



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Go to Meeting App

Date: May 28, 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> | Tim Johnson |
| <u>Member Aide</u> | | <u>Graphics</u> | |
| <u>Membership Recruitment</u> | Bob DeMoss | <u>Membership Retention</u> | Vic Cavalli |
| <u>Non-Rails</u> | Edna Keena | <u>Assistant Non-Rails</u> | |
| <u>PSR Vice President</u> | Pat Raymer | <u>Facebook</u> | |
| <u>PSR Achievement</u> | Carl Heimberger | <u>Others Present</u> | Al Dalmann |
| Ron Westlund | Dottie Sanders | Mike O'Brian | |

Pat Raymer called the last Van Nuys Local 2020 planning meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. to thank all those that were involved in the planning of the Convention.

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

Financial Report

The Division currently has the following funds as of the April 30, 2020 Union Bank statements:

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Checking | \$14,179.73 |
| <u>Savings</u> | <u>\$5,102.89</u> |
| Total | \$19,282.62 |

Available funds are expected to be reduced due to the canceling of the Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention. This is due to transferring registrations over to the PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special Convention as well as issuing refunds for registrations, Hobo breakfast, tours and extra fare clinics.

Storage Unit for Division Supplies

Discussion regarding the storage of L. A. Division supplies that are currently kept as various members homes. It was suggested that a storage unit be looked into for centralizing the Divisions' assets, which includes projectors, screens, sound system, banner and display stands. Due to the large amount of plastic models intended for Hobo Auctions, Raffles and Door Prizes, a climate control air conditioned storage unit is mandatory.

Based upon preliminary investigation, the cost of storage units are within the following ranges:

| | | | |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 5' x 5' | \$65 to \$70/Month | Estimated cost per year up to | \$840.00 |
| 5' x 10' | \$105 to \$110/Month | Estimated cost per year up to | \$1,320.00 |

Based upon the amount of items that the Division has, a 5' x 10' storage unit would be the most desired. Mona Raymer will do a more thorough search for units that meet the Division's needs and is also somewhat centrally located then report back to the Advisory Board.

Great Train Show

The Los Angeles County Fairplex has canceled all events through the end of September, which has canceled Great Train Show that was to be held weekend of August 8 - 9, 2020.

Non Profit Status

The Pacific Southwest Region is still proceeding with the filing of 501-C-3 status for the overall Region, which includes all for the four of the Divisions.

NMRA at Risk Policy

Discussion regarding the new "At Risk Policy" of the NMRA and how it will affect our future sponsored and co-sponsored events. We have two upcoming events this year, which are:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| October 3, 2020 | Bellflower | Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers Meet |
| December 4 – 6, 2020 | South Coast Botanical | Frosty Freight |

Both events are not directed at individuals under the age of 18 that are classified at risk. The Prototype modelers meet is attended by adult model railroaders. Jeff Smith of RailMaster Hobbies is the main sponsor of the event with the L. A. Division being a co-sponsored for NMRA insurance purposes.

The South Coast Botanical Gardens show is held a Los Angeles County facility, which is open for the general public and anyone under the age of 18 is required to be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. The L. A. Division does not charge a fee to the general public for attending this event. Entrance is obtain by attendees paying admission to Los Angeles County to enter the Gardens.

Frosty Freight

The South Coast Botanical Gardens Los Angeles Division Frosty Fright Modular Meet will be the weekend of December 5 & 6, 2020. Setup would be on Friday December 4, 2020 Modular Groups invited will be encourage to have a holiday theme displays. Scott Sackett will be reaching out to the various modular groups that are next in the rotation to be invited to attend. Scott Sackett will also contact the Gardens for the current event contract so that the insurance certificate can be ordered from the NMRA for the event.

Website

Tim Johnson reported that he updated the coming event information on the website. He added a note that the Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention has been canceled.

Coupler

Tim Johnson stated that articles and photos are due by June 1st for the next edition of the Los Angeles Division Coupler.

Los Angeles Division On-Line Present

The NMRA has launched the NMRA-X via Facebook and NMRA U-Tube Channel. The San Diego and Cajon Divisions held a joint shared layout tour meeting via the Zoom App. The Zoom App provides meetings up to 40 minutes for free. Monthly subscription fee is \$15.00 for unlimited length meetings. Mike O'Brien will check out the details regarding obtaining a Zoom account and report back to the Advisory Board.

Announcements and Coming Events

Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers Meet, Bellflower, October 3, 2020
Cajon Division Fall Meet, Buena Park, October 24, 2020
Highland Park Society Open House, San Gabriel, November 4, 7 & 9, 2020
Cajon Division Fall Meet, Boulder City, NV, November 14, 2020
Frosty Freight, South Coast Botanical Gardens, December 5 - 6, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. via "Go to Meeting App."

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena
Los Angeles Division
Chief Clerk Paymaster