

# Coachella Valley Model Railroaders, Inc.

Located on the Riverside County National Date Festival Fairgrounds  
General Membership Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2021

In club attendance included Alex Gregg, Gaylon McSmith, Jim Daber, Ski Gruzalski, Jim Hundley, Richard Blackwell, Hal Ryppy, Rod Boone, Paul Samuel, Robert Furtado, Jim/Riley MacIntoch, Rick Mai, Larry Rudy, George Thomas

Club President Alex Gregg opened the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

Gaylon led us with pledge of allegiance

Finance report for 2021 read with no outstanding bills and accepted by the membership.

Account balance, checking \$11245.58, \$289.00 cash for a total of \$11534.58

PayPal balance \$1717.81

Reading of Minutes from last meeting waived.

Alex mentioned that membership payments for 2022 are now due. Alex explained that the club now has Zelle on its bank account; so members now have an alternative to writing a check. Members can now make payment through Zelle, the payee is info@cvmrr.com your payment gets deposited directly into the clubs checking account.

Alex explained that everyone needs to adhere to the signals while running trains.

Also, if you find something that is broken/out of place/missing please report it and mark the location; if you have the knowledge, skills and abilities to make the repairs please do so.

Alex brought up the topic of loss of throttle control while operating your train. Jim H. said that the club had purchased Digitrax UR93's and installed one on the pole midway on the layout. We also removed all the UT5's and installed UR92's in there place. As of this meeting, no report of signal loss to system.

Alex mentioned that all rail cars are required to have metal wheel sets and that if you don't run a lighted car at the rear of your train, the club has resistance wheels to place on you last car. By placing resistor wheel sets on your last car it will allow the track signals to operate more accurately. It is recommended that two resistor axles be placed on the car. Wheel sets are \$1.00 per axle, Greg Hafner manufactured the resistor wheel sets and the money goes in the club building fund.

Alex explained that we all need to keep the building, work areas, and layout clean, if you make a mess, clean up after yourself.

Alex opened the floor for roundtable discussion.

The question was asked about the future of the fairgrounds. In the near future, the plans for a carnival to be on the property during the timeframe of when the Date Festival would have taken place. As of now we are not sure if we can or will be involved with the carnival. Long term, the RFP submittal period closed last month for private management of the property. We have no details yet as to who or when changes will take place.

Gaylon said he is willing teach any member the layout signals and the meanings of the different color lights.

No additional roundtable discussion,

Jim H. distributed ballots to the members present to vote on next year's club officers. Jim also indicated he received several absentee ballots from members unable to attend in person.

Results of the election are as follows.

Alex Gregg, President

Gaylon McSmith, 1st Vice President

Jim Daber, 2nd Vice President

Ski Gruzalski, Vice President Lionel Division

Jim Hundley, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting was closed at 6:05