



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Zoom Application

Date: November 12, 2020, 8:00 P.M.

ATTENDING:

<u>Superintendent</u>	Vic Cavalli	<u>Clerk Paymaster/Achievement</u>	James Keena
<u>Director</u>	Mona Raymer	<u>Webmaster/Editor</u>	
<u>Member Aide</u>		<u>Graphics</u>	Scott Sackett
<u>Membership Recruitment</u>	Bob DeMoss	<u>Membership Retention</u>	Vic Cavalli
<u>Non-Rails</u>		<u>Assistant Non-Rails</u>	
<u>PSR President</u>	Pat Raymer	<u>Facebook</u>	
<u>Buddy System</u>	Mike O'Brian	<u>Communication Coordinator</u>	Nick Lisica
<u>Others Present</u>	Ron Westlund		

Call to Order

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes October 8, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Division currently has the following funds:

Checking	\$11,753.48
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$5,103.07</u>
Total	\$16,856.55
Less Outstanding Checks	\$5,670.90
<u>Plus PSR Reimbursement</u>	<u>\$2,804.00</u>
Total	\$13,989.65

Social Media

The Los Angeles Division will hold a Show-and-Tell Zoom Event on Saturday, November 21st at 1:00 P.M. The San Diego Division is looking into moving their monthly Zoom Event to the 2nd Sunday of each month.

NEW BUSINESS

Los Angeles Division Contact List

Vic Cavalli reported that the contact list for the Los Angeles Division has been updated. Teams are grouped together. Nick Lisica volunteered to oversee coordination of communication for the Division. Vic Cavalli will oversee coordination of Division events with event team leaders.

PSR Board Meeting Highlights

The PSR Board Meeting was held via the Zoom Application on Sunday, October 25, 2020 and continued on Monday, October 26, 2020.

Low Achievement Program participation within Divisions was reported. James Keena will write articles regarding the various achievements that are available in the NMRA for each edition of the Coupler.

Have Divisions send out Birthday messages to members with a coupon for redeeming one sheet of Hobo Auction tickets at a future event. It was agreed to keep costs manageable to send the messages via email with a coupon that could be printed and redeemed at PSR event that includes a Hobo Auction.

Membership Attraction/Retention Grant Program was discussed. Grant needs to be submitted to the PSR Board for approval. Only new types of programs have been approved by the Board. Previous examples were the Cajon Division CM3 boxcar races and the Arizona Division on-line Zoom meeting kit build.

PSR approved reimbursing the Los Angeles Division for 50% of the losses for the cancelation of the Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention. The Division received a reimbursement of \$2,804.00.

The Arizona Division is petitioning the NMRA to become its own Region. This will be voted on by the NMRA Board in February 2021. It is possible the Southern Nevada made join them as well. Discussions are being held on how to handle future PSR Conventions. It is being considered that more regional oversight of PSR Conventions and dividing of tasks between Divisions.

PSR Board approved the purchase of Tichy 50' flat car kits for distribution at Division event as a thank you for new full membership signups. The cars will be provided to each of the Divisions.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Supplies

James Keena again asked members to review and update the list of Division items that they have stored at their homes that was sent out the previous month. Members indicated that they will inventory the items they have in their homes. This way there is a record of where Division items are stored in members' homes.

James Keena further reported that items that were obtained for the Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention were transferred over to the Cajon Division for use at the PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special Convention. This included San Antonio Winery fans, paper bags, decorative lanyards, Non-Rail and Hobo Auction items.

Los Angeles Coupler

Nick Lisica is assisting Tim Johnson to proof read Coupler articles. Please submit future articles to Nick who will forward them to Tim for inclusion in the Coupler. Nick provide a Coupler Submission Publishing Schedule to assist members in submitting articles.

Discussion about the high cost of printing and mailing physical paper copies to the remaining four members that do not have email addresses. Either the members do not have computers or they prefer paper issues due to failing eyesight.

Division Event Budgets

Vic Cavalli requested that information regarding pass costs for Division Events be forwarded to him for preparing a budget for next year. This includes annual member meeting banquet, SpringRail and Freight Fright events.

James Keena will forward breakdowns of pass SpringRail event costs. With the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 restrictions we are currently unable to utilize any of the rooms at the Nazarene Church in Whittier. If we were to conduct a SpringRail event we would only be able to do outdoor activities such as just the swap meet that follows required mask and social distancing guidelines.

Annual Membership meeting may need to be held as a Zoom meeting or as an outdoor picnic where social distancing could be maintained. It was suggested that the Los Angeles Live Steamers be considered as a possible picnic site.

For the Fright Freight or Frosty Freight event, the typical cost is only the NMRA insurance at a cost of \$50.00 and any additional expenses incurred in providing donuts and coffee for the event.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. via "Zoom Application."
Join meeting code: 839 6317 119 Passcode: 248175

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena
Los Angeles Division
Chief Clerk Paymaster