

CSD Board of Directors Meeting
Hunter Acres Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
August 21, 2014

In attendance: Larry Paffrath - Superintendent, Rusty Doss - Assistant Superintendent, Gil Brauch - Director, Roy Becker - Director, Jack Haynes - Director and John Stevens - Paymaster

Larry called the meeting to order and welcomed Rusty Doss to his first board meeting. Larry continued and mentioned that the first item on the agenda is the CSD Picnic. Morgan Feldon has informed Larry not to worry about main course meat that he had that all taken care of. Morgan's biggest concern was the number of people attending. Larry said he would send a mass email to all members. Additional items discussed by those present were number of tables and chairs available, making sure enough paper products (napkins, plates, knives/forks) were purchased, having tents available in case weather turns bad.

With that wrapped up, Larry asked Roy to talk about the RMU Extension Class he had lined up. Roy replied that it would be a one topic only RMU class, held at Hunter Acres Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, showing how to mount resistors on wheel sets with different types of axels.

Moving on, Larry asked Gil he if would like to talk about the Annual Swap Meet. Gil replied that with the number of people traveling during the summer, he had not started anything on the swap meet. But starting in September he will put up a notice to the membership and a mini registration page on the CSD website. Gil then asked us whether he should ask Mrs. Warren (widow of Wade Warren, creator of Wade's Train Town) if she wants all the stuff in the room. Gil went on to mention that there are several items left over from Wade's Train Town that will never be used. Gil's concern was that if she didn't want them, and we sold them, were we morally obligated to give her the money collected. Or should I ask her if we can keep the money? After some discussion, Gil agreed to talk with her and her daughter Kim and see what they could decide on. Gil then reported that there was \$500 in the kitty for Wade's. Gil mentioned that there needed to be a better way to publicize it to get more people to come by. Gil reported that work had been completed at Wade's and there would be no more formal work sessions. Gil mentioned that he was looking for correct scale HO scale - 1/87th scale cars and trucks for the layout.

Larry mentioned that in a conversation he and Gil had, they brought up a concern about liability at Brookford and asked Gil if he had a chance to look into it. Gil replied that the only question is whether we need a certificate of insurance to be covered. Larry mentioned that he felt regions and divisions were automatically granted a certificate of insurance. Jack stated that something was supposed to be sent to each Regional President and they were to forward a copy to each Superintendent, but he had not seen it. Larry said he would make a note to ask Bob Halsey if he ever received one and if not, we can request another one. Larry felt the one reason we would need one was if the Brookford people wanted to see something from us.

Larry mentioned that he had spoken with the staff member who is responsible for the NMRA Insurance Program regarding the NC Railrun that was coming up. He walked her through what the Railrun is all about and how it has ended up with the Mid East Region sponsoring along with the OPSIG group. The NMRA staff person's interpretation is that this event is not covered because it has non-members hosting. Having said that, Larry reported that he has taken it one step farther and sent an email and requested that prior president John Roberts contact him, because he is a lawyer and has worked with the insurance company that set this program up. He has not let received a reply and the reason he made the request was that we are still getting questions from members asking about this. He has responded to them to have people attending sign a waiver. Roy mentioned that John Roberts had passed way and that's probably why there has been to response. Larry continued and said that he and Jack had read what was on the website and there really was only one gray area. In bond letters on the website it

says when you have non-members hosting it jeopardizes the whole event. Jack replied that there is a section that contradicts that. Jack said that in that section it says that if there is an event, using layout tours as an example, where some hosts are members and some are not, the division or region, as the sponsor of the event, should send a waiver document to the non-member host telling them that our insurance does not cover them. You can join the NMRA and you are covered, even as a Railpass member, and to be a non-member host they need to sign that waiver saying they understand what you are telling them. But elsewhere it says if there are non-member hosts, you can not be sure that you are insured. Larry added that that was in bond letters on the website. Rusty asked for clarification of the terminology and given explanations by all present as well as background information. Those present then spent some time discussion what had been said by Larry, Jack, and Gil. Larry summed it up when he said that he is frustrated with the NMRA about not being able to get an answer on this.

Moving on, Larry mentioned that Gil had received an email from one of our members named Blayne Olson, that made some suggestions that are interesting. He brought these suggestions with him when he came to this area; things that he had experienced in other areas. Larry then asked if Gil could talk about the email. Gil said that there was two major points that he makes. First he mentioned that there was no way for our members to know of members in their neighborhoods because of the rule that, as we understand it now, prevents us from sharing member's information with the CSD membership. Jack stated that surprised him. Gil continued and said that he was sure that that rule was a good rule and we probably need to find a way to let people know. Gil said that Blayne's idea was, first of all, how does a member find out who other members are and once one finds out, how do they find out if there are others who are interested in the same thing they are interested in. How do you form smaller groups and put them in touch with each other? Gil asked how do we get that information out to the membership without breaking the rules? Jack spoke up and mentioned that he was the clerk when that first came in from National. If a member has not given specific permission to publically disclose the membership information, then you can not make it public. Jack mentioned that as the clerk in the past, when he received a call from someone who said they were looking for a member that may be in our area, he would get their info and send that to the member and tell the person I have sent your info to them. If they choose to contact you, that is on them. That way, the division is out of it. Jack mentioned that he could do an article in the newsletter, talking about people getting together. If you live in this area and you are interested a particular aspect of modeling, contact so and so, in an effort to organize groups of common interest. Larry mentioned that he could do an email blast on this issue just to let members know that they could communicate with us. For example, he and Gil and Dan Alexander and Alan Burdick are members and are forming a small N Scale operating group. All have mid-size railroads and I think that is kind of activity is what Blayne is trying to encourage. Gil mentioned that we need to be careful about email blast to be sure to use the BCC field of the email. Roy suggested a newsletter article which points out that if you are a member who wants to create or share information that all you have to do is give us the permission to publish and we will put it in the next issue. Everyone that replies gets listed. Then the membership has the information to contact each other. Rusty mentioned that it may be easier than that. The CSD website does not now have a forums section and it could be as easy as that. Gil mentioned that, as the webmaster, he was not in favor of that. A forums section requires a moderator and he does not have the time for that. Everyone present could appreciate that. Gil suggested a Yahoo Group. Rusty suggested a map page for the CSD website. Gil reminded that that information is considered private. Larry said that if we are going to make an effort to form some subgroups like these, we are going to have to orchestrate it some way. Gil mentioned that there should be a block on the renewal form that says I authorized my contact information to be shared with other NMRA members – check YES or NO. Larry said he would be willing to send out an email to the membership asking about interest in this concept. If so, then respond to this email. Larry agreed to work on an email blast.

