

ACCRS  
**HO Monthly Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 6, 2017**

Meeting brought to order at 8:15 pm by Assistant Trainmaster Jere Ingram

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

**HO Scale Operating Rules**

Dean has revised and published a draft set of HO scale operating rules. Discussion related to the language and requirements for qualifying junior members operating panel, KD coupler requirement, use of European Equipment occurred. "Qualification" of equipment used by members on lay out and how this would be accomplished discussed.

**Nominations for Train Master and Assistant**

Paula provided a report out on candidates for next year.

Andy K for Train Master

Jorge for Assistant Train Master

Note that the election will be held at November Meeting.

**Modification to Road at Oil Dale**

Problems with the new road crossing of the freight and passenger main where reported. Dean will follow up this issue.

**Purchase of Used NCE Command Station, Booster, and Throttles.**

It has been proposed that club purchase used equipment from Peter as backups to our existing command station, boosters, and throttles. Tony agreed to evaluate equipment and report out.

**Psyco House Project**

Lee is still working on this. No date given for completion.

**Turntable Project**

A power problem related to the operation of the turntable has been identified. No action taken

**Signal System for Lay Out.**

Jorge reported that he is still working on this. No date given for completion.

**Turn out Issues Identified**

Members reported issues with turnouts in Port Area, Oildale switch off freight main to Oildale reported. No action agreed to.

**New Club Car Project**

Dean proposed that each club member provide one new freight car (1970's ear or later) equipped with metal wheels and KD couplers to replace existing cars in the club fleet. Jere offered to hold a basic car/locomotive (checking wheel set, coupler install) set up clinic in the future if this idea is approved.

### **HO Scale Electrical System Improvement Project**

Gary has asked that a sub team(Jere, Wayne, Tony, Joel) be formed to look at the current 110-120 volt AC and 12 volt DC electrical system in the and around the HO scale layout and identify a plan for improvement. Jere reported that the current team met in September and identified numerous issues. There were significant problems with both systems. At this time it is recommended that no new electrical accessories or equipment be added to the lay out until these issues are resolved. A full report on the issues will be provided to members by November meeting.

Motion to end meeting approved at 8:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Trainmaster Jere Ingram. (upwpfan@comcast.net)