



# L.A. Division Advisory Board Minutes

July 14, 2022 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

## Call to Order – Vic Cavalli

- **Vic Cavalli called to order at 8:03**

## Roll Call / Quorum – Nick Lisica

- **LA Division Officers Present:** Superintendent/Director: Vic Cavalli; Chief Clerk: Nick Lisica; Paymaster: Kevin Spady
- **Other Members Present:** Pat Raymer, Mike O'Brien, Bob DeMoss, James Keena, Chuck Fisher

## Approval of Minutes

- June 9, 2022, Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – All
  - Remove “Agenda” from Meeting Minutes. Re-distributed 7/14/2022
  - Approved unanimously

## Officers/Committee Reports

- **Finance**
  - **Finance Report – Kevin Spady**
    - 6/1 balance \$16,722.82
    - +\$188 deposit
    - 6/30 balance \$16,910.82
  - **Status: Audit Report of Division’s “Books” – Kevin Spady**
    - Kevin is working on this; it is estimated to take a few weeks to finish.
    - There are two outstanding checks that have yet to be cashed from the cancelled PSR Convention in 2020. They will be noted in the account “books” as never been cashed.
    - A conversation about the budget followed, requesting that the Division begin tracking the dollars spent in each area. This would include donations like shipping costs, printing costs, in addition to dollars spent in each area.
- **Communications Team**
  - **Deadline for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter LA Coupler submissions is August 1<sup>st</sup> – Nick Lisica**
    - Vic will review previous Sand House Chat notes and forward them for article ideas
- **Nominations/Elections Committee**
  - **Deadline for PSR President and Vice President Nominations is July 31<sup>st</sup> – Vic Cavalli**
    - A notice has been sent out to other divisions/election chairs as a reminder. If you would like to run, submit a declaration of candidacy to Vic by July 31.
    - One candidate for President, and one candidate for Vice-President have been submitted to date.
- **All Other Committees/Teams**
  - Open Forum – All

## New Business

- **Open Forum – All**

- Re-scheduling of the August and September meetings were discussed. The August meeting takes place the same week as the NMRA National Convention (8/11). The September meeting is scheduled for the same week of the PSR Convention (9/8).
  - August Meeting: Postponed
  - September Meeting: We will schedule a thirty minute sit down at the convention for an in-person meeting.
- Due to the possible re-shutdown of events, it was suggested that the Division put together a mini-meet that can be held via Zoom, with clinics, presentations, etc. A cheerleader for the event would be needed in order to get this done. Pat reminded the group that the National website has pre-recorded clinics available for us to access and present to the Division.
- NMRA Electronic Magazine: 50% of attendees have accessed it. Consensus says that attendees prefer to read the printed version for ease of convenience. Given the choice to pay extra for the print version, members said they'd pay the extra cost rather than only have access to the digital version. Pat took a quick poll prior to a meeting with the Region Presidents coming up.

### **Old Business (updates provided as available)**

- **Up-Coming L.A. Division Sponsored/Attended Shows**
  - **L.A. Area Prototype Modelers Meet – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**
    - LA Div. sponsors the event, a volunteer is needed to coordinate the event with Jeff Smith at Railmaster Hobbies. Historically, the LA Div provides insurance for the event.
  - **Botanical Gardens Modular Layout Invite/Public Show – Oct ??<sup>th</sup> / Dec ??<sup>th</sup>**
    - The question was asked whether or not the Division wanted to attempt to do this again this year. It's possible that the rooms we used to use were no longer available, however that needs to be confirmed. Kevin Spady volunteered to reach out to the Botanical Garden to see if the space is available.
  - **Other shows / swap meets? – Bob DeMoss**
    - Simi-Valley Swap Meet is July 23, Bob will be on hand to represent the Division
- **Report: L.A. Division ex-Members' Exit Survey – Kevin Spady**
  - To be wrapped up soon, two responses have been received to date from the initial distribution. Kevin will send the results to Vic for reference.
- **Develop Active Division Members' Satisfaction Survey – Vic Cavalli**
  - Vic has been working on this, and will submit a draft to the committee for notes/input soon
- **Obtain access to Division's "Cajon" Storage Locker – Gary Butts**
- **Status: Revise Division's By-Laws to reflect PSR's 501(c)(3) status – Vic Cavalli**
- **On Hold (due to COVID): Division Sponsored Layout Open Houses – Vic Cavalli**
  - Due to the current state of the Covid infections, these have been placed on hold.
- **On Hold: Development of New Member's Welcome Packet**

**Next Advisory Board Meeting Date:** ~~August 11, 2022~~ at 8:00 pm via Zoom App

- See New Business – Open Forum for notes on the August and September meetings

**Adjournment** – Vic Cavalli

- Adjourned at 9:10pm