



# ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

*The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad*

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**Date of Meeting:** Saturday January 04, 2020

**Place of Meeting:** OCME Clubhouse

**Call To Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 1:45 PM by President Gary Gorman.

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

**Board Members-Elect Present:** Bob Harrison, Dalton Johnson, Andy Nelson

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Approval Of Minutes:** Motion to approve December minutes by Bob, seconded by Gary. Motion Passed 5-0.

**Board Members-Elect Seated:** Bob Harrison, Dalton Johnson, Andy Nelson

**Other Members Present:** Glenn Swain

## **Member Issues:**

- Glenn addressed the board to advise that he will no longer be able to buy gasoline for club equipment in the future. He took over this responsibility from Bob Platfoot some years ago and has made sure all the club storage cans are full for each monthly run weekend as well as all birthday party trains. Glenn advised that he purchases approximately \$100 worth of gasoline each month. He also advised that he is no longer able to recycle all the clubs plastic bottles and soda cans. The Board will need to seek member volunteers to take over these activities from Glenn. In addition, Glenn advised the board that all club engines may soon need to have their batteries replaced as they are reaching the end of their useful life. He also advised that he has completed installation of electrical service in the open shed containing the club lathe and mill. The Board offered their gratitude and appreciation for all the many years Glenn has monitored, and personally performed, these club duties.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

- (The report was given by outgoing Treasurer Allen as he generated the final report for December.) Allen presented the report and highlighted the following income sources:
  - Membership dues, renewals to date= \$2,015
  - Sale of 584 pumpkins at the Scarecrow Festival= \$1,168
  - Donations received from Daisy The Clown crafts in Oct.= \$105
  - Public donations during Santa Run Weekend= \$1,447
  - Total Santa picture proceeds  
(Pictures plus North Pole donation box)= \$1,342
  - Mrs. Clause craft donations= \$131
  - Direct individual donations to the Treasurer= \$400
- Allen reported total cash on hand of \$43,460.
- Allen reported that the City of Costa Mesa owes reimbursement to OCME for 3 months of dumpster rental and asked that Hank contact Cynthia D'Agosta to ask the city once again to add the dumpster to their account.
- Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Andy, Second by Hank. Motion passed 5-0.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Hank volunteered to generate a "retention schedule" for all club records and to organize all records on file. Hank reiterated that the OCME Secretary is also OCME "Custodian of Records". (PENDING)
- Gary offered to make an operating manual for the 819 that will also address all engine maintenance needs/issues.(PENDING)

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob advised that he will select the next "Volunteer of The Month" and submit an article for the next Way Freight. He has selected Gary Reynolds for recognition.
- The board agreed to keep the ticket prices for the Winter Banquet the same as last year. The Claim Jumper Restaurant has not increased their costs to OCME.
- Gary Reynolds asked that the board approve building a wooden roof over continuers A & B. The existing metal roofs are not flat, allow water to puddle and have no slope to provide run-off. A sloped roof will be constructed and the membrane sheeting will be applied to the sloped plywood deck. The board voted to budget \$300 in order for Gary to get started. Motion by Hank not to exceed \$300, Second by Bob. Motion approved 5-0.
- Gary Reynolds drew architectural plans for the project and priced it out and discovered the actual cost would require an additional \$300 dollars for materials. (An ad-hoc vote was taken at the club on January 11th to authorize another \$300 to fully fund the project to completion. Motion by Gary, Second by Ken. Motion approved 4-0.

- Bob discussed a city-wide bio-blitz called “City Nature Challenge” to be conducted from April 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup> coordinated locally by City Council Member Arlis Reynolds. This is a worldwide effort to observe and document all forms of nature in local communities by resident volunteers. OCME involvement is not defined at this time but we may be encouraged to participate due to our location in Fairview Nature Park.


### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Gary will discuss Mountain Division track replacement project with Bob Brooks to coordinate implementation and materials necessary.
- Gary advised the board that Myron has asked the board to find someone to help build switches when Gary moves to Arizona.
- Ken volunteered to replace Gary for switch building.
- Allen discussed assisting Andy as the new OCME Treasurer and advised they will work together to make the transition.
- Bob advised the board that Kathy Brokhausen would like to write an article for the club Website.
- Bob requested a review of switch numbers and switch handle direction.
- Hank raised the question of moving the board of directors meeting to the first Sunday of the month to accommodate Andy Nelson’s difficulty attending our Saturday afternoon meetings. He has a prior commitment on Saturday afternoons that would force us to move board meetings to begin in late afternoon and last into the dinner hour. Hank suggested moving the board meeting to the first Sunday at 2 PM to allow members to attend morning church services. Moving the meeting would also allow board members to participate in Saturday work projects as well as volunteer to crew birthday parties. Holding meetings late on Saturday would also require members wishing to address the board to stay late as well.
- **Motion by Hank to move BOD meetings to 2 PM on the first Sunday of the month, Second by Gary. Motion approved 5-0.**
- Dixon walked into the meeting at this point with some issues he wanted to present. The board agreed to make an exception to allow him to speak out of agenda order but reminded him that a specific time is reserved at the beginning of each meeting for member comments.
- Dixon advised the board that he had located a city-approved food truck that agreed to attend our January Run Weekend. The board previously provided him with a printout of some 100+ pre-approved food vendors from the city website. He stated that Norma Rocha has been undependable lately and offered to find a replacement food vendor. He stated that “5 Elementos” would sell hamburgers and that they agreed not to sell sodas in competition with the store, as was the agreement with Rocha’s Kitchen. He was asked to advise Norma Rocha not to attend the January run weekend so as not to compete with the food truck, and Bob volunteered to proof-read any correspondence he had with her. Dixon also suggested that OCME not enter into any long-term agreement with “5 Elementos”

right away in order to evaluate their quality and price in January.

- Dixon announced that boiler inspections are scheduled for the second weekend in March and he will coordinate this activity and get the information into the Way Freight.
- Dixon was directed by the board to provide a written plan for the Easter weekend activities he has scheduled. He was asked to submit his plan no later than the March BOD meeting in order to provide adequate time for evaluation of the event.

○ Motion to adjourn by Gary, Seconded by Andy. Motion approved 5-0 at 3:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
Hank Castignetti, Secretary

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(Items in RED require/denote action by a member)