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7th Division PNR/NMRA Annual General Meeting 2011 Held during Trains 2011 at the Cameron Recreation Centre Burnaby BC Sunday November 13, 2011 1400 to 1600 Hours

Minutes

Call To Order

Superintendent Gary Hazell called the meeting to order at 1400 hours in the Cedar Room of the Cameron Recreation Centre, Burnaby BC, 29 members including 5 executive members signed in.

Minutes Of 2010 AGM

Motion to adopt by Tom Carr, seconded by Greg Kennelly - Carried

Business From 2010 AGM

- Financial compensation for executive officers travelling to PNR BOD.
- BB advertising.
- Publicity Report - Dick Sutcliffe having misgivings about continuing setting up 7th Div. Booth.
- Members Aid Bob Gardner suggestion contacting PNR member chair - problem local or wide spread?
- Database of model railroad clubs - Ken Rutherford - Do we still do it and want it published on website?
- Website - John Zuk - needs input from members.

Treasurers Report

Larry Sebelley read and presented a written financial report for the year ending October 31 2011 as well as a 2012 budget. **(see addendum #1)**

Summary

Revenues -- \$2,120.

Expenses -- \$894

Net Profit - \$1,225

Motion to accept by Russ Watson, seconded by Mike Barone - carried

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Secretary Correspondence

None.

Presidents Report

Gary Hazell read and presented his written Superintendents report

Summary

Stated it has been a great privilege to be superintendent. Since taking over from Scott Calvert, has attended all PNR meets except one plus a number of National and 7th Div. Meets.

He notes a number of changes:

- 7th Div grown to almost 350 members.
- Now 2nd largest PNR Div.
- gone from totally mailed BB (snail mail) to over 2/3 by email.
- Now have colour pictures in e-edition of BB.

He wants to thank the entire executive and standing committee for help and guidance - special thanks to Ken Rutherford and Russ Watson for organising upcoming election of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Will not be completely stepping away - Will help Russ Watson as well as continue to print envelopes for the BB.

Thanks all for making the experience wonderful as superintendent.

Vice Presidents Report

Russ Watson read presented his written Assistant Superintendents report.

Summary

Took over from Tom Carr January 2011 and spent most of the year working with Gary Hazell to become familiar with the workings of the 7th div. Also worked with Ken Rutherford organizing and obtaining nominations for the 2011 election. Due to an oversight the notices did not get into the BB in time for the usual mail in ballot - an AGM election had to take place. This oversight will not be repeated for the next election.

He thinks the 7th Div. Is healthy, working smoothly - largely thanks to executive and appointed position members.

He also thanks all who work hard to bring the various train shows, meets and activities to the 7th Div.

On behalf of all 7th Div. Members he wishes to extend gratitude to departing Superintendent, Gary Hazell, for his many years of hard work.

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Membership Report

Brian Clogg read and presented his written Membership report.

Summary

There are 335 members (last year at this time 320) including:
9 members are overdue less than 3 months.
64 persons are overdue more than 3 months or expired.
47 are life members.

BB Report

Brian Clogg read and presented his written BB Mailing report as an extension of his Membership report.

Summary

246 members take the BB electronically of which 14 are family.
78 members are mailed of which 3 are family.
6 complementary BB's are sent by email.
4 members have the BB delivered by hand (SAMRA).
28 complementary BB are emailed and 3 mailed to NMRA and PNR officials.

Eric Reynard was not present at the AGM and no report was submitted.

Video Library Report

Don Gooch read and presented his written Video Library report.

Summary

No request for tapes this year.
New DVD's purchased this spring which were listed in the BB.
VHS tapes are being given away - slow response.
Suggests an enquiry as to members preferences.
Put list of available DVD's on the website.

Publicity Report

Dick Sutcliffe discussed his continuing difficulties in transporting, setting up and staffing the NMRA display booth. He would like someone else to take over Publicity Coordinator position.

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Member Aid Report

Bob Gardner presented his written Member Aid report which was read by Gary Hazell.

Summary

There have been no requests for member aid this past year. He asks the incoming executive to review this program to determine if it should be continued or if a new and improved approach should be implemented.

AP Report

Russ Watson read and presented his written AP Chairman report.

