

Coachella Valley Model Railroaders, Inc.

Located on the Riverside County National Date Festival Fairgrounds

General Membership Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2018

Club President Alex Gregg opened the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:29 pm.

Hal led us with pledge of allegiance

Minutes of November membership meeting accepted

Finance report for 2018, No outstanding bills and accepted. Account balance, checking \$5280.69, \$618.00 cash. The club had additional revenue from Facebook sales of surplus items. Alex sold \$1418 of surplus items and has \$142.40 remaining after buying club material for scenery, electronics, lighting.

Richard Blackwell handed out the ballots for 2019 board members. members cast the votes and Richard tallied the votes.

The results are as follows:

President, Alex Gregg

1st Vice President, Gaylon McSmith

2nd Vice President, Jim Daber

Vice President of Lionel Division, Ski Gruzalski

Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Hundley

Alex introduced our new members, Jim McIntoch, Reade Miller, Rick Mai, Rod Boone, Richard Hanson and Robert Heldenbrand. Each gave a short introduction about themselves.

Alex announced that Howard/Nancy LeRoy will be leaving us as they are moving to Cincinnati. Howard addressed the club Members thanking everyone for the 10 years he has been a part of the club. It was also announced that Ralph Butcher has chosen to resign from the club.

Alex also reminded the group that 2019 membership payments are now due.

Alex discussed the forms for the fair work schedule. Some members have already turned in their completed forms. Members need to have their forms turned in by the first week of January so ID cards can be made and we can consolidate everyone's shift onto one spreadsheet. If needed, additional blank work schedule forms are on the counter.

Jim Daber explained the Casey Jones award.

George asked that he get a group photo of the members for his video after the meeting.

Robert Heldenbrand mentioned the Coachella Valley Historical Museum are trying to acquire a SP passenger car for their property and they have plans to build a small depot for it. He also stated the Museum board member he spoke to would like our group to build a small train exhibit for the depot.

Jim Daber explained the importance of the signals and we all need to adhere to them. If a member stops to talk to someone while running a train it is best that they stop their train until they finish speaking to the party.

Greg Cave and Mark Pelton are adding wires to all turn-outs so the swing rails should not have dead spots. They are marking their progress with blue tape on the fascia; so please do not remove it.

Bruce Hagerman mentioned that the WiFi is operational for smartphone train throttle. Also Jim H. installed a second wifi unit on the north end of the layout so we can now operate up to 8 trains via the smartphone app.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15