



L.A. Division Advisory Board Minutes

January 12, 2023 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Call to Order – Vic Cavalli – 7:00pm

Roll Call / Quorum – Nick Lisica

Vic Cavalli, Superintendent/Director	James Keena
Nick Lisica, Chief Clerk	Chuck Fisher
Kevin Spady, Paymaster	Pat Raymer, PSR President
Gary Butts	

LA Division Officers in Bold

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from December 8, 2022, meeting
- **Approved unanimously**

Officers/Committee Reports

- **Finance**
 - Finance Report – Kevin Spady
 - **\$17,090.82 in US Bank (formerly Union Bank)**
 - **Additional \$50 in PayPal to be deposited into the bank account**
 - 2023 Budget Review – Vic Cavalli
 - Reminder: Acknowledgements need to be sent out for each donation received in 2022
 - **Motion made to accept the budget as proposed with the right to modify as needed moving forward. Unanimously approved.**
- **Communications Team**
 - Deadline: 1st Quarter *LA Coupler* submission due February 5th – Nick Lisica
 - **Please submit articles to the editor by 2/05. New submissions are encouraged and welcomed.**
 - **Website was updated recently; the Facebook site is still online, however not very active. More photographs have been requested to be added to the website.**
- **Membership Team**
 - Division sponsored layout/club open houses
 - April xxth: Glendale Model Railroad Club – Mike O’Brien
 - Couple with Annual Membership Meeting at Griffith Park’s Travel Town
 - **No updates at this time. The goal is to host an event with multiple things to do (layout tour, meeting, etc.)**
 - July xxth : Chuck Fisher’s home layout – Chuck Fisher
 - **Target date: June 24**
 - **Kevin will search the database to look for other layouts in the area to add to the tour**

- **FYI Cajon Division is beginning monthly layout tours**
- **Pat Raymer: Descanso Gardens could be a potential event space with room to host modular layouts. Vic will reach out to get additional information regarding a possible event in the 3rd quarter.**
- Status: Distribution of Division Members' Satisfaction Survey – Vic Cavalli
 - Waiting on distribution labels
 - **No updates at this time.**
- **All Other Committees/Teams – Open Floor**

New Business – Open Floor

- **James Keena – Church in Whittier (home of previous events) is still open for our use if we would like.**
- **Gary Butts – Costa Mesa train show – February. Gary will send out a sign up list for volunteers**
- **Gary Butts – QCD – Qualified Charitable Distributions. Over the age of 72, you can donate directly from your IRA to a 501(c)3 with before tax dollars.**
- **Vic Cavalli – Great Train Show in Ventura is the weekend after the Costa Mesa Show, Vic is working on securing a table at the event.**
- **Vic Cavalli – “World’s Greatest Hobby Show” has been renamed “Great Train Show”**

Old Business (updates provided as available)

- Status: Transfer of L.A. assets to Division storage locker – Vic Cavalli
- 2023 L.A. Division Sponsored/Attended Shows – All
 - Great Train Show (Ventura) February 18th & 19th
- **On Hold:** Develop New Member’s Welcome Packet

Next Advisory Board Meeting Date: February 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Adjournment – Vic Cavalli – 7:55pm