

Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders
Minutes
15 May 2007

John Carter reporting:

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Carter at 7:30 PM with 8 members present.

Officers' Reports:

1. Secretary's Report was deferred
2. Newsletter Editor's Report was deferred
3. Treasurer's Report was provided by Duane Swank (see summary in Treasurer's Report Box).
4. WebMaster's Report: John Edwards reported that the new website was up and running with most members making the switch from the site on Yahoo. The Yahoo account shows 19 of 35 member households with Yahoo accounts. Message traffic on the Yahoo mail group has declined significantly.
5. Vice President's Report: John Carter reported that the N scale layout has been reassembled and work is progressing with electrical and track repairs. Parts of the layout are becoming operational each week. The HO layout is off the floor but not operational. All members were encouraged to participate in the Thursday work nights. The club room is available 25/7 for members to work on either their HO modules or the N-scale layout (though preference should be given to getting the N-scale layout operational).
6. President's Report was deferred

Old Business:

1. Plaque for Penny McLaughlin: Hobie Hyder volunteered to obtain a suitable plaque as a thank you for Penny's assistance over the past 18 months while the club was at Tipton-Haynes.
2. Mike Buster has made reservations at Russo's for 6 p.m. June 19 (our next regular meeting night for a dinner to recognize Penny and her support. Members wishing to attend should contact Mike to insure adequate space is available.
3. Shortline wheel sets for club F7 A&B units have been ordered by John Carter with one set received and a second set now available from Walthers at sale prices.
4. Mike Buster reported that he not received the memorial passenger cars from Charles Causey. Mike will send a letter to determine the status. Once the cars

are in hand Mike will letter them for deceased members.

New Business:

1. The June Meeting and program will be the dinner honoring Penny McLaughlin and will convene at Russo's Restaurant. Any important business will be conducted in a short business meeting at the end of the dinner meal. Spouses, significant-others, and other guests are invited. Dutch Treat will prevail.
2. Update on the progress on the Bankus N-Scale layout: the club has received \$1,000 from ETSU as financial support for operations and repairs. The members present voted to spend \$998.83 on the following items:
 - Digitrax Super Chief DCC Control System with FRE200 radio
 - Digitrax starter set with 5 UP35 universal panels
 - Heritage Berkshire in Pierre Marquette lettering for ETSU Presidents' Train
 - Walthers Passenger cars with 7 sleepers and 1 lounge in L&N (blue and gold) paint scheme
3. John Carter offered to coordinate an additional club member order to Digitrax parts and systems. Members wishing to place an order need to see John by July. Members will receive a 35% discount off the Walthers list price.

Announcements:

1. Hobie announced the sale of a collection consisting of a 6' x 12' logging outfit in G gauge. Price is \$5,000 with an original purchase value of \$9,000. See Hobie for details.
2. John Carter is drumming up interest in a rRoad trip to Knoxville. Come to the next meeting with dates in mind...

Program:

Weathering with Acrylics by Ted Bleck-Doran was delayed. John Edwards attempted to show a selection from the Dream-Plan-Build series but had technical difficulties with the projection system.

June Meeting: Tuesday, June 19th, 6:00 p.m. Club and guests meet for dinner at Russo's Restaurant, 300 East Main Street, Johnson City.

JOIN THE FUN THURSDAYS ARE WORK NIGHTS

THE CREW GATHERS BEGINNING AT 5:00 OR SO...
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO LEARN – SEE – OR - DO