



# PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 15, 2011  
Union Hotel, Santa Rosa, CA  
PCR Convention "Sonoma Short Line"

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 AM by President Ron Plies.

#### A. QUORUM VERIFICATION

Secretary Tom Crawford verified that a quorum was present. There were 59 signatures on the sign in sheet. 57 were members of PCR.

#### B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Business meeting were approved without comment. To clarify an issue with minutes of prior meeting minutes approval, all minutes for all previous meetings were approved.

#### C. OFFICER'S COMMENTS

- C.1. President Ron Plies thanked everyone who supported him during his tenure as President recognized the convention committee and the job they did on the convention.
- C.2. Vice-President Pat LaTorres gave Ron Plies the President's Award.
- C.3. Treasurer Larry Altbaum was not available, but President Plies noted that we still have a minor deficit due to a drop in interest rates.
- C.4. Secretary Tom Crawford gave the highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 13, 2011. Those highlights are attached separately.

#### D. NMRA OFFICERS' COMMENTS

Bill Kaufman, NMRA VP of Special Projects, gave a rundown on what is going on at the NMRA. He noted that the Regional Advisory Committee Director is Steven Priest.

#### E. MEMBER COMMENTS (comments regarding matters not on the agenda)

Steve Wesolowski, Stu Benson and one other commented that the Convention Committee did a very good job this year.

Chuck Harmon thanked people for their input to the Branch Line.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

G.1. Newly Elected President Pat LaTorres and Vice President Ed Merrin took office.

**H. CONVENTIONS**

- H.1. **Comments regarding this convention:** Convention Chairman Steve Sköld thanked all for coming and acknowledged the convention committee.
- H.2. Dennis Stokely noted that the 2012 Convention will be a joint convention with PNR on May 2-5, 2012 in Medford, OR. The 2013 convention will be in Coast Division, probably in the East Bay. The 2014 convention will be in San Luis Obispo with dates and specific location to be determined.
- H.3. Ray deBlicek noted that they will have two meetings for volunteers and people who might be interested in volunteering for the X2011 Convention.

**I. Announcements**

- I.1. The next business meeting will be in Medford OR either Thursday May 3, 2012 or Friday May 4, 2011, depending on what works best for the convention flow.
- I.2. Gus Campagna invited everyone to Redwood Empire Division's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on Saturday, May 21.
- I.3. John Houlihan noted that the Daylight Division meet would be May 21<sup>st</sup> in Santa Barbara – see website for details.
- I.4. Carol Sköld mentioned that this convention was held without a hotel involved and pointed out that this could easily be done.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Long moved (and it was seconded) that we adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Crawford  
PCR Secretary