

## Minutes of the First Division, Northwest Region, NMRA

The meeting was convened at 12:35 PM at Brix Restaurant in Roseburg on April 12, 2014 by Superintendent Rich Pitter. Also present were board members Elaine Crueger, Gene Neville, Dirk Kruysman and Nick Lehrbach. Others in attendance were Chris Jones, Charlie Hutto, Jim Gelber, Jim Crueger and Ed Schaezner.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after a motion by Elaine and second by Gene.

The treasurer's report was given by Dirk Kruysman. Our assets include \$26,406.58 in CD's and \$3501.15 in checking and savings. Our income was \$309.00 and our expenses, including Tunnel Country grants was \$566.78 for a loss of \$257.78.

The Achievement Program was discussed and the need for qualified contest judges was stressed. First Division has several people that are qualified and it was suggested that any one interested in judging should attend the clinic given by Jack Hamilton.

The costs of The Brakeman's Rag was discussed and suggestions for ways to reduce costs were requested.

Charlie Hutto reported that the web site was in good shape.

Chris Jones presented a bill for supplies for the model contest and discussed ballot improvements. We need to encourage participation.

Elaine Crueger reported that Eugene Toy & Hobby have become advertisers and Mac's Traks and Coastman are interested also.

### Mini-meets:

The next meet is June 14 at Gainsborough clubhouse in Eugene and the Fall meet on Sept. 29 hosted by the Willamette-Cascade Model RR Club. The idea of a morning board meeting and afternoon clinics was discussed, but not approved.

On-Line Board meeting were approved upon a motion by Nick and second by Gene providing that the meeting will be restricted to one subject after a date is set, and a date is set for response.

Proxies were discussed and Dirk suggested they be used only if an agenda has been published ahead of the meeting. Gene moved to encourage proxies in writing from board members that can't attend a meeting. After a second by Elaine, the motion was approved.

Clinics at mini-meets were discussed and the practice of publishing written material supplied a clinics should only be done with permission. Rich would like to encourage audience participation clinics and the board was challenged to think of a clinic they could present.

Dirk asked if anyone would like to audit the Division books.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50

Nick Lehrbach, Secretary