

PACIFIC COAST REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID-YEAR MEETING
Saturday, November 5, 2005
DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, Calif.

MINUTES

Start Time: 1:10 PM

A. QUORUM VERIFICATION OK

TITLE	NAME	INITIALS	PRESENT	PROXY	
President	L.E. "Gene" Mayer	GM	YES		
Vice-President	Dave Connery	DC	YES		
Treasurer	Larry Altbaum	LA	YES		
Secretary	Rich Kolm	RK	NO	Gus Campagna	GC
Director, Daylight Division	Doug Wagner	DW	YES		
Director, Coast Division	Kermit Paul	KP	YES		
Director, Sierra Division	Jesse Menefee, Jr.	JM	YES	Dick Witzens, but Jesse was there	DW
Director, Redwood Empire Div	Ron Plies	RP	YES		

Other attendees: Dennis Stokley, Ray deBlieck, Bob Ferguson, Bill Swindell, Bob Warner, Stephen Johnson

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Not done

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None Received

D. MEMBER COMMENTS (comments regarding matters not on the agenda) None Offered

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on May 11, 2005

Moved DC Seconded DW Approved...YES.

2. Approve the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting on May 15, 2005

Moved DC Seconded DW Approved...YES.

F. OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. President (*L.E. "Gene" Mayer*)
Talked about his written report. Highlighted unfilled manager positions
2. Vice-President (*Dave Connery*)
Talked about his written report. Railpass membership discussed – 6 month membership for use at conventions
3. Treasurer (*Larry Altbaum*) _ (*Note: Budget consideration is under Item K*)
Report deferred until Budget Report later on agenda
4. Secretary (*Rich Kolm*) Not present, no report

G. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

1. Daylight Division (*Doug Wagner*) _ Talked about his written report
2. Coast Division (*Kermit Paul*) _ Talked about his written report
3. Sierra Division (*Jesse Menefee, Jr.*) _
No written report. Jesse apologized to the Board about his lack of participation; he had great plans, but ill health has forced him to resign. DW mentioned Railfair.
4. Redwood Empire Division (*Ron Plies*) _ Talked about his written report

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Administration Dept. (*L.E. "Gene" Mayer, Manager*) _ Nothing additional to report
2. Membership Dept. (*no manager*) _
Bob Ferguson reported on his activities as Member Services Chairperson. Right now the NMRA database cannot track extra Division member requests; Jim Long will be able to do this task. NMRA can only track extra Region requests. There are no more PCR membership renewal cards; NMRA has taken over this task. NMRA expects the database to be ready on Jan 1. Divisions will get mailing labels from Jim Long in 30 to-a-page format. Rosters for the Region and Divisions will be available as Excel files only. Divisions should only use new NMRA membership forms; please destroy all old forms. There was a short discussion of the Hawaiian Division, which is inactive.
3. Publications Dept. (*Gus Campagna, Manager*) _ Talked about his written report
Introduced Stephen Johnson as the next Editor.
4. Convention Dept. (*Dennis Stokely, Manager*) _ Talked about his written report
 - 2005 Concord, "Devil Mountain 2005" (*Bill Swindell, Chairperson*)
Final Convention Report: Turned in two long reports and gave a check to LA. Bill Swindell mentioned that lunch for the contest judges is a tradition not a requirement. He felt that no Bay Area convention could meet its room guarantees ever again.
 - 2006 Sacramento, "River City Express 2006" (*Bob Warner, Chairperson*) _
Talked about his written report at great length.
 - 2007 Santa Cruz, "Suntan Special" (*Kevin Hurley, Chairperson*)
Status report is contained in Dennis Stokely's written report.
 - 2008 Fresno, "Sierra Memories 2008" (*John Houlihan, Chairperson*)
Still working on getting a hotel. Convention proposal for review and acceptance is postponed to the next Board meeting.
5. Contest Dept. (*Bill Scott, Manager*) _ No Report
6. Achievement Program Dept. (*Jack Burgess, Manager*) No Report
7. Non-Rail Activities Dept. (*Mary Moore-Campagna, Manager*)
Mary reported thru Gus that her report is what she wrote in the *Branch Line*.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bequest from Keith Heinsohn estate (*L.E. "Gene" Mayer*)
Gene started to bypass this item, Gus wanted to know what was being done about it. Discussion followed about trying to get best value for the model railroad equipment or move it quickly. Ray wanted the best value by selling on E-Bay, but the discussion that followed found the board realizes it does not have the manpower to do a sale that way. KP mentioned selling it to members at a convention or special auction. Ray, Dennis, Kermit and Dave will do an inventory. DW will check on the availability of an extra room at the next convention to sell it there. If a room is available then Ray offered to be in charge of the sale.
2. Model contests (*Ron Plies & Bill Scott*)
Ron Plies reported that no progress has been made over what was discussed at the last Board meeting. The approach would be a show and tell type clinic about models brought to the contest.
3. Region's financial support of Division activities (*John Ralston, Chair, Special Committee*)
John Ralston presented the Special Committee's report. The Board thanked the Committee for its work. A motion to give half the NMRA money to the Divisions was made by DC. This started the discussion about the Budget. *The meeting then jumped forward to the Budget, Item K.1.*

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Layout Design & Operations SIGs Meeting at Santa Clara, Feb. 11-12, 2006

Approve PCR joint sponsorship of the meeting Moved **RP** Seconded **DC** Approved **yes**

2. Develop PCR purpose / objectives (*Dave Connery*)

Board agreed with Dave that a set of objectives needs to be developed. He will work on this and have a report at the May Board meeting.

K. BUDGET

1. Budget for FY 2006 (*Larry Altbaum*)

LA started with a discussion of his report and how the Region has been operating in the red to the tune of \$2000 each of the last few years. Discussion of the money coming from NMRA to the region revealed that we will get \$2 per Regular and Life members, but only \$0.50 for each Legacy Life member (those who did not pay on the actuarial basis). A current count is unavailable. Larry mentioned that he wants to “mine the Convention Account” for interest. It was brought up and discussed that a CD would yield significant extra funds to the region without touching the principle amount. LA mentioned that he could start using the NMRA 2000 Convention surplus interest as well.

RP made a MOTION: “I move that the PCR President direct that the interest from the 2000 National Convention account be paid to the PCR General Operating Fund.” The motion was seconded by DW and passed on a voice vote. The President then asked Ray to have that treasurer pay the interest to the PCR General Fund. Ray asked Larry to make it so.

Larry’s report mentioned he felt that the Region should contact each member at least 4 times each year. The motion made earlier (Item I.3) was withdrawn (about giving half of the NMRA funds to the divisions). It was discussed that the Region could give 2 pages of content to each division in each quarter along with a first class postage stamp for each member, except the first quarter when the Branch Line goes to all members. Discussion of Branch Line content followed. The decision was to have the Publication Department propose a plan at the next BOD meeting. It was brought up that the PCR Manual was set up so the Branch Line could be separate from the official communication.

No separate action was taken on the Proposed FY 2006 Budget. LA will work on the expected interest from the convention accounts and re-work the numbers.

The meeting then continued with Agenda Item J.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Board of Directors meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 1:00 pm

2. Other announcements : DW mentioned Railfair in Roseville

M. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

Based on notes taken by Gus Campagna.