



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Saturday June 6, 2019

Place of Meeting: OCME Clubhouse

Call To Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 1:50 PM by the Board.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Approval Of Minutes: Motion to approve May minutes by Ken, Seconded by Bob.
Motion carried 5-0

Other Members Present: Dixon Sheldon, Dalton Johnson, Myron Peterson, Olga Reynolds, Dan O'Brien

Member Issues:

- Dixon questions the recently approved \$300 spending limit on Board members. Single expenditures exceeding \$300 would require a majority vote of the board. He stated that it was tried when he was on the board and it didn't work. It was explained that the current board approved this limit and is in regular contact by email, phone and in person. Ad Hoc voting on expenditures over \$300 is not an impediment and voting on large purchases is a way to keep members aware of large expenses.
- Dalton gave an update on rolling stock trucks. He stated that one set of six bench cars is showing accelerated flange wear and suggested purchasing more wheel sets from Dan O'Brien as our current stock of new wheel sets has been exhausted. Dan was asked to join the meeting for consultation.
- Myron volunteered to work on the crossing gate at the station and will coordinate with Larry to try and make it operational. Myron stated he has parts at home that can be used for repairing the crossing gate and that he will donate them to the club. He also mentioned that if the crossing gate at the compound is used in conjunction with a new sign on Placentia that we should salvage parts to use on the gate at the station.
- Olga questioned what chemicals are being used for weed abatement. She was advised that we use an EPA-approved product called Avenger that is certified for organic farming. It's made of orange and lemon oil. Also, the City Biologist Barry Nerhus has approved it's use in the park. Olga also suggested producing lawn

signs to promote our Run Days to be placed on resident's property. She would like these signs to publicize the trains and increase their use by Costa Mesa residents. She volunteered to make the signs and coordinate their placement. She also suggested changing the sign at our Placentia entrance to read "GOAT HILL ROAD" instead of "ESTANCIA N." OCME will mention it to the Park Administrator for consideration. Olga also would like OCME to help promote the city's ban on Styrofoam in city parks by advising birthday parties of the city's ordinance. **The Board agreed to ask Betty to add that to the birthday party contract.** She was advised that OCME has eliminated all Styrofoam from club use. Olga asked permission to set up a trash recycling station at our next Run weekend. The Board verbally approved unanimously.

- Dan was asked if he could reuse old axles when the wheels have worn out. He stated that it would only save the club \$10 per wheel set. The board decided against reusing old axles. The board approved \$1800 for the purchase of 12 new wheel sets from Dan, on a 5-0 vote, as we have exhausted our inventory.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Allen reported that the engine fund totaled \$27,638 as of May 31.
- Allen reported the general fund of \$22,551.
- Total Current Assets as of May31st was \$59,056.
- Allen stated that his wife is President of the Beekeepers Association of Orange County and suggested the club call her for possible relocation of bees in the future to save eradication expense and preserve useful bees.
- Motion to approve Treasurers report by Ken, second Gary. Motion passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- o **Bob to take over project and provide information on ceiling exhaust fan for the clubhouse storeroom. (continuing)**
- o **Bob to take over project to replace roll up window cover on the store and get a cost estimate.** (Vendor has submitted a quote of \$785 and an Ad Hoc vote has approved the repairs.)
- o **Bob to request a cost estimate to replace the locks on containers A & B. (To schedule a meeting with a locksmith)**

NEW BUSINESS:

- o Gary presented a timeline for track replacement and discussed costs associated with the Mountain Division project.
- o **Hank will consult with Paul regarding procedures for filing of junior member release forms. (Continued to July meeting)**
- o Gary presented by-law changes for board member review and approval noting that the August and September Way Freights should include a request for Board candidates. Hank moved to approve By-Law changes, Second by Ken. Motion carried 5-0.

- Gary distributed a mockup of a new club sign on Placentia which included moving the crossing gate from the compound to adjacent to the sign. Motion to approve the sign as well as submittal to the city for review was made by Bob, Second by Ken, Motion carried 5-0.
- **Hank is awaiting quotes from a roofing company to make comprehensive repairs to correct the deteriorating roofs of containers A&B.**

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

There were no member comments.

Meeting Adjourned __3:10____PM

Respectfully Submitted 

Hank Castignetti, Secretary

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