Summary

- Less activity in past year than 2010
- Rene' Gourley earned a Merit Award at the NMRA National in Sacramento for his HO scale Atlantic Canada Combine #2 - 7th Div. only merit award last year.
- Larry Sebelley and Mike Chandler qualified for Author Certificates.
- Mike Chandler also qualified for Association Volunteer Certificate
- Roy Zschiedrich earned the Golden Spike Award for work on his layout and modules.

Certificates are mailed from National AP General Manager directly to the members. Congratulations to all AP participants.

Expenses for last year total \$23.96 which covers mailing envelopes and postage.

He wishes to thank all that helped him with the AP and encourages all members not involved in the AP to consider participating.

Director At Large Report

None.

Web Master Report

John Zuk presented his written Website report which was read by Gary Hazell.

Summary

He will be updating the website for next years events, email address corrections as well as personnel changes from the meeting and election.

Again, membership contributions to the website are lacking - looking for suggestions, omissions or corrections.

As a result of suggestions to put past issues of the BB on the website, Scott Calvert has done some scanning. However, webmaster Mark Johnson advises limited space on the server at this time. That could change.

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After volunteering as webmaster for several years, he now wishes to announce his retirement. He will continue to work on it until a replacement is found and give guidance to that person.

Note - Greg Madsen volunteered to be the new webmaster.

Jack Work Award Report

No award this year.

Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award Report

John Green announced there would be a recipient of this award this year to be presented at tonight's banquet. Secretary's note - the award was presented to Bill Dixon that evening.

Standing Committee Reports

Vancouver Island Subdivision - South

Ted Alexis was not present at the meeting. However it was noted that the Victoria Train show donated \$100.00 to the 7th Division. Also, Ken Rutherford stated that the show was looking for another venue to cut costs.

Vancouver Island Subdivision - Central and North

Ken Rutherford read and presented his written North Island report (**see addendum #2**). Secretary's note - because this report contained a large amount of information in condensed form, it has been included in full as an addendum.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Tri Cities to Hope

Tom Carr read and presented his written North Fraser Annual Report.

Summary

He reports 3 clubs are active in this area:

Dewdney- Alouette Railway Society (DARS)

- HO layout in the basement of the Maple Ridge Museum.
- Depicts Haney area around 1926.
- Open to the public on the last Sunday of each month.
- Society maintains an old CPR caboose on the museum property.
- Recent activity has seen 4 new members plus detailing and wiring interiors of

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over 20 buildings.

Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club

- Meets every Tuesday night at home of club president, Jim Rankin.
- Mainly a social club, but some members run trains on Jim's HO layout.
- Visitors are always welcome.
- Club doesn't have a portable layout to take to shows.

The Vancouver Train Gang

- Is a N-Trak modular DC club with members from all over lower mainland.
- Open to anyone interested in N scale, has 30+ members aged from teens to 80's.
- Has no permanent layout location, but maintains an annual average of 12 public shows at public venues.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Langley to Hope

Larry Sebelley read and presented his written Fraser Valley Report.

Summary

He reports on clubs:

Abbotsford Model Railway Club

- Lost its home in the basement of the Trethewey House.
- Is in temporary quarters in farm country, continues to look for new home.

Chilliwack Model Railway Club - Free-mo Division

- Attended National NMRA convention in Sacramento in July 2011.
- They joined their 5 module sets to modules from California & Kansas to form an E shaped layout 40 x 80 feet and won a Judges Award. Planning for Portland 2015
- After Sacramento the remaining original 6 members of the Free-mo Division left the Chilliwack Model Railway Club to form Coldsap Free-mo.
- Has now rented space in the Gallery of the Chilliwack Arts Council building, where their modules are now set up.
- New members welcome - visit www.members.shaw.ca/coldslap/welcome .

Chilliwack Model Railway Club

- Entered their N-Scale layout at the Mount Cheam Lions Hobby Show.
- The highlight of the hobby year in the area is the Mount Cheam Lions Hobby Show, which is held every October
- He reports he is always looking for news, photos and updates. Model railroaders are invited to submit digital submissions to sebelley@shaw.ca .

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Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Vancouver Richmond & Burnaby

John Green read and presented his written Vancouver Burnaby & New Westminster report.

Summary

- Media reports of an agreement to start the long awaited construction of the sky train Evergreen Line to Coquitlam in 2012
- Translink is considering refurbishment/replacement of original sky train cars, now 25 years old.
- Construction has begun at sky train and sea bus terminals to accept new compass card ticketing system to be operating in 2013.
- Lots of activity (layout construction/enhancement) plus operating sessions on several operations capable layouts in this area
- About eight 7th division members attended the Bay Rails Operating sessions in Fremont/San Jose in March 2011.
- About forty 7th division members attended the NMRA National Convention in the Bay area and then Sacramento.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Surrey and Delta

Brian Clogg advises nothing new to report.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - North Shore to Squamish

Graham Stokes read and presented his North Shore Report.

Summary

North Shore Railway Modellers continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday most months. Members, both NMRA and non, rotate among each other's homes sharing railroading interests regardless of scale.

The North shore was very well represented at the NMRA National in Sacramento:

- Kyle Gardiner won 1st place for steam for his CPR 2711 G4a scratch built loco and tender. 1st place for passenger cars with CP Combine 3299. 1st & 2nd place for non revenue models with CP plow 401035 and CP flanger 400401. 2nd place (by only 1 point) for caboose CP 436714. The G4a steam loco also won 1st place in the Peoples Choice Awards for locomotives.
- Rene' Gourley won 3rd place for passenger cars with Canada Atlantic Combine #2 .

Graham is optimistic for the growth in this area and asks for referrals of anyone in the area interested in the hobby.

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Interior Subdivision - Kootenays East and West

Mike Barone gave his verbal Kootenays report.

Summary

Golden City Railway Modellers are still located at the Waneta Plaza Mall in Trail.

- Have purchased club shirts with embroidered logo.
- Now about 30 members.
- Looking for a trailer to transport layout to other meets..
- Displayed at the Rossland Fall Fair in September.

Interior Subdivision - Prince George/Caribou

Bill Hood presented his written Central BC update read by Gary Hazell.

Summary

There 8 to10 members in Prince George are preparing for the Goldpan Express in Quesnel spring 2012. They expect 3 or 4 modules to be ready for the event.

Operating sessions have been happening on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Anyone from around Prince George that is interested can contact John Ireland at 250-562-7108 for more information.

Interior Hobbies has moved to Massey & Westwood between Tim Hortons and Princess Auto.

Note - The passing of Brian Freemantle who resided in this area, was noted at the meeting. Bill hood will be sending an eulogy to BB.

Subdivisions Still Needing Volunteers To Report

Bulkley Valley to Prince Rupert
Everything North of Prince George
Kamloops to US Border

New Business

Elections

Ken Rutherford announced the results of the 2011 election of officers:

26 ballots submitted of which one was invalid (blank)

Russ Watson for President -----25 votes - Elected..

Jim Little for Vice President ----- 14 votes - Elected.

Greg Madsen for Vice President - 11 votes - Defeated.

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Dan Huberman of Pacific Western Rail Services spoke of difficulty being an exhibitor at Trains. He requested and got a private meeting with Gary Hazell and Russ Watson at the conclusion of the AGM. The purpose was to offer advertising of the 7th Div. on his web site as well solicit volunteers for Trains.

A discussion was started about reinvesting the \$10,000 GIC. Also Graham Stokes asked what the long term plan was for this money. Ken Rutherford suggested that the 7th Div could sponsor clinics like the ones held at Oakridge years ago. He felt this would be a good member benefit.

Roger Ferris suggested having cards for the Canadian Rail Pass, available for handout at the NMRA booth.

A discussion about the 7th Division patches given to new members. They are running out. Get more? Do something different?

Gary Hazell advised that the next PNR Convention that is the turn of the 7th Div. has been moved from 2015 to 2016. Permission for Salmon Arm to bid on this convention had been approved at the 2010 AGM.

Bill Dixon advised that the organization for Trains 2012 was in place, but beyond that is questionable. He cites problems with the committee stepping down at the end of 2012, lack of volunteers and declining registrants for the meet. He asks for help from the 7th Div. On a related note, John Ostler and Tom Carr who are also members of the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers, advanced the suggestion of joining forces with their group to put on a meet.

Greg Kennelly proposed that the PGE slide collection taken by the late Bill Hewlett be scanned for the 7th Div archive. Motion to pursue this by Tom Carr, seconded by Graham Stokes. Motion to approve spending up to \$250.00 by Tom Carr, seconded by John Ostler.

The 2012 AGM will be held during Trains 2012 on Sunday November 11 at 14:00 hours.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Carr at 16;00 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Leggett
7th Division Secretary