Larry moved the meeting along, bringing up RMU and asked about the date. Roy replied that he had sent an email to his contact about the date and she has forwarded it to the pastor. Roy felt like the best thing to do to confirm was to call him directly. Roy asked her about the 3rd and 4th Saturday of January and those dates were available. Larry reported that he had signed up Robin Frye as the featured speaker. Robin was the performance manager for the R.B. & B.B. Circus. Larry mentioned that he had considered asking Robin to do a clinic also based on the

models of the circus train he has done on two different eras. Gil mentioned that one of the scales Robin has modeled in is HO and that it would be cool to get someone to bring over some bare modules with track only to form an oval to run some of his trains or safely display some of his handy work. Time was then spent discussing the times of the classes. Larry asked if Roy and Gil will handle registration process again this year. Time was then spent discussing the cost per person for the 2015 event. John Stevens mentioned that his only concern was that our income not be less than our expenses. Gil mentioned the survey that had been sent out and posted on the CSD website asking what members wanted to see more. Scenery, basic track laying, and electronics were the top three. Rusty asked about a meeting for just RMU and Larry said he they would get together very soon. John Stevens asked about the transfer of RMU funds paid via PayPal and if that process would be the same this year as last. Roy spoke about that process.

Larry mentioned that he had two more items to discuss. He also mentioned that he had been contacted by a gentleman who is in stage four of cancer. He had been out to Rick Knights a couple of times. He has made a request to the division, that if we can get him some help, one of the things he has on his bucket list is too run his train on his train table. He has a 5x9 that is a mess. He has a specific Atlas plan and Larry has some people that will help with this, if anyone else would like to help. We would like to go over and at least get track down. Also received a call from a woman that has just moved here from Florida, she sounds like she is a very serious model railroader, who was involved with an On30 group and she wants to get in an On30 group here, but there is no one into that scale in this area.

Larry moved the meeting forward, discussing the status of the Larry Lau Lending Library. Larry mentioned that Rusty was willing to move the magazines over to his home from Rick Knight's. A local club's sale of their old magazines and the amount they collected was discussed by those present. Rusty asked about the number of magazines and the space required. He also mentioned placing some of them for sale at the upcoming RMU event. Larry mentioned that some members had come to him and said, they would like to have one or two of these books for their personal collections and to let them know what dollar amount they need to donate to get them. Either that or we can put them up for auction. It was then discussed if Rusty would become a Librarian over the books. Gil mentioned that in the past there had been zero activity by people checking books out and then asked if we should continue to offer to allow people to check them out and if not, we should we remove that portion of the CSD website. Rusty mentioned doing a white elephant table to sell some of the books at RMU. Roy mentioned a silent auction table. Much discussion was then held about where and when silent auction tables or white elephant tables at CSD events until the books were sold or auctioned. Gil said he would then remove that section of the website and those present agreed. Gil then asked if those things were donated to the CSD with any conditions attached. Roy cleared that up by stating that those things donated to the CSD become the property of the Division. Roy also mentioned that in disposing of all Larry Lau's engines and rolling stock that were donated, Rick Knight just put a price tag on them and all that money went into the Division. Rusty asked if they had been sold. Both Roy and Gil replied yes and that it had been over a year and a half ago. Larry then said we are going to give away the magazines or ask for a donation at any events we have. Then the books we will target those for our larger events. Rusty offered to go through the books and Google them to see what their values are. Roy quickly made a motion that the Assistant Superintendent research that, John Stevens quickly second it!! It was then decided that the Assistant Superintendent would store the books and the magazines in his garage and get with Rick Knight about a time to pick the items up.

Time was then spent by all member discussing the pros and cons of trying to schedule meetings for members for the remainder of the year, and what would be conducted at the meetings. That turned into trying to determine an itinerary for meetings so they would have a schedule for events for each meeting. It was decided to work on the idea and discuss it more at future meetings and to come up with an agenda for the first quarter of 2015. It was decided that it was too late into the year to try and plan anything membership wise between now and RMU.

Rusty mentioned having the CSD logo digitized and made available for members to purchase shirts and hats with the CSD logo on them. The cost to digitize would be \$35. He requested the board's permission to have the logo digitized and be reimburse for that amount. Gil mentioned that he had a high resolution image of the logo. A motion was made by Rusty to allow him to spend \$35 of CSD monies to have the logo digitized and then sewn onto some samples for the board to see. Jack seconded the motion. The motion was then passed.

Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rusty seconded it and the motion passed.