

# Coachella Valley Model Railroaders, Inc.

Located on the Riverside County National Date Festival Fairgrounds

December 7, 2016

Club President Alex Gregg opened the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Alex Gregg. A quorum was established.

Three club officers were present: Alex Gregg, Gaylon McSmith and Jim Hundley, Jim Daber was out of town. Alex led with the pledge of allegiance.

Alex explained that this was our annual membership to comply with state and corporation requirements.

Alex mentioned that we would be holding our annual elections for 2017 club officers.

Alex asked if anyone wanted the minutes read from the last membership meeting, No one wanted the minutes read and a motion was made to accept as they were.

Introduced a new member Phil Becker

Alex passed out the ballots for club officer elections. Nancy LeRoy will tally after all ballots are in.

Handed out fair work schedule, members can take home and fill out and return. Jim asked that if you sign up for a shift, you're expected to be there to work that shift. Jim asked that if you do sign up, you should stay and operate your trains and not just go wonder off and see the fair. Go see the fair after your shift.

Alex said that Saturday, February 11, we will set up the entry tables, clean the building and layout. This was part of the clubs contract agreement with the fair management to be allowed to use our building.

Club will do some demonstrations during the fair to show people how we build things.

It was discussed about items that have been donated to us and we have been selling items on Ebay to fund the clubs projects.

It was discussed about the costs of the extension rebuild and costs of maintenance of the layout.

It was discussed about raising club dues to \$150 per year also possible of an assessment for added income to help layout costs.

Richard Blackwell made motion to raise dues to \$150 effective starting 2018, Phil Becker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motioned passed with all in favor to raise dues, no one voiced against.

Alex mentioned that all members can give input on any new or changes for the layout. The club belongs to all the members and not just certain ones.

It was mentioned that it really isn't necessary to make major change to the layout yearly.

A budget will be put together for operating costs for review for our March 2017 meeting.

It was discussed about ways to recruit new members. Some ideas were to set up a booth at street fairs, contact news media. Invite the public to run trains, may get them interested to become members. Invite other model train clubs to run on our layout.

## Election results

Nominated, Alex president,

Nominated, Gaylon 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Nominated, Jim Daber 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Nominated, Jim Hundley Secretary/Treasurer

Closed meeting at 7:20 pm