

# Coachella Valley Model Railroaders, Inc.

Located on the Riverside County National Date Festival Fairgrounds

General Membership Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2019

Club President Alex Gregg opened the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Bob Pelton led us with pledge of allegiance

Minutes of December 2018 membership meeting accepted

Finance report for 2019, No outstanding bills and accepted. Account balance, checking \$2340.29, \$1524.00 cash.

Alex explained all that had been done during the summer and we were still working on the new South East extension. Alex discussed the Lionel layout has tripled in size and how it looks like a Lionel Catalog with all the accessories.

Jim handed out the work schedule for the February fair. Please return the schedules showing what shifts you will work by January 15th so a master schedule can be developed.

Jim H handed out the ballots for 2020 board members elections.

Alex introduced our new member, Larry Rudy

Alex also reminded the group that 2020 membership payments are now due. After December 31st will be considered delinquent.

Rod asked about track cleaning as he feels the track is dirty.

Alex stated that the track needs to be cleaned before each session.

Ralph explained that we have track cleaning cars that are now calibrated for the proper drip, 12-15 drips per minute using kerosene.

Gaylon explained that everyone should be using resistor axles at the rear of their trains if they don't have lights or a FRED that draws track current. The club has resistor wheels for sale at \$1 per axle, both 33" and 36" wheels. Greg Hafner build the wheels and donated to the club.

Bob Pelton explained that we should all be placing a drag car in all consists to help clean the track

Alex emphasized again, please clean-up any mess you make, you made it, and nobody should have to pick-up after you

Alex explained that no one should be touching or picking things up that are not yours without asking the owner first, also if you need to borrow a tool from a personal toolbox ask first and please return where you found it.

Gaylon explained that the signals on the layout are expensive so be careful when your cleaning track or are around them. It was explained the importance of the signal and the expectation is that members will follow them.

Alex explained that the fair is approaching, and we should all have their trains ready by checking couplers, clean wheels including all cars not just the engines.

Alex reminded members that all railcars operated on the layout will have metal wheels and knuckle couplers. If you see anything that is broken or needs repair report it by placing problem on the report board on the back of the cattle car door and let one of the board members know where the problem is, don't just say it's over there.

Jim H. said that we will be hosting an open house for the FMCA on Wednesday January 8, 202 from 3-6, also the open house in March has been moved to the last Saturday of March

Members cast the votes and Susan Marie 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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20