



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Saturday May 4, 2019

Place of Meeting: OCME Clubhouse

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

Board Members Absent: None

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 12:45 PM by the Board.

Other Members Present: Dixon Sheldon, Dalton Johnson

Member Issues:

- Dixon questions putting club financial information in the Way Freight. He was advised that while OCME financial information is required to be made available to the public upon request, it is not published in the Way Freight. Gary promotes total transparency and agrees that financial information should be available only on the club web page in the members-only section.
- Dixon expressed concern that he heard rumors that the Granger and McMaster-Car catalogs stored in the clubhouse would be thrown away. He was advised that the rumors were incorrect and that there are no plans to throw away the catalogs.
- Dixon expressed concern that a small typing table is missing from the compound. He stated that he regularly used it for projects but could not remember the projects. He was advised that there is another small table next to the hand sink that he may use.
- Dalton suggested that old engines should have their shells repainted in order to refurbish the engine fleet. His suggestion was taken under advisement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion passed 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Allen reported that the engine fund totaled \$33,365 as of April 30.
- Allen reported the general fund dropped to \$22,424 in April as a result of routine club expenditures.
- Total Current Assets as of April 30th was \$64,864.
- Hank distributed summaries of his expense reimbursement checks.
- Gary distributed a list of expected substantial expenses for the remainder of 2019

totaling \$24,173. This included \$11,633 balance on our new engine, \$3650 for bulk plastic tie material, \$8,000 for pre-cast ties, \$300 weed control chemicals, \$590 for bucket forks for the tractor.

- Allen advised that quarterly sales tax from store sales has been payed to the state.
- Motion to approve Treasurers report Hank, second Ken. Motion passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- o Bob to take over project and provide information on ceiling exhaust fan for the clubhouse storeroom.
- o Bob to take over project to replace roll up window cover on the store and get a cost estimate.
- o Bob to request a cost estimate to replace the locks on containers A & B.
- o Gary presented by-law changes for board member review noting that the August and September Way Freights should include a request for Board candidates.
- o Ken proposed that all expenses of \$300 or more, per purchase, should require a majority vote of the Board. Hank moved the question, second by Gary. Motion approved 5-0.


NEW BUSINESS:

- o Steve Trom has machined new parts for the 1104 and is awaiting delivery of specialized gaskets to complete repairs.
- o Hank will consult with Paul regarding procedures for filing of junior member release forms. (Continued to June meeting)
- o Gary submitted plans for a new club sign at the Placentia gate and was asked to pursue it with the city.
- o The board discussed the paint scheme for the new club engine. Hank moved to approve the Southern Pacific Heritage paint scheme presented at the general member meeting, second by Gary. Motion approved 5-0.
- o Hank discussed a problem of members submitting time cards months after the date of claimed Active Participation. Time cards should be submitted at the time the member was present at the club in order for a board member to verify their accuracy and sign it. Board members were reminded that time spent on non-club activities do not qualify as Active Participation and should not be approved. Hank moved that time cards should be turned in no later than the 15th of the following month to obtain credit, second Gary. Motion approved 5-0.
Hank will advise all members by email of the approved policy, provide clarification, and grant a 30-day grace period prior to implementation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Allen advised that soda collections are declining and that members should be reminded that sodas are only free with lunch on monthly Work Days.
- Allen presented a notice from Boyd Security advising that Verizon is phasing out all 3G wireless service and upgrading to 4G. The wireless backup of our security system will cost \$190 to purchase the new interface, or \$2 per month to lease it. The Board elected to eliminate the wireless backup.

Meeting Adjourned __2:50____PM

Respectfully Submitted 
Hank Castignetti, Secretary

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(Items in **RED** require action by a member)