



# ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.

*The Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad*

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**Date of Meeting:** Sunday July12, 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 2:13 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 June minutes by Hank, seconded by Andy. Motion Passed 5-0.

**Other Members Present:** None

**Member Issues:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- By Andy:
  - Store account balance \$7,616
  - New Locomotive & Construction Fund \$8,898
  - General Fund \$9,090
- Andy reported Total Checking/Savings \$26,048
- Andy forwarded a new member application to Hank for processing.
- Andy advised the board that due to two large payments in the month (Liability Insurance-\$5,029 and ties-\$4,891) that we need to be very careful about spending. He suggests only emergency spending for the remainder of 2020.
- Andy reported refunding the last \$1,000 of birthday deposits. All birthday deposits for the year have now been refunded.
- 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 equipment form. (Pending)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- DJ reported that no track damage was done by the city mowing contractor.
- DJ advised that weeds have been eradicated and the layout is fully open to rail traffic, although the wyes need a bit more cleanup. He commented that the layout is up to “public run standards”. He observed that the layout was more overgrown with weeds that ever before and that renting the “Bushwhacker” was a wise idea. The club lawnmower was in no way able to do the necessary mowing. In addition to mowing, his crew of three groomed the entire right-of-way with the club’s power sweeper. He and Zach documented the condition of all mainline switches as well as those in Skinner Yard and compiled a list of needed repairs. The list for Skinner Yard was forwarded to Myron, who has volunteered to work on them in the field.
- Bob congratulated DJ for supervising the weed abatement activities and doing such a thorough job of clearing the tracks.
- DJ asked the board to award certificates of appreciation to Zach, Alex, and Terry Koken in recognition of their hard work eradicating weeds. Hank asked that DJ also be awarded a certificate of appreciation for his extensive efforts. Bob advised he would generate “Volunteer of the Month” awards for each of them.
- DJ mentioned that he and Glenn installed two new LED security fixtures around the clubhouse and that the light sensors on both old units were inoperable. Glenn remarked that LED’s will outlive most members and suggests that when bulbs on the pole fixtures burn out that they, too, be replaced with LED units.
- Glenn inquired if the club had any used rail to sell to his son Erin. DJ was asked to consult Bob Brooks for advice.
- Bob advised that he and his wife Nancy have donated 12 spray bottles of Isopropyl alcohol for sanitization throughout the club. The board thanked him for their donation.
- Bob reported that he conducted an annual termite inspection with our vendor and there was no evidence of new termite activity.
- Bob spoke to the Sunburst Academy staff and they are eager to visit OCME when allowed and that he does not know if they have a minimum number of cadets that they could send to OCME, short of a full bus of fifty cadets.
- Motion to adjourn by Dennis, second by Andy. Motion approved 5-0 at 3:06 PM.

