



## LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Zoom Application

**Date: June 10, 2021, 8:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL/QUORUM**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of May 13, 2021 were approved unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **Financial Report**

The Division currently has the following funds:

Checking	\$9,434.58
Savings	\$5,103.25
Total	\$14,546.83

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Events**

The Great Train Show has listed the Pomona Fair Grounds as a potential show date on August 21 & 22, 2021. Several members indicated that they would be willing to man a NMRA booth at a future event. Bob DeMoss was asked to contact the Great Train Show director for NMRA table space. Will share space with the Cajon Division to advertise the PSR Convention in Irvine.

Bob DeMoss, James Keena, Pat Raymer and Mona Raymer will man the booth on Saturday, Vic Cavalli, Mike O'Brien on Sunday. Kevin Spady indicated he will assist depending on his work schedule. If needed, James Keena indicated that he can also work on Sunday. Due to Covid-19 restrictions regarding sanitation after each use, we will not be able to have children coloring or have wood toy trains for them to play with.

Bob DeMoss will ask for 10 event passes, with 6 passes assigned for the L.A. Division and 4 passes for the Cajon Division. Volunteers manning the NMRA booth will received free admission to the Train Show, each member is responsible for paying for their own parking fees.

Mike O'Brien brought up layout tours and visits as a possible event. James Keena stated that the Highland Pacific Model Railroad Club will have their open house on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The LA Division is welcome to set up a NMRA information table in the front yard of the Club.

Lloyd Lehrer suggested having a swap meet at either Frank Kenny's or Ron Vernell's parking lots in July or August. He will check with Fran Kenny about possible dates that would work to utilize his parking lot.

Pat Raymer stated that he thought that NMRA insurance certificate can be used for more than one event at time. James Keena will check the NMRA website regarding this again, but recalls that there is a \$50.00 processing fee for each event that requires a physical Certificate of Insurance naming the facility as additional insured.

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Sand House Chat**

The LA Division first Sand House Chat Zoom Meeting will be held on July 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. A Mail Chimp notice was sent to all LA Division members. A second reminder notice will be sent on 1-week prior to the meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Need to place this event on the PSR calendar. Kevin Spady will contact Dan Moran to obtain access ability to add LA Division events to the PSR Calendar.

### **LA Coupler**

Reminder to submit photos and articles for the LA Coupler.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS/CONTESTS**

Lloyd Lehrer was congratulated on receiving his Golden Spike Award for model railroad layout construction.

James Keena reminded everyone to begin preparing their entries for the Show Room at the PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special Convention in Irvine.

## **Nominations & Elections**

Vic Cavalli will send out reminders to the Divisions for candidates for election of new Division Directors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Events**

Vic Cavalli asked with the reopening of businesses and easing of restriction do we want to think about face-to-face events. Could possibly hold a Fall Rail event in October or November. Jeff Smith is holding his Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers event on Saturday, October 2, 2021, which we have co-sponsored.

We need to check with the Botanical Gardens about possible dates for holding a modular meet train show event. Our previous coordinator, Scott Sackett has dropped out of the NMRA. Ron Westlund had arranged for the Garden G-Scale and Live Steam G-Scale trains for the Botanical Gardens event. Ron Westlund will contact Scott Sackett to obtain the pass records for and modular group contacts for the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Website**

Kevin Spady shared that he is still building the website with content and links. The new website is still a work in progress and still subject to revisions based upon received comments from the Advisory Board.

Kevin Spady indicated that he would like to create a photo page on the website and he requests other Advisory Board Members to submit up to three (3) photos with captions. Photos can be sent to both Kevin Spady and Nick Lisica for possible additional use in the PSR Dispatch or the LA Coupler.

### **Hobby Shop Flyers**

Nick Lisica reported that LA Division Hobby Shop Display with Business Cards have be distributed to the Train Crossing in Costa Mesa, Rail Master Hobbies in Bellflower and Arnie's Trains in Westminster. By July he will have them at the Whistle Stop in Pasadena and the Train Shack in Burbank.

### **On-Line Auction**

Lloyd Lehrer stated that no boxes have been delivered to him. Mike O'Brien said that he now has all the boxes that Pat and Mona Raymer had in storage. Lloyd Lehrer said that a Swap Meet would be easier to get rid of the excess items the Division has.

### **By-Laws Update**

Vic Cavalli said that he has not had time to review the LA Division Bi-Laws and recommend revisions to bring them into conformance with the Region's 501c3 Nonprofit Bi-Laws. He has been busy with coordinating the upcoming election for Divisional Directors.

### **Buddy Program**

Mike O'Brien is still working on preparing a welcome letter to send out to new members that joined the LA Division. Lloyd Lehrer sent a welcome email to the new members to the LA Division. Need to let new members know to refer to the LA Coupler Newsletter.

### **Next Meeting**

The 1<sup>st</sup> LA Division Sand House Chat is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. via "Zoom Application." Join meeting code: 839 6317 119 Passcode: 248175

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena  
Los Angeles Division  
Chief Clerk Paymaster