

Minutes of CSD Board Of Directors Meeting

Wade's Train Town Brookford Community Center

November 8, 2014

In attendance: Larry Paffrath - Superintendent, Rusty Doss - Assistant Superintendent, Roy Becker - Director, Jack Haynes - Director.

*** NOTE: Gil Brauch will join as soon as Wade's Train Town duties permit

Larry Paffrath (Acting Superintendent) opened and stated that since John Stevens (Paymaster) is unavailable for this board meeting, he will sit down with John and cover what we do here today, so he too will be included in this. Larry continues and says that he will turn the recording of this meeting over to Morgan Feldon (Clerk) to get it out to the membership. Roy Becker suggested that Rusty Doss go ahead and transcribe the audio recording. Larry agreed.

Larry mentioned that he has talked with Gil Brauch (Director) about what we will be discussing while Gil finishes up with Wade's Train Town business, and that he wants to discuss the CSD activity for next year. In an effort to keep it short, Larry proposes a doing something once every month. We are looking at three months as a quarter, to have three kinds of activities, one per month and repeating each 3-month quarter. The first cycle will begin with an RMU extension in March, followed by a visit/tour in April, then a membership meeting in May. June would start the cycle over with an RMU ext session. November thru January or February would deviate from that with the Open House & Swap Meet in Nov, nothing in Dec (third Saturday too close to Christmas) and the full RMU and annual business meeting both in January. Have a member come and do a class on a new technique. Thus we would have four RMU Extensions per year for members; then four regular member meetings, one per quarter; then a trip or tour somewhere once per quarter. This would be an approach to get us back in line with monthly meetings and activities.

Larry, Roy and Jack discuss schedules and decide on continuing to use the 3rd Saturday of each month for the meetings, that this Saturday has worked well in the past, that other clubs have worked their activities to allow this Saturday to be open for CSD activities and it does not interfere with local operating sessions.

Rusty Doss added that he had spoken with a CSD member from the Raleigh NC area, who left a very successful local area club, when he moved. This member has a history of being a part of a successful clubs during his model train hobby. When asked why he felt the club was so successful with membership attendance, this member replied that they did four things at every monthly meeting and those four things gave the club 55 to 65% membership attendance every month. The decision was made to contact this member and ask him to serve as CSD committee chairman for member meetings.

Election of CSD officers for next year was discussed next with the arrival of Gil Brauch. Roy mentioned that the Board (in compliance with the CSD Bylaws) had voted to make Larry the Superintendent (for the rest of the calendar year) that he felt they could vote to let Larry stay Assistant Superintendent or, revert back. Jack Haynes mentioned that Larry never left the position, and was only temporarily assuming the duties at the resignation of the former Superintendent. Roy mentioned that Blayne Olson had been contacted after the nomination committee had discussed the coming elections and Mr. Olson said it would be an honor to serve out the rest of Jack Haynes' term as a Director, since Jack has agreed to be nominated as CSD Superintendent. The same committee decided to nominate Rusty Doss as Clerk. So for the record, the following slate was agreed upon by those present, to present

to the membership: For fulfilling the balance of Superintendent, Jack Haynes will be nominated. To revert back to Assistant Superintendent, fulfilling until elections is Larry Paffrath. For fulfilling Jack Haynes vacant position as Director, Blayne Olson, Roy's position is up for election and he will run again. And for fulfilling the Clerk's position for the unexpired term, Rusty Doss.

Gil then gave a Brookford Report. Gil reported that all work sessions were done. There was no more major work to be completed. Wade's Train Town will still open monthly on the second Saturday of each month for the public and members to visit. Gil would also like to see some recruitment from the CSD membership, members to volunteer once a year to come up to Wade's Train Town and be a host for one of the monthly open houses. Members who volunteer for these host positions will be given material to help them interact with visitors. Gil reported that he had spoken with Mrs. Warren and her daughter Kim and both of them mentioned that that they were pleased with what had been done with the layout and how the repairs had been made. Gil also spoke with them about the items left over that had not been used and most likely would never be used on the layout, but were still considered to be owned by the Warren family. Two options prevailed: 1) box it up and give it to the family to dispose of; or 2) CSD dispose of it and use the proceeds to keep Brookford running. Mrs. Warren agreed and Kim reinforced her decision, if we are not going to use it on the layout, then we can dispose of it and the proceeds used to keep the layout up and running. Gil continued and requested permission from the Board to investigate investing in a window mounted heat pump/heater for the room with the Brookford monies. Currently there is no heat for the room, A/C works, but there is no heat. The Board granted permission for Gil to investigate the cost of a heat pump/heater for Brookford. Gil continued and reminded the Board of a box, that contained a possible G scale train set that was dropped off by a lady three years ago, in the hopes that some of our members could fix it. Gil stated that a couple of guys tried and were unable to fix it. The owner was called many times and messages were left to contact him, but with no response. So with us running out of storage room, it is still sitting under the layout, so the question, in good faith, have we tried to get a hold of her? Rusty asked how long Gil had tried to reach her, Gil replied over a year. Rusty asked how many calls were made, Gil replied 4 or 5 without response. The decision was made to call one last time, leave a message with a deadline for the owner to contact Gil and if no contact is made, that the items will be disposed of.

Rusty gave a follow-up report from the August Board meeting concerning the digitization of the CSD Logo so that it could be sewn onto garments and hats. Rusty reported that the logo had been digitized and displayed a shirt and baseball cap that had the logo sewn onto them. The Board voted that an agreement be signed between the CSD and Lucky Dog Designs stating that only NMRA/CSD members, would be allowed to purchased items with CSD Logo sewn onto them. That only one color of shirts (the green color of the shirt displayed, or a similar color depending on shirt style and manufacturer) could have the logo sewn onto it, but baseball style caps could be any color, but the color of the logo could not be changed. Also how much of a discount with Ken give our members for getting the CSD business. Rusty stated that he would get with Ken of Lucky Dog Designs, discuss this agreement and then report back to the CSD Board.

Rusty moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and everyone else voted yes. Meeting adjourned.