



PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, May 4, 2012

Red Lion Hotel, Medford, OR

PCR/PNR Joint Convention "Siskiyou Summit"

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by President Pat LaTorres

A. QUORUM VERIFICATION

Secretary Tom Crawford verified that a quorum was present. There were exactly the required 35 signatures on the sign in sheet. All were members of PCR.

B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Business meeting were approved without comment.

C. OFFICER'S COMMENTS

- C.1. President Pat LaTorres thanked the outgoing board members for their service. He discussed the issue of poor voter participation in the last election even for the contested offices, and ask that people return their ballots.
- C.2. Vice-President Ed Merrin commented on how well the convention was going and thanked the convention committee for their efforts.
- C.3. Treasurer Larry Altbaum was not available, but President LaTorres noted that we are financially stable even though we still have a minor deficit due to a drop in interest rates.
- C.4. Secretary Tom Crawford gave the highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 2, 2012. Those highlights are attached separately.

D. NMRA OFFICERS' COMMENTS

No Comments

E. MEMBER COMMENTS (comments regarding matters not on the agenda)

Steve Wesolowski proposed that we give out door prizes for voting.

Bob Ferguson offered that we should put the address for sending in ballots in the electronic version of the Branch Line.

Tom Van Horn offered that we need to support efforts that bring people into our hobby and

organization, such as the efforts of our local hobby shops.

Chuck Harmon solicited photos that people take and articles for the Branch Line.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Newly elected Directors Dave Croshere (Redwood Empire), Mel Jones (Sierra), Mark Schutzer (Coast) and Paul Deis (Daylight) took office.

H. CONVENTIONS

- H.1. **Comments regarding this convention:** Convention co-Chairman Providenza was tied up in convention business, but through the VP thanked all for coming and acknowledged the convention committee.
- H.2. Dennis Stokely noted that the 2013 Convention will be in Dublin, CA on April 3-7, 2013, and gave a short review of what was in store.
- H.3. The 2014 convention will be at the Sands Hotel in San Luis Obispo in either the first or third week in May, 2014. The 2015 convention will be in Coast Division.

Door Prizes were handed out to a number of people.

I. Announcements

- I.1. The next business meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Dublin, CA on April 7, 2013.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Steve Wesolowski moved (and it was seconded) that we adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Crawford
PCR Secretary