



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Place of Meeting: OCME Clubhouse

Board Members Present: Hank Castignetti, Gary Gorman, Bob Harrison, Ken Matassa, Allen Stephens

Board Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Gary Kimble, Jayson Stevenson, Dixon Sheldon

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 1:15 PM by the Board.

Member Issues:

- Jayson wants to provide the club with quotes to buy a parts cleaning machine. He will have the figures ready for the March board meeting.
- Gary Kimble asked if members may be certified as conductors and engineers during their 6 month probationary period. The board agreed that they may.
- Dixon Sheldon presented the Secretary with the registration package for the Imaginology event in April. The Secretary will fill it out and submit it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Hank to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion passed 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Allen reviewed financial statements.
- Locomotive fund is \$18,940.
- General Account balance is \$80,647. This includes store accounts.
- Report was approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- o **Bob will document changes in policy for use of club equipment. (Continuing)**
Ken will continue to investigate the cost of insulating the clubhouse store room. (Continuing)
*Ken noted that 17 sheets of insulation will need to be purchased totaling Approximately \$300.
- o **Ken will pursue repairs to store rollup window cover (Continuing)**
- o **Gary will contact Lee regarding tractor repair.**
*Lee is pursuing repairs on the tractor

- **Hank to contact Cynthia D'Agosta regarding camping permits for 2019.**
*Hank has emailed her and camping for the spring and fall meets has been approved.
- **Gary to peruse attending the Great American Train Show in March at OC Fairgrounds.**
*Board voted 5-0 to approve attendance and Gary has obtained registration.
- Board voted 5-0 to approve \$249 for one year of Signup Genius to assist coordinating birthday party volunteers.
- Board voted 5-0 to sell Andy Romer an unused club gondola, without trucks, for \$200.
- Board voted 5-0 to authorize Gary to proceed with an RFP for a new engine. Once a cost has been obtained another vote will be called to authorize the expenditure.
- **Gary will obtain an estimate to prep club trailer for Great American Train Show and will request a board vote to authorize expense before proceeding.**
- Board voted 5-0 to approve termite eradication contract.
- **Hank will contact Mayor Foley requesting her law firm provide pro-bono legal advice to the club without representing OCME in any city matters.**
- **Allen will email Betty to request NPBD pay \$200 per train at future events.**
- **Hank will remind Cynthia to include Ware Trash collection in the city budget.**
- **Hank will contact Larry to see if he knows where club stationery was printed.**
- **Gary will email revisions to the club Rules to all Board members. Asks all members to review and comment before March meeting.**
- Board voted 5-0 to approve up to \$6000 for purchase of new steel rail based upon Gary's estimate and recommendation.

ELECTRONIC VOTES

- Board voted 5-0 to authorize the expenditure of \$15,199.00 to The Train Works for a new GP-38 locomotive. Expected delivery is in August 2019.
- Board voted 5-0 to authorize the expenditure of \$550.00 to refurbish the flat bed trailer.
- Board voted 5-0 to authorize expenditure of \$349 for 500 sheets of club stationery and 500 imprinted envelopes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

-Ken moved to adjourn the meeting before member comments. Board voted 5-0 to adjourn before completing all agenda items.

EVENTS:

-Club banquet will be held at Claim Jumper on February 23rd at 6PM.
-OCME will attend the Great American Train Show at orange County Fair Grounds on March 2nd & 3rd. Volunteers needed.

Meeting Adjourned __3:50__ PM

Respectfully Submitted _____ *Hank Castignetti* _____
Hank Castignetti, Secretary