



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Place of Meeting: OCME Clubhouse

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

Board Members Absent: Allen Stephens

Other Members Present: Jayson Stevenson, Bob Brooks

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 1:05 PM by the Board.

Member Issues:

- Jayson Stevenson presented the Board with information and a recommendation for a club parts cleaner.
- Board voted 4-0 ask Jason to purchase the recommended parts cleaner, set it up and appropriated funds not to exceed \$200.
- Board voted 4-0 for Hank to purchase a five gallon drum of cleaning solvent. Estimated cost \$80.
- Jason presented the Board with information to consider the future purchase of a sand blaster to facilitate painting and repairs in the compound.
- Jason requested the Board generate a safety checklist for use by owners of personal equipment when pulling public riders.
- Gary to generate a safety checklist per Jason's request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Hank and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion passed 4-0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- There was no Treasurers report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- o Bob continued presenting changes in policy for use of club equipment until 5/19.
- o The Board voted 4-0, after lengthy discussion, to install a thermostically controlled exhaust fan instead of insulation in the clubhouse storeroom.
- o Ken will provide an estimate of the cost of the fan at the next meeting
- o Ken will pursue repairs to store rollup window cover (Continuing)
- o Hank to contact Cynthia D'Agosta regarding camping permits for 2019.
*Camping permits have been received for the Spring and Fall meets.
- o Hank will contact Mayor Foley requesting her law firm provide pro-bono legal

- advice to the club without representing OCME in any city matters. (Continuing)
- Gary will email revisions to the club Rules to all Board members. Asks all members to review and comment before April meeting. (Continuing)

NEW BUSINESS:

- The tractor has been mechanically repaired and also needed two front tires to be replaced. The old ones were from the 1980's
- Board voted 3-0 verbally to authorize \$515 for emergency replacement of two tractor tires when they blew out near the entrance gate.
- Gary to request member input on Rules and Bylaw changes.
- Bob suggests that 18 years of age should be the universal requirement for pulling any public train. To include Run Days, Birthdays and any special events.
- Hank to send Bob monthly copies of Time Sheets, Agendas, and Board Meeting Minutes for insertion into the club web page.
- Hank will send monthly copies of Time Sheets, Agendas and Board Minutes to the general membership to promote openness and transparency of Board meetings
- Gary proposed logging the number of rides given at each birthday party. He will design a form for that purpose and consult with Larry ogle.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Gary reviewed the Great Train Show and declared it a success with the club gaining a new member. Scott Lewis of Chula Vista submitted an application at the show. Welcome Aboard!
- Bob was told that evidence of termites was discovered in a Chessie car under repair. Containers A & B were not tented during the recent fumigation. Bob will discuss options with the exterminating company for treating the cars in these containers.

EVENTS:

- April 12, 13, & 14. The club will attend Imaginology Expo at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Dixon Sheldon.
- April 26, 27, & 28. For lack of a chairperson, the Spring Meet will be a club Fun Run. Camping will be allowed on the 26th, 27, & 28th.

Meeting Adjourned __3:02____PM

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

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