a success. Thank you all.

2. Secretary's Report- Jim recapped the events of the past year. Bulk paper committee reports were not distributed at the meeting however a single copy of reports was made available by the secretary to attending members should they request same. Full reports are also available on-line at the 7th Division website. Recognition made that NMRA life member, former Bulletin Board editor and standing committee chairperson, Doug Kellaway passed away on Monday, November 4, 2019 after a long illness. Condolences from the membership is sent to the family.
3. Vancouver Train Exposition (VTEX)- Tom Lundgren reports that 3000 people attended the show on Saturday, and approximately half of the event's expenses were collected on the first day. Tom extended his heartfelt thanks to each of the VTEX committee members for their individual hard work as well as to the 75 volunteers without whom the event would not have been possible.
4. Publicity Report- Dick Sutcliffe is still desiring to retire from the position. He has asked too that sub-division representatives let him know of upcoming events and that the events be included on the website so that they can be made known to the public in a timely fashion.

- **Elections**

Two positions (Superintendent and Ass't. Superintendent) are up for election this year. John Martin allowed his name to stand for the position of Superintendent. There was one nominee for Ass't. Superintendent...Victor Gilbert. Therefore, Victor is elected by acclamation. He has indicated too a willingness to move into the Superintendent's position at a future date. Current Superintendent John Martin is re-elected by acclamation for an additional two-year term. Thank you, gentlemen, for allowing your names to stand.

PNR Committee Representatives

- Education Committee Member- John updated members that there haven't been any members step up to fill this Regional position.
- Nomination Committee Member- John updated members that there haven't been any members step up to fill this Regional position.

- **New Business**

1. 2020 AGM Venue- The costs keep escalating prohibitively at the Atrium. Two alternatives were discussed. The first option would be the forum where the VTEX Show is being held. Cost would be minimal but the facility is bleak and access after VTEX closes is complicated. The second would be the BCSME (British Columbia Steam Model Engineers) site in Burnaby which is about a 10-minute drive from the show site. Tom Carr has discussed this proposal with John and it is being offered for free (a donation would be appropriate) and a light snack may be available. Discussion centered about holding AGM at Sunday Lunch during the RMMBC versus on Saturday evening following the VTEX show. This is to be discussed by the Board of

Directors in the future. Motion made to hold the 2020 AGM at the BCSME site on November 2020 in conjunction with the Train Show by Emil Ferry. Seconded by Tom Carr. Carried.

2. 2023 PNR Regional Meet- The 7th Division will be responsible for this event. Victoria may consider. At a previous Canadian Association of Railway Modellers (CARM) convention, the meet was a success but the public show was not. The Victoria members present were advised that they wouldn't need to plan on holding a public show. They indicate they will meet to consider this further and will report back to the Board.
3. Victoria Model Railroad Show Donation- On behalf of the Victoria Model Railroad Show and chief organizer Ted Alexis, a cheque for \$200 was presented by Ass't. Superintendent Dan Rowsell to the 7th Div. PNR. Round of applause given.
4. Mid-Island Train Show Report and Donation- John Martin acknowledged a letter from Mid-Island Show organizers Ken Rutherford and Rick Lloyd about the show, and the news that a new person Chris Sundstrom has agreed to take on the responsibilities of organizing future Mid-Island shows. An enclosed cheque for \$1000 was presented to the 7th Div. on behalf of the Mid-Island Train Show. Superintendent extended many thanks on behalf of the 7th Division for this very generous donation. Round of Applause given.
5. Knowledge Bank- Previously discussed by Secretary. The intent has been that the knowledge bank would be a reference source of primarily a technical nature for future executive members on how they have carried out their jobs for the division using current technology.
6. 2020 Mini-Event Funding- Decision taken by the board to continue funding venue rentals for mini-events in the division for 2020. This decision will be reviewed in the future to determine if this is sustainable given the recent reduction in grants from the PNR.
7. New Business from the Floor- Scott Calvert invited to speak on the upcoming joint Great Northern Historical Society/ Canadian Pacific Historical Association meet to be held at Nelson, B.C. in September 2020. They have a lot of interesting tours, guest speakers (Robert Turner) and clinics planned, and the hotels are booked. To attend, you must be a member of one of the organizations. It is to be held September 18-23, 2020.

- Motion to Adjourn- Randy Nussli @ 20:47