

**ACCRS  
HO Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
January 9th, 2015**

Meeting brought to order at 8:36pm.

Trainmaster Ed Carreno opened the meeting.

Ed stated nothing new has happened; all projects suspended because of the holidays.

**Andy's Narrow Gauge Update**

Andy looked at many route options. He's decided that most route ideas would overclutter the layout. The interurban used to be narrow gauge. Gary said it was actually dual gauge. Andy continued to describe a plan to dual gauge the interurban again. Flex track dual gauge track exists. Some switches would need to be hand made, but some could be bought.

Dean asked if the project would require redoing the newly installed interurban extension. Andy said it would be a matter of swapping the track.

The largest issue would be dual gauging the track in the port area. The raising bridge and the switches would be the most difficult.

Andy is proposing just doing small sections of the port, not the entire port. On the mainline interurban you could go out to the port passenger station and come back in a loop and avoid the bridge.

Carl suggested that if narrow gauge is in the port, an option exists to have an old fashioned steamship in the port. Gary suggested making a tourist train.

Gary suggested dual gauging the basic interurban first, and saving the port for a phase two project.

**Analog Power Pack Replacement**

Joel described the replacement plan for the analog power packs. During the fair of 2014 three of the "walkaround" powerpacks failed. Joel could not find someone to fix the broken power packs, nor could he fix them himself. Joel just bought two new old-stock power packs and one used power pack of the same type to replace them. He mentioned that the power packs are not made anymore. The analog system will work again as usual, but in the future we should move toward reequipping with a newer model.

**Operations**

An ops meeting is scheduled for next week. The plan is to talk about what to do for operations. Andy's narrow gauge proposal will not interfere with operations.

**Jere Passenger Turnout Repair**

Jere volunteered to fix the passenger station turnout onto the main, which is damaged. He estimated 2-3 weeks to repair. There may be some layout downtime while Jere is working on it. Jere submitted a full project report. Some new track will be laid to make the turnout last longer.

**TVs**

Paul mentioned that he has trouble with the TVs. Ed said to make sure that the lights are on at the bottom of the TVs, if not, turn on using the remotes.

**Procedures**

Tragan completed writing a startup and shutdown procedure for the building. The procedure document has yet to be proofread by the rest of the committee, but it has been started.

**Heaters**

One heater tube is out and dangling a wire over the layout. Ed stated we will find a volunteer(s) to fix that.

**Minutes**

We have not been accepting minutes of HO meetings. Ed will email everyone the minutes and we will vote next meeting.

**Free Coaches**

Gary showed some Santa Fe classic heavyweight coaches he got from a friend as a donation to the club. The club thanked him for the donation.

Dean moved to adjourn. Marc seconded.

Motion passed and meeting ended at 9:03 pm.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Joel Clark.