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## 7th Division PNR/NMRA Annual General Meeting 2012 Held during Trains 2012 at the Cameron Recreation Centre Burnaby BC Sunday November 11, 2012, 1400 to 1600 Hours

# Minutes

### Call To Order

Superintendent Russ Watson called the meeting to order at 1410 hours in the Cedar Room of the Cameron Recreation Centre, Burnaby BC, 30 members including 5 executive members signed in.

### 2012 Agenda

Motion to accept by Russ Watson, seconded by Doug Mayer – Carried.

### Minutes Of 2011 AGM

Motion to accept by Ken Martin, seconded by Tom Carr – Carried

### Business Arising From 2011 AGM Minutes

Superintendent Russ Watson explained that the outstanding issues from the 2011 AGM have been reviewed by the executive, and the following is the result:

**BB Advertising** – There has been little interest in pursuing this. The small amount of income does not justify the work involved. Issue removed from agenda.

**Publicity Coordinator Position** – Dick Sutcliffe has been doing a great job on this for many years but wishes to step back. To date, no one has come forward as a replacement. However, under new business an announcement will be made of a new promotion plan. Hopefully this will make it easier to find a replacement coordinator.

**Member Aid** – Bob Gardner has decided to step back from this job. Mike Barone has volunteered to be his replacement.

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**Model RR Club Database** – Ken Rutherford has attempted to maintain a list of model railway clubs, but due to lack of input from the clubs has not been successful. Instead we are offering space on our website for clubs to submit information on their activities. Over time we hope it will develop into a club page.

**Dan Huberman Issue With Obtaining A Trains Vendor Table** – His company has a table at this show and for the immediate concerns, this issue is considered closed. However the executive has recognised the need to develop a policy that NMRA sanctioned shows must follow. Going forward this policy will be developed with input from all concerned.

**\$8,500 GIC Purpose (Not \$10,000 as stated in the Agenda)** – This is maintained as a reserve for the following:

- 1** – In the event that over a period of time the income of the 7<sup>th</sup> Division should be less than the expenses.
- 2** – A sanctioned model RR show experiences a loss putting on an event. We do not wish personal losses.
- 3** – A proposal has been brought forward by Ken Rutherford for clinics as promotion of the hobby. That will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Canadian Rail Pass Cards** – It has been brought up that these should be on the 7<sup>th</sup> Division publicity table. These are on the table now.

**7<sup>th</sup> Division Patches** – We had run out. The executive decided to purchase 222 of them at a cost of \$1499. Brian Clogg has these now and is issuing them to new members. It has been stated that some members never received one. Contact Brian and he will send you one.

**Trains 2013** – The committee that puts on the Trains events will be retiring at the end of this show. Superintendent Russ Watson expressed gratitude for all the hard work that they have put in, many for several years. There have been rumours as to what will happen to this show, and what form it will take in the future. However Russ expressed optimism that in the near future, once it becomes apparent that this show could end, people will come forward to carry on. John Green pointed out that the existing committee is updating procedure book to aid a new committee in what has been done in the past and suggestions for the future. Tom Jones stated he would like to be part of

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the new committee. Graham Bennett made a motion for personal recognition to the retiring committee – round of applause from all in attendance.

**Bill Hewlett Slide Scanning Project** – Greg Kennelly submitted a written report. (see addendum #4). He was at the meeting to give a verbal update. Bob Hunter has volunteered the use of a new scanner that can reproduce 12 slides at a time. There are about 300 slides in the collection. Doug Mayer and Brian Clogg have volunteered to help in the project. Greg stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. has ownership of these slides. He also asked if the \$200. allocated to the project could be given to Bob Hunter to help out his expense of purchasing a new scanner. Superintendent, Russ Watson, stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. would take it into consideration upon completion of the project.

## **Treasurers Report**

Larry Sebelly read and presented a written financial report for the year ending October 31 2012. (see addendum #1)

### **Summary**

Revenue - \$2,681

Expenses - \$2,223

Net Profit - \$458

Motion to accept by Graham Bennett, seconded by Mike Barone – carried.

## **Secretaries Report**

Bob Leggett gave a short verbal report (see addendum #1 for summary)

## **Presidents Report**

Russ Watson read and presented his written Superintendent's report (see addendum #1).

## **Vice Presidents Report**

Jim Little was not at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

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## **Membership Report**

Brian Clogg read and presented his written membership report (see addendum #2).

**Secretaries Note:** After the AGM, Brian submitted a correction and addition to his original report. This has been added to the above addendum.

## **BB Report**

Eric Reynard was not at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

## **Video Library Report**

Don Gooch read and presented his written video library report (see addendum #2). However he further stated that in order to increase interest in the video's, he had discussed with webmaster Greg Madsen, the possibility of listing them on our website.

## **Publicity Report**

Dick Sutcliffe presented a written publicity report and was at the meeting to discuss it (see addendum #2).

## **Member Aid Report**

Bob Gardner was not at the meeting, but had previously submitted a written report (see addendum #2). Also as previously stated, Mike Barone has volunteered to carry on this position.

## **A. P. Report**

Russ Watson read and discussed his written AP chairman's report (see addendum #2).

## **Director At Large Report**

Ken Rutherford elected to do a report under new business.

## **Web Master Report**

Greg Madsen read and discussed his written web master report (see addendum #2).

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## **Jack Work Award Report**

Rene Gourley was not at the meeting but he had previously stated that there was no award this year.

## **Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award Report**

John Green advised that someone had been chosen for this award which would be announced and presented at the banquet after the meeting. **Secretaries Note:** The winner was Eric Reynard of Salmon Arm. He has served the division as Bulletin Board editor for several years, and he is the president of the Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association. John further stated that nominations are open for future recipients of this award.

## **Standing Committee Reports – Subdivisions**

### **Vancouver Island – South**

Ted Alexis was not at the meeting but Ken Rutherford gave a verbal report which is summarised as follows: A Victoria train show is being planned for 2013. The tentative date is September 8 and a new, less costly venue is being looked at. A new format is being considered, but is not confirmed at this point.

### **Vancouver Island – Central And North**

Ken Rutherford summarised his written North Island report (see addendum #3).

### **Lower Mainland – Tri Cities To Hope (North Fraser)**

Tom Carr had to leave the meeting early but he earlier submitted his North Fraser report (see addendum #3).

### **Lower Mainland – Langley To Hope (South Fraser)**

Larry Sebelley summarised his written Fraser Valley report (see addendum #3).

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## **Lower Mainland – Vancouver/Richmond/Burnaby & New Westminster**

John Green gave a verbal report which is summarised as follows: In transit, the Compass Card System installation is going ahead system wide. With gas prices going up, transit usage is continually increasing. There is a huge question about building rapid transit out to UBC. The buses are running there on a 2 minute headway with a half hour load time at Broadway station. Vancouver City council has for this year declined to support the Downtown Street Railway or the Trams. Apparently that is going to be corrected next year. John noted that this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disbanding of the Vancouver Club at the CN Station. It is interesting that 7 really good layouts have been built by those members.

## **Lower Mainland – Surrey & Delta**

Brian Clogg gave a verbal report which is summarised as follows: Not much new – their formal group in Surrey is still going strong. The Delta Model Railway Club is doing well and is at this show again.

## **Lower Mainland – North Shore To Pemberton**

Graham Stokes asked that the subdivision name be changed from North Shore To Squamish to North Shore To Pemberton. He also summarised his written North Shore report (see addendum #3).

## **Interior – Kamloops**

Mathew Buchanan was not at the meeting, but he had previously submitted a report (see addendum #3).

## **Interior – Kootenays East & West**

Mike Barone summarised his Kootenay/Columbia report (see addendum #3).

## **Interior – Prince George & Caribou**

Bill Hood was not at the meeting and no report had been submitted. His position is being taken over by John Ireland. However Russ Watson reported that his group in Quesnel has been quite active with operating sessions on local layouts as well as travelling up to Prince George to operate on John Ireland's layout.

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## New Business

### Jim Ferrior Collection

The Jim Ferrior collection consists of prototypical drawings of railroad cars, structures etcetera, which mostly have to do with CPR. It is currently 7<sup>th</sup> Div. property but for the most part, resides in the CP archives. Doug Mayer reports that due to the Revelstoke Museum losing their liaison person with CP and with management changes at CP, this collection could be in peril. Russ Watson stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. executive would look into this further, and take appropriate action to secure the collection.

### 2012 Election Results

Three executive positions were up for election this year:

Treasurer (Larry Sebelley)

Secretary (Bob Leggett)

Director At Large (Ken Rutherford)

All three were elected in.

### BB Editors Position

Eric Reynard has done this job for 8 years and would like to step down. We are still looking for a replacement.

### Spring Meet

**Secretaries Note:** At the time this meeting was held, no one had come forward to do a 2013 Spring Meet. However since that time, people in Kamloops have announced that they will host one on April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2013. For information contact Brian Kelly [bandwkelly@shaw.ca](mailto:bandwkelly@shaw.ca) or Ken Klein [paleotrains@shaw.ca](mailto:paleotrains@shaw.ca) .

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## **Local NMRA Membership Meetings**

Ken Rutherford summarised a written presentation on local NMRA membership meets (see addendum #5). Russ Watson stated that the 7th Div. executive fully supports this initiative and is willing to provide funding to make the meetings possible. Motion to accept the concept - Ken Rutherford – carried.

## **2013 AGM Location**

Russ Watson stated that the location of the next AGM, which must be held in the November time frame, is unknown due to the uncertainty of Trains 2013. Russ stated his optimism that this show will happen, but in the event it doesn't, other options are being explored. One possible option that has been offered is use of the BCSME facilities in Burnaby to put on a mini meet.

## **Storage Of Trains Assets**

In the event that a new Trains committee is not formed, storage of assets will have to be provided to remove these items from the homes of the retiring committee. Russ Watson made a motion to provide the funding for rental of storage. Seconded by Greg Kennelly. Carried.

## **New 7<sup>th</sup> Division Display Boards**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Div. executive has discussed this issue and it has been decided to remodel the display. It has been decided that new back boards constructed out of lighter material, such as foam core, should be built. Also, multiple sets, instead of just one, should be built and stored in the following locations: the Island, the Lower Mainland and the Interior. Russ Watson is asking for volunteers to make them, store them, and set them up at shows. Greg Kennelly spoke up and volunteered to manufacture one set of display boards for use at the Nanaimo show on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Policy Manual**

As previously mentioned, a policy manual will be developed. Russ Watson stated that this will be done by the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. executive in the next few months and will be announced to the membership on our website.

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## **Our Website Development**

This has already been discussed in Greg Madsen's Website Report. However Greg added that he is considering establishing a Facebook page as an optional information site for members.

## **Producing The BB Digitally Only**

Due to high mailing costs, Russ Watson proposed to the executive that the BB be distributed by email only. This idea has been rejected for now, as the executive feels that this is an important membership benefit and some members are not comfortable with computers. However Russ asked the members that get the BB by mail to consider trying the email version, even as a trial, just to see if it could work for them.

## **2016 PNR Regional Convention**

Gary Hazell spoke about the work that the Salmon Arm Club has been doing to prepare for putting on this convention. He asked for permission to proceed. Motion made by Gary Hazell, seconded by John Green – carried.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Huberman at 16:00 hours.

## **Respectfully Submitted**

Bob Leggett

7<sup>th</sup> Division Secretary