

# 6<sup>th</sup> Division Annual General Meeting

Saskatchewan Railway Museum, Saskatoon, SK – May 10, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Superintendent Molenkamp at 09:02 AM
2. Rob Badmington read the minutes from 2014 (Calgary). Moved by Rob Badmington, seconded by Dave Audley, that the minutes be accepted as read. CARRIED
3. **Reports**
  1. **Superintendent's Report** – Ed Molenkamp  
Ed and Assistant Superintendent Peter Ulvestad have attended seven events throughout the Division since last September. The membership is up. Ed hopes to get more enthusiasm for upcoming meets.
  2. **Convention Coordinator** - Rob Badmington  
Rob thanked Cal Sexsmith and the rest of the Saskatoon crew for hosting the 2015 Meet. After the last meeting in Calgary where we also had a meet proposal from Camrose, Rob contacted Norm Prestage to see if they would host the 2016 Meet. The group there has had some difficulties so they said they would not be in a position to host an upcoming meet. Edmonton has a committee in place ready to put together a meet in September 2016 in conjunction with the Great Edmonton Train Show (GETS). The name of the event will be the Muskeg Mixed.  
  
Cal reported that this Meet had a total of 34 registrants as of Friday but included two who didn't come. There were 34 people at the Saturday BBQ. He was pleased with the number of clinics offered but noted that none of them were of the craftsman type. He noted some difficulty in getting people to agree to open their layouts for the layout tour. There weren't a lot of entries in the contests so there are some left-over awards. The social at Prairie Rail Workshop on Friday evening was successful. Financially the meet broke even. There were 25 NMRA/PNR members in attendance.
  3. **Financial Report** - Rick Walker  
The financial year goes from Sept 1 to Aug 31, but to date the books show a deficit of \$1396. We haven't received the PNR member rebate yet which is budgeted for \$900. Highball! is on budget and the \$250 Education Fund has not been spent. Moved by Doug Wilson, seconded by Dave Audley to accept the financial report as presented. Carried.
  4. **Highball!** – Rob Badmington  
Rob Badmington took over as Editor from Ron Gillies in November 2014 and has produced three issues so far. Plan is to do at least four issues per year. Submissions from any member are always welcome.
  5. **Achievement Program** - Doug Wingfield  
AP Coordinator Doug Wingfield was not at the meeting so no report was available. There were no models submitted for evaluation at the Meet.
  6. **Secretary** - Mark Johnson  
Mark was not present at the meeting but has advised Superintendent Molenkamp

that he will be stepping down from the Secretary position at the end of this term. Mark has been the Division Secretary for over 40 years. Ed asked members to consider taking on the role. There were no volunteers from the floor.

#### 4. **New Business**

##### 1. Appointments – Ed Molenkamp

Prior to the meeting Ed had asked each of the current appointed Division Officers if they would serve for another term. With the exception of the Secretary as noted above, they all agreed. They are:

- [ AP Coordinator – Doug Wingfield
- [ Convention Coordinator – Rob Badmington
- [ Treasurer – Rick Walker
- [ Highball! Editor – Rob Badmington

##### 2. **2016 Meet** - Rob Badmington

As noted earlier, Edmonton will host the 2016 meet. There was some discussion about the terminology Meet vs Event as was mentioned by NMRA President Charlie Getz in his column in the May NMRA Magazine. NMRA Director Fred Headon from Winnipeg was in attendance at our meeting and offered the explanation that to some people the word Meet implies Meeting and that meetings are not well liked by younger people. However, events are considered to be more interesting and should therefore have better attendance. There was no consensus at the meeting to change the 6<sup>th</sup> Division's terminology.

##### 3. **Notice of Motion** – Peter Ulvestad

Peter explained his reasoning for proposing his motion to amend the bylaws. See the Notice of Motion attached. Peter noticed a gap in the existing bylaws, that is, for the Assistant Superintendent to step in if the Superintendent cannot continue to do the job. Glen Presley noted that in the past, he was asked by the PNR President to assume the Superintendent duties after the current Superintendent stopped performing them. He said that having a clear mandate for the Assistant