



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Saturday July 13, 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 1:55 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 Bob, seconded by Gary.
Motion carried 5-0

Other Members Present: Dixon Sheldon

Member Issues:

- At the General Members meeting the proposed By Laws changes were presented by President Gary Gorman for a required 2/3 vote by all members present. A motion was made by Bob Brooks, and seconded by Gary Kimble, to approve the changes by unanimous consent. The motion carried without a dissenting vote. The By Laws dated July 13, 2019 are now currently in effect. **Hank was directed to furnish Bob Harrison with a copy of the current By Laws for insertion in the club web page.**
- Dixon addressed the board with suggestions regarding the compressor that services the tool shed. He observed that many members are not aware that this compressor exists nor how to control it. He suggested that new members should be given a tour of the compound to familiarize them with all the club equipment.
- Craig Okun requested more drill motors for use with track panel assembly. It was agreed that the club should buy more drill motors.
- Glenn Swain asked that members be reminded of proper use of the hydraulic lift. Vehicles (trailers or trucks) should **NOT** be backed up to meet the lift. They should be backed towards the lift using the painted lines on the concrete as a guide. Once in place, the lift should be swung into place to meet the vehicle. This will prevent damage from vehicles hitting the lift. Also, the master air valve for the lift should be turned to the "closed" position after each use to keep the lift from creeping up out of the ground overnight. The valve handle has been painted **red** and is located inside the metal lift control cover. Glenn also asked for new signs

at the can and bottle recycle bins to remind members to use the bins correctly.
Hank offered to address these signs.

- Andy Romer suggested that members who supply the club with goods and/or services should be recognized in the Way Freight in order to promote their businesses. **Andy was asked to draft an article for the Way Freight to provide this information.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Allen reported that the engine fund totaled \$25,756 as of June 30.
- Allen reported the general fund of \$12,980
- Total Current Assets as of June 30 was \$48,366
- Motion to approve Treasurers report by Ken, second by Bob. Motion passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- o The rollup window cover at the station store has been repaired.
- o Installation of the thermostatically controlled exhaust fan in the clubhouse store room has been completed.
- o It was determined that replacing the locks in A & B container would be cost-prohibitive and that the key locks should no longer be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

- o **Hank will ask Betty to include a Styrofoam ban in the contract given to birthday party bookings. The city now prohibits Styrofoam in all city facilities, including parks. OCME no longer uses any Styrofoam products for club activities and birthday parties will be expected to refrain also.**
- o **Allen discussed usage of club gasoline for non-club activities. Hank was directed to make a sign for the gas locker reminding members of gas use policy.**
- o Gary distributed a schedule of the proposed Mountain Division track replacement project. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ken, to approve the project per Gary's report and it was approved 5-0.
- o **Hank presented a quote of \$3,495 from a roofing company to make comprehensive leak repairs to the roofs of containers A&B This amount was considered prohibitive. A motion was made by Hank, second by Ken, for Hank to investigate alternatives and it was approved 5-0.**
- o A motion was made by Hank, second by Bob, to approve a "not to exceed" \$2,000 budget for rehabilitation of the store.
- o Larry Ogle was formally appointed Birthday Party Coordinator at the Project Manager level by Club President Gary. He is now authorized to approve time cards for all party crews as well as his own hours.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Allen suggested that the club adopt a "suggested donation" amount for public rides. **Gary recommended that the amount should be \$2.00 and offered to pursue implementation of this policy.**
- Bob mentioned providing a "hydration station" for the public at the train station to Park Administrator Cynthia D'Agosta. She advised that this is a city

issue/responsibility and that no plans are currently being considered. Should a citywide policy be adopted Goat Hill Junction will be included.

- Gary suggested that the board consider implementing a fee for storage of equipment. He suggested a Board of Directors Study Session to discuss the issue in depth.
- Hank asked for clarification of club policy regarding the combining of family volunteer hours towards storage requirements. It was agreed by the board that all members covered under a Family Membership would be allowed to combine hours. When a child reaches 18 year of age they are required by club By Laws to maintain their own Regular Membership and are no longer eligible to combine volunteer hours with family members.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted 
_____ Hank Castignetti, Secretary

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(Items in RED require action by a member)