



**COAST DIVISION
PACIFIC COAST REGION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

BOARD OF OPERATIONS Meeting Minutes

Date: August 9, 2010

Time: 7:30 pm

**Place: San Leandro Historical Railway Society
1302 Orchard Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94577**

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Attendance: Mark Schutzer, Bob Ferguson, Rod Smith, and Pat LaTorres

2) Introduction of Guests/Guest Business

No guests present

3) Minutes of previous Board Meeting - Already approved on line

4) Announcements

None

5) Executive Reports

a) Superintendent: Mark Schutzer

See attached report. No update on the Coast convention bank account. Provided an update on Coast meeting sites and the status of Masonic Lodge. At the current time Buchser School is the only site we currently have and the site for the December meet is being determined. Clearly, we need to make a push for an additional meeting site. (editor's note: Later in the 3Q10, Don Shortt was kind enough to obtain the Buchser Middle School for December 12, 2010 (one week later than normal) for the December 2010 Coast Meet. *Big Thank You* to Don for the assistance for December 2010).

b) Chief Clerk: Darrell Dennis

Darrell was not present. .

c) Paymaster: Bob Ferguson

Bob provided the following numbers concerning the finances:
Current account balance: \$14,137.38

Year to date we are ahead by +\$307.12 dollars.

Bob also commented that the auction at the June meet had many fewer items than usual. Net income was \$1.20 after accounting for expenses.

d) Director: Rod Smith

Rod had nothing to report

6) Standing Committee Report

Note: If nothing is listed under a category below then no report was presented

a) Auction: John Marshall

b) Auction Accounting: Bill Swindell

c) Clinics – at Meet: John Marshall

John reported via email that he would provide the December clinic schedule by mid September. Editor's note: the following was reported in early 4Q10 and this was placed in the Coast Division Dispatcher as the schedule for the December 12, 2010 Meet:

10 AM **Dave Biondi:** Backdrops and Beyond.

Dave will take us to the backdrop and show us how to really make the most of it.

11 AM **Brad Lloyd:** Roads Less Traveled.

Brad makes making roads fun and illustrates how to enhance our layouts with multiple types of road surfaces.

11 AM **Jerry Littlefield:** Moderates the Model Railroad Roundtable.

d) Editor – Coast Dispatcher: Tom Crawford

e) Meeting Sites: Steve Wesolowski

Steve was not present but provided a report. (see attachment:
URL

f) Registration: Ted Stephens

Ted was not present but a general comment was made noting that we need to have membership forms present at the meeting's registration table should someone want to sign up.

g) Call for Reports from Other Committees:

i) Achievement: Kermit Paul

ii) Model Contest: John Sing

John was not present but submitted a report **Model Contest report:**

Model Contest / Show Tell turnout wasn't real high at June 2010, however, it continues to have a decent number of models and continues to be consistently well received and thought of. The most recent Coast Dispatcher had all the models in it in photos, and the Coast Division web site continues to be updated with this information:

http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/contest/Contest_June_2010.shtml

- iii) **Photo Contest: Keith Wandry**
- iv) **Switching Contest: Steve Peters**
- v) **Layout Tours: Dave Parks**
- vi) **Membership: Darrell Dennis**
- vii) **Nominations: Dave Connery**
- viii) **Publicity: Steve Wesolowski**

September 2010 Meet Fliers are in usual places I've visited: Train Shop in Santa Clara, Tom's Trackside Trains --now in Menlo Park (after a week of helping Tom move), LocoBoose in R-City, J&M Hobby House in San Mateo, and anywhere else anyone else took them.

Tom Van Horn encouraged 2 customers to attend in June: They became members at the June meeting and bought Auction items.

GTE: San Jose show was OK/good, as I reported in Branchline. Still have great volunteers, though always want new fresh ones ;-))

GTE Attendance still declining, IMO, but Summer Show attendance is a challenge in our area.

November GTE @ Thanksgiving time is not at Pleasanton, it will also be @ Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Please note that, as it has been at Pleasanton for a long time and many will be asking "where is the Thanksgiving GTE?"

Note: With Tom's Trackside Train's move and Jim Eckman's donations, I still have Several cases of free magazines in my garage for use as give-aways at train shows.

- ix) **Quartermaster: John Marshall**
- x) **Roundtable Facilitator: Jerry Littlefield**
- xi) **Ad hoc Committees**

7) **Old Business:**

8) New Business:

Under the topic of new business we discussed the recent comments and suggestions concerning membership and the Coast meets. There has been some lively conversations prior to the BOO meeting concerning a couple of topics. One of these topics revolved around what we can do to reach out to groups (such as RPM, SIGs, etc) that are not currently part of the NMRA. The other half of this topic revolved around possible changes to Coast meets to make them more attractive to more folks.

John Sing and Steve Wesolowski both had some comments on this in their reports.

John Sing attachment:

http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/BOO/BOO_Aug_9_2010_minutes_John_Sing_attachment.pdf

Steve Wesolowski attachment:

http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/BOO/BOO_Aug_9_2010_minutes_Steve_Wesolowski_attachment.pdf

After all the excitement over this issue it was disappointing to see that no one showed up at the BOO meet to discuss these topics. This makes it hard for the BOO to make decisions as to what direction we should be moving in.

It was decided that we didn't have enough information to make any decisions immediately, and that we would solicit a committee to look at possibilities and to propose working solutions. A call for committee volunteers will be made at the September Coast meet. Pat LaTorres volunteered to work with the committee.

9) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday November 8th at 7:30 PM. The site is the San Leandro Club. Thank you to Pat LaTorres for the continuing providing of this excellent centrally located meeting site for the BOO meeting.

10) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM