



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Meeting: Sunday, June 7, 2015  
at DTC Sheraton Hotel - Greenwood Village, CO

Gary Myers called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

#### **ROLL CALL AND CALL FOR PROXIES**

##### OFFICERS

President - Gary Myers	Present
Vice President - Allen Hovey	Present
Treasurer - Don Francis	Present
Secretary - Greg Long	Present

##### DIRECTORS

###### 2013-2015

Don Bailey	Present
Duncan Harvey	Present
Jacob Lofgren	Present

###### 2014-2016

Jeff Wright	Present
Robert Allen	Present
David Merrill	Present

##### DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

2-Sunrise	Steve Schweighofer	Present
3-South Suburban	Denny Krausman	Present
4-Pikes Peak	Wade Mountz	Present
5-Estes Valley	Steve Anderson	Absent
6-Rio Grande	Harlan (Buzz) Lenander	Present
7-Road Runner	Eric Hansmann	Absent
8-Flat Irons	Roy Johnson	Present
9-Northern Colorado	Chuck Pieper (Acting)	Absent
10-Silver San Juan	Dr. Martin Pirnat	Present
12-Southern Wyoming	Scott Phillips	Absent
13-Colorado Western	Wayne Kennedy	Absent (proxy)
14-Northern Wyoming	Harold Huber	Present
15-Northern Utah	Jack Chase	Absent (proxy)
16-Front Range	Paul Brennecke	Present
17-Arkansas Valley	Greg Long	Present
20-Southern Utah	Doug Whetstone	Present

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PRESIDENT**

**Board of Directors** – Comments have been in the past that our board is too large and unwieldy and inefficient. We had one Superintendent resign because we did not change. I do not disagree that the Board is large and is difficult for all to attend; however, we did not change because no proposal to change our Constitution and Bylaws was proposed. No proposal of how a change could be made to reduce the size of the Board and maintain representation. No proposal other than to just make the board a group of seven was made. No proposal was made of a delegation of responsibilities, no discussion pertaining to how future conventions would be determined, no discussion of any ways to make things better. In short, complaining about the status quo without a proposed solution gains us nothing. I expect discussion to occur over such and similar matters, but quitting because someone else cannot find a solution to a situation that you do not agree with is poor representation of your membership and yourself. I expect all members of the Board to contribute what they can so that we can each help each other get better. My job is to enforce our Constitution and Bylaws as approved by previous Boards and will enact on change per our rules.

**Succession** – Please note that my term as President will expire with the conclusion of the 2016 Spring BOD meeting, and that the convention will be in the fall. Everyone would like to see this Board continue to improve, who will step up to help? Everyone needs a succession plan in their own Division as well, so continue to promote your own members as well, you will be doing a disservice to them if you do not. Our organization is not about just modelers, it is built on the capabilities of our members, highly dependent upon the non-railroading skills of our Superintendents and officers, and is an organization of people. The goal is for everyone to have fun, but it takes a lot of talented special people who can organize and have the social skills, diplomacy and tact to pull it altogether. Go recruit and ask those people to step up, don't wait for them to ride up on a white horse.

#### **MINUTES OF FALL 2014 MEETING**

The meeting minutes of the fall 2014 Board meeting were sent out to BOD members electronically before the meeting. The minutes were not read. Motion to accept the fall 2014 Meeting notes by Al Hovey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Denny Krausman. The motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copies of the Treasurer Report and 2015 Budget were handed out to the BOD. The report and budget were discussed. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report by Al Hovey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harold Huber. The motion carried.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gary Myers read the results of the 2015-2016 Directors election. The winners are Stan Jennings, Jeff Cahill and Duncan Harvey. Motion to destroy the election ballots by Harold Huber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan Harvey. The motion carried.

#### **COMPANY STORE REPORT**

Jack Sousa announced a memorial service for Don Strait will be held at the Colorado Railroad Museum on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Jack reported the last four shows have done about half the business as usual. He also stated that he is retiring from the Company Store as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. If no division wants the Company Store trailer it will go up for sale.

#### **CONVENTION REPORTS**

**2014 Golden Spike Limited** - Stan Jennings summarized the final report from the convention. The report will be distributed and then approved at the fall board meeting.

**2015 Smoke and Steam** - Preliminary report from Denny Krausman was 120 attended. The

convention will end on a positive note, it made money but not sure how much. The Division will take ownership of all hats and shirts that were not sold. Should have a report within a month.

**2016 Pikes Peak or Bust** - Roy Thompson reported the website will be up soon. The hotel has 30,000 square feet available for the convention. Rooms will cost \$99 a night. A survey was handed out in order to get feedback on what the Region would like to see and do at the convention. Spouses programs are being worked on. One special tour planned is the NORAD presentation. Since the facility cannot be toured the NORAD staff will show a slide presentation.

**2017 Bid Nomination** - Al Hovey talked with Martin Pirnot about a possible RMR Convention in the Silver San Juan Division which would primarily consist of a train ride on the Durango and Silverton. The Division is okay with members outside the Division to come in and set up the convention. Local members would be willing to assist. Al Hovey passed around a list of convention committee slots available for Board members to assist with putting on a convention in the Silver San Juan Division.

**2018 Bid Nomination** - Al Hovey talked with Jim Leonard (President of Sherman Hill Club) about a possible convention in Cheyenne. Al Hovey will make a formal presentation at their September meeting. The convention would be in May in conjunction with Depot Days.

**2019 Golden Spike Limited National Convention** - Probably will not need to have a Region Convention but need to look into it. Since the contract is between the National NMRA and the Northern Utah Division, the Region has no responsibilities or liabilities to this convention. The RMR Board meeting to be held during the close of the National Convention in Salt Lake City.

Stan Jennings presented the same Power Point convention bid as was shown to National. The date will be July 7-12 2019 in Salt Lake City. Train show is July 12-14 2019. National has made the arrangements for the hotel and train show sites. Promontory will be the main focus of the convention.

#### **DIVISION REPORTS (June 2014 - May 2015)**

Postponed until a later time. Less than half of the Region were received.

#### **COMPLIANCE FORMS**

Gary Myers reported last Fall the 'Code of Ethics' was approved. It is patterned after the National NMRA Code of Ethics. There is a 2 page compliance form that is to be signed that states the signer agrees to follow the rules of the Region and disclose any possible conflicts of interest.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Chair Roles & Responsibilities Committee Report**

Al Hovey passed out copies of 'Guidelines for Division Superintendents'. He is looking for feedback from Superintendents.

##### **Referendum - National Model Contest Gold Award Initiative.**

Gary Myers reported that enough signatures were collected to submit the referendum to the National BOD again. The Region is pressing this because National needs to accept input from the membership and not make all decisions on their own. One example was when the NMRA logo was changed without any membership involvement.

##### **Open Chair Positions**

Youth Coordinator: Nominee Kristen Phillips would like to unofficially work that position. Gary would like to see her help get a program down to Division youth leaders.

Promotions Chair: Position is still open.

Webmaster: James Patterson is a possible candidate.

Will add a Recruiter Chair position to increase membership. Promotions than can become more

of an advertising position.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AP Judging Certification**

There is inconsistency in AP judging in so far as some models may be getting merit awards without uniform judging. Some models may also be getting merit awards that do not deserve it. There are no national guidelines to certify AP judges. John Griffith has been in contact with other Regions to see how they judge. So far, he has not received an answer from the Mid-Continent Region. Jack Hamilton described how the Pacific Region handles judging. He will send an email detailing the procedure to John Griffith.

### **Callboard Solicitations**

Jeff Wright stated that he has had a request from the Pacific Southwest Region to post an announcement of their convention in the RMR Callboard. Jeff asked if the Region wants to accept advertisement from other Regions and that we charge the Region to do so? Gary Myers has had a request from the Lone Star Region to put their spring convention in the Callboard and asked for membership mailing lists so they could send bi-weekly mailers. This request was denied. After discussion it was agreed to let other Regions advertise by way of a link on the RMR website.

Gary Myers would like to see something similar to the advertising discussed for charitable organizations, projects, historical societies etc. in the Callboard. It was agreed to add this type of advertising to the Callboard and website.

### **2015 Audit Committee**

Ready for audit to be presented at the fall board meeting. The newly elected directors will conduct the audit.

### **RMR National NMRA Convention Committee**

Possible Denver location for NMRA Convention probably in 2022. Harold Huber volunteered to assist on a steering committee.

## **ISSUES/CONCERNS**

Martin Pirnat brought up that smaller divisions such as Silver San Juan is always in need of funds to support the division. The divisions would feel more involved if some money from the Region would come their way. Martin would like to know if the membership money from National could be split up among the divisions. Harold Huber made a motion that the Region distribute the funds they get from National to the divisions with details being worked out later (No second so the motion died). Martin Pirnot will head a discussion group of superintendents, of the smaller divisions, to discuss ideas for funding. Doug Whetstone will look at the Region financial policy and possibly revising it to include loan requests. Harold Huber will work with Doug Whetstone. Would like to see something at the fall meeting.

Doug Whetstone brought up beginning a Suggestion Program for the Region.

## **NEXT BOD MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

Location: October 17, 1-5 PM Lone Tree, CO.

Plan to have operating sessions available for out of towners.

**Motion to Adjourn** - Harold Huber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Bailey. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gregory Long, RMR Secretary, NMRA

6 August 2015