



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad

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Date of Meeting: Sunday May 3, 2020

Place of Meeting: Online Zoom

Call To Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. was called to order at 1:57 PM by President Dennis Neil.

Due to the COVID crisis, and club closure, the meeting was held on Internet Zoom set up by Dennis Neil.

Board Members Present: Hank Castignetti, Bob Harrison, Dalton Johnson, Dennis Neil, Andy Nelson

Board Members Absent: None

Approval Of Minutes:

- Motion to approve April minutes by Andy, seconded by Hank. Motion Passed 5-0.

Other Members Present: None

Member Issues:

Report by special guest Arlis Reynolds, Cost Mesa City Council Member.

- Council Member Reynolds discussed many issues related to the closing of Fairview Park. Highlights of her presentation were:
- Many local groups and organizations are asking to reopen city facilities including Halecrest, Tennis Center, Bark Park, Harbor Soaring Society, Municipal Golf Courses, Skate Park, as well as OCME.
- The city will coordinate reopening of all facilities and businesses throughout the city with guidelines from the State of California as well as the County of Orange.
- Parks in the city have been partially opened for active use only. Biking and walking thru only, no gathering or grouping of any kind. Fairview Park, however, remains completely closed to all activities. The city is working to allow pass-through use of Fairview Park in order to add more acreage for citizens to use, thus allowing for more social distancing.
- She was asked about the possibility of OCME being allowed to use certain facilities for maintenance. Maintenance of tracks, weed abatement, and

equipment maintenance in the compound. Arlis advised the club liaison to the city to make a formal request to the Fairview Park Administrator to allow such uses with conditions. Hank will address that immediately.

- Arlis was asked when she expects that public would be allowed at the club and she confirmed the assumption that it will have to wait until there are no social distancing requirements. She stated that business as usual is a long ways away, probably not in 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- By Andy:
 - Store account balance \$7,676
 - New Locomotive & Construction Fund \$8,898
 - General Fund \$22,676
- Andy reported Total Checking/Savings \$39,694
- Andy reported that two birthday party refunds were made totaling \$400.
- Andy reported that there are sufficient funds in the club account to cover all recurring expenses for the foreseeable future.
- **A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Hank, second by Bob. Motion approved 5-0**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Dalton-Letter to members asking to remove combustibles from storage containers. (Pending)**
- **Hank-Letter to all members with stored equipment to sign an updated storage form. (Pending)**


NEW BUSINESS:

- Storage space for one car was approved for Willie Johnson.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Zach has offered to publish a special Way Freight "Quarantine Edition" to feature member projects that are being done at home. Members will be advised to submit information directly to Zach.

- **Motion to adjourn by Dalton, second by Andy. Motion approved 5-0 at 2:15 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted  _____
Hank Castignetti, Secretary

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(Items in **RED** require/denote action by members)