



PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATION MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Double Tree by Hilton

1150 9th St., Modesto, CA 95354

PCR Convention

MINUTES

President Ed Merrin called the meeting to order at 8:43AM.

A. QUORUM VERIFICATION

Secretary Tom Swearingen verified that a quorum was present. There were 50 members present, greater than the required 35*.

B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Steve Wesolowski moved that the minutes of the previous Business Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

C. OFFICER'S COMMENTS

C.1. President Ed Merrin said he had fun, and that conventions run only because of the work of volunteers. President Merrin said that he encourages people to volunteer to keep things going. He also announced that a special card for the wife of recently deceased long time PCR member John Marshall was available for signing and would be delivered to her by Dave Connery.

C.2. Vice President Carol Alexander said that she is no longer moving out of state, and will be able to finish her term as Vice President. Most likely she will be moving to a different division.

C.3. The position of Treasurer was vacated a week prior to the Business Meeting.

C.3. Secretary Tom Swearingen referred the attendees to the Highlights of the last Board of Director's meeting, located on the PCR website, should they be interested in reading them.

D. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- D.1. Coast Division Director Frank Markovich said that the next Coast Division meeting would be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at the Boy Scouts Headquarters in San Leandro. He said you do not have to be a Coast Division member to attend.
- D.2. Sierra Division Director Tom Van Horn thanked everyone who worked very hard to make the convention a success. He also thanked former Sierra Division Director Mel Jones. The next meeting for the Sierra Division is Saturday, May 7, at the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society.
- D.3. Redwood Empire Division (RED) Director Steve Skold announced that RED will host the 2018 convention in Rohnert Park.

E. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- E.1. Kenneth Elmore asked if attendants of disabled members are required to join the NMRA because of the lifetime limit of attending three events as a nonmember. Vice President Carol Alexander said that attendants are not required to be members. Mel Jones thanked Kenneth for taking the time to bring his father to our events.
- E.2. Mike O'Dorney suggested that we consider having more convention clinics and sessions on the weekend so that members who have to work during the week could have more options to participate in the convention. Several members provided opinions and historical perspectives regarding the question. There was agreement that future convention planners may consider the pros and cons of this idea.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- G.1. President Ed Merrin recognized the three new Directors who were present.

H. CONVENTIONS

- H.1. Comments regarding this convention: Convention Department Manager Ray diBlicek said that having the Feather River Rail Society as a partner enriched the quality of the convention experience. Because of this, he is going to look for more opportunities for similar collaborations.

- H.2. The 2017 PCR Convention will be held in Bakersfield, and the people on the convention committee represent three different divisions. The facility, the Double Tree by Hilton, is high quality and located near the intersection of Highways 99 and 58. There are lots of food choices nearby.
- H.3. The 2018 PCR Convention will be held in Rohnert Park, also at the Double Tree. It will be a joint convention with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society.
- H.4. Convention Department Manager Ray DeBlieck announced that the 2019 Convention will mark the 75th anniversary of the PCR. This is an opportunity to do something special to mark the occasion.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I.1. The next Business Meeting will be held at the next PCR convention on Bakersfield on Sunday, April 23.
- I.2. Mary Moore Campagna said “thank you” to all who were involved in the convention, and in particular, those who volunteered to put on clinics. Some even volunteered to do more than one clinic, and to do the same clinic twice so that more people could attend the clinic and eliminate conflicts. Many people thanked Mary for the ability to attend these clinics because they were offered more than once.
- I.3. Ed Liesse invited all to join him and the Pacific Northwest Region at their annual convention, June 15-19, at Salmon Arm, BC. There will be many opportunities for all.
- I.4. Scott Inman – The Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society will be hosting their annual convention from September 21-24 in Palm Springs.
- I.5. Bob Ferguson announced the National Garden Railway convention in Santa Clara from July 4-10.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Connery moved that we adjourn, seconded by Steve Wesolowski. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14AM.

* A quorum of 35 members must be present before the meeting is called to order.