

## **Annual/Quarterly Meeting Paper Valley Model Railroad Club April 21, 2011**

Meeting called to order 7:27 p.m. by President Brian Jacobs.

### **Attendance-**

Brian Jacobs, Paul Hillmer, Sandy Bloom, Don Coonen, Scott Parkinson, Jim Reinke, Ken Nieland, Mike Daniels, Dave Wiley, Grant Armstrong, Dennis Frederick, Wally Kiefer, Mike McDermott, Stan Mermall, Marty Porto, Jim Vidas, Craig Volkman, Dennis Verhyen, Joe Mastrocola, Mark Mitchell, Richard Reinhart, Kevin Riehl.

The minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting, although not read, were motioned, seconded, and accepted/carried.

The Treasurer's Report submitted by Don Coonen was read and accepted.

Brian moved to combine the Annual and Quarterly meeting together tonight. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Don reported that we made \$XXX.XX at our Swap Meet in March. The vendors were happy as well.

Brian stated that we need someone new to run the now yearly Swap Meet. This must be decided before October 2011. Don will check with Jim Leschke to see if he has contacted the Armory and made arrangements with them yet for next year.

### **HO news:**

Dennis F. reported that the lower deck needs only finishing touches, and the upper deck will be worked on next. The upper deck will continue to be worked on over the summer to get it ready for the Open House. The layout is operational now. The extra cars will be stored.

#### O Scale news:

Stan reported that because of the snow plowing efforts by Kevin, the flooding in the basement was not too bad this year. The layout and LEDs are working well. We need a new control panel. Stan would like help in working on the previous plan to extend the layout into the furnace room and building a swinging connecting bridge. Brian will purchase two new beer cars (Pabst) for the layout costing \$50.00 each. Grant raised the issue of possibly engraving identification on all the cars for loss prevention. Stan suggested documenting each car and valuable equipment, and Sandy suggested photographing for insurance purposes. Stan was authorized to get the Hudson Steamer's fan repaired at Sommerfeldt's in Milwaukee, since he will be driving that way. Grant will check into buying headsets for communication during the open House. The Walkie Talkies have not been effective.

#### 501.C3 news:

Paul will attend the NMRA on May 14, 2011. We had a very successful Swap Meet in March. We also held a home layout tour open to the public at that time, and over 40 people attended. A Church group toured the Club on February 9, 2011.

#### **New Business:**

##### Website update:

Rich Tegge will not be able to continue as a Club member for a while. Stan, Paul, and Sandy will work on the Website and get it updated. Paul has worked successfully on the Website's Calendar. Stan would like to upload video. Sandy will find out what the storage limits are.

##### Operating Nights:

Paul will hold an operating night at his home in May. Every Wednesday night members are invited to work at Don's home on his layout.

Election of Officers:

Brian explained the duties and term limits for the Members at Large. Chris Thulien, Scott Parkinson, and Dennis Frederick were unanimously voted in as Members at Large. The membership unanimously voted Paul Hillmer as President, Jim Vidas as Vice-President, Sandy Bloom as Secretary, and Don Coonen as Treasurer. Brian was given an ovation for his great work as President, and we wish him well with his health.

The Titledown Train Show will be held in Green Bay next weekend, and members have signed up to run the switcher. We still need some help with coverage on Sunday. A few interested parties were given free badges for the Show.

Jim Vidas moved that we donate \$100.00 to the Avenue Radio Station (91.1 FM) as part of our 501.C3 status because they have graciously and generously provided us with free extensive radio advertisement for our Swap Meet. This was unanimously voted in.

Kevin Riehl will arrange the printing for our Open House flyers.

There being no further business, Brian Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bloom  
Secretary  
April 21, 2011