

HO May Minutes – May 1st, 2015
Meeting called to order 8:20

Past meeting minute hard copies were not available

Old Business:

- Next Meeting June 5th
- Not much has changed since last meeting
- Need a list of broken items; going to be in cleanup/fixit mode from now until the fair starts.
- No status update from Wayne on the automatic lighting (“Fast clock project”). We can still set the lights in a manual mode for the fair
- We should not be starting any new projects until after the fair, aside from small repairs to fix broken items
- Ed will post the fair schedule, which should be similar shifts as last year. The fair is open from 11am – 11pm with the buildings closing around 10pm, so the shifts will be:
 - 10:30am – 3pm
 - 2pm – 7pm
 - 6pm – 10:30pm

The overlap is to allow people to setup/teardown their trains and to get a bite to eat. We do not want long gaps without any trains running.

- Ed will send out a survey requesting everyone to provide their preferences of running Analog/DCC, and what days they plan to be at the fair. John made a comment that two back-to-back days of the same type are generally better and has worked well in the past.
- Operations Day status:
 - Marc will send out an announcement about the ops mailing list
 - Dennis would like to get together for a couple Saturdays before the fair to see how the routes work.
 - There are a couple of new Industries being proposed for Operations.
 - Railway Express Agency
 - Grain Belt Brewery
 - We need to find a way to mount the new Gulf Oil sign
 - Motion to change the Artic Refrigeration sign to Grain Belt Brewery sign made by Jim, Seconded by Lee. All were in favor
- Andy K. has been working on the Interurban wye. He wants to install a double throw double pole switch to reverse the polarity. It was suggested to see if there was something we could buy that would do it automatically for both Analog and DCC. Andy will do the research and report back.

New Business:

- Dennis talked about new rollers for the cleaning cars, which have a handy wipe in them that you can apply a bit of alcohol, which works very well at cleaning the track. As part of this discussion, Tony suggested that the club

create a dedicated cleaning train, made up of a variety of high performance cleaning cars. This consist would remain as a cleaning train to be used all the time, and not disassembled.

- Gary L mentioned that the overhead track lighting in the upstairs office was not functional and should be replaced. Paul moved the motion, and Peter seconded. All were in favor
- Tony mentioned some scenery patch work that he planned on completing before the fair.