

**ACCRS
HO Monthly Meeting
Minutes
April 4th, 2014**

Meeting brought to order at 8:25pm.

Trainmaster Ed Carreno opened the meeting.

Next meeting May 2nd.

Ed thanked everyone for working the Good Guys Show, even though he was not there.

Ed says that the Fair will be shortly upon us in two months. It is time to get ready. We need to get focused on the listed projects. We need to decide if they will get completed by fair or to wait until after fair to do them.

Old Business

Fast Clock

Wayne was emailed about the fast clock lighting and he replied. He said he's really busy and hasn't been able to do anything.

Drive-In

Joel is continuing to work on it. He still needs to get the right part. Joel insisted it will be done by fair.

Ernest Project

Joel has taken the lead on the Ernest project. He is meeting with Paul on Saturday to begin work on the project. Joel posted a signup sheet upstairs for work. Joel outlined the plan. The club already has almost all of the materials needed, very little will need to be purchased. Work will commence throughout April. The current plan is to use a modified version of Paul's design. The initial rise of the interurban helix will be moved a few inches over to the left. A new ramp will be installed coming from the hidden yard entrance track and connecting to the helix. The new tunnel will be bored into the port next to the mainline. If work is done steadily it will be completed by fair.

Joel moved that \$100 be allocated to the interurban project. Paul seconded. Motion passed

Station Platform Lights

Gary updated everyone on the status of the platform lights project. He installed lights on one platform. The lights don't turn off with the scenic lighting because they are plugged into a "always on" outlet. He will change the plug location to the scenic lighting when all platforms are installed. Gary said not to touch the dimmer, under any circumstances. Turning it up too high will blow up the lights. Ed thinks we should label the dimmer. Gary decided he is going to RTV the dimmer dial so that it cannot be moved.

Cutouts project

Ed announced nobody has done anything with the cutouts project. We're not going to give up on it, but no work will be done on it before fair. After fair we will resume the cutouts project.

DCC Plugs

Joel explained that two thirds of the new plugs were installed and all is going well. The project will be completed by fair. All DCC plugs are labeled and have black and yellow caution tape around them to identify their location. Joel also announced a discovery that if an analog controller is plugged into a DCC plug, all other DCC plugs will cease to function properly until the analog controller is removed. He asked the members to be careful not to do that.

DCC Controllers

Ed communicated with Mark, the guy who did the controller upgrade for the club last time. Anyone who wants to take their plug-in DCC controller and convert it to wireless can do so. The rate is \$85. For an extra \$10 Mark can put built in rechargeable battery capabilities. Ed will send an email with the information. Upgrades will be ready by fair if submitted now.

Operations

Dennis said no one turned up the night of the operations meeting. Operations meetings are targeted for the 3rd Friday of each month. Dennis won't be here in April, but Paul might run it. Dennis said ops probably won't get off the ground until after the fair.

New Item

Dick Stark from O visited HO and made an announcement. After the Good Guys show when he turned off the layouts the station platform lights were still on. Dick said he had to unplug it. Gary told him that he knows and we already resolved that.

New Business

Volunteers for Writing Procedures

Ed said he forgot to send an email about getting volunteers. He will do it this time. Ed said it would be helpful to get procedures done before fair.

Mels Drive-In

Dean says the new drive-in restaurant model is coming along slowly. Ed asked if it will be ready for fair. Dean said he "hopes so."

Ed moved to adjourn. Paul seconded.

Motion passed and meeting ended at 8:51 pm.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Joel Clark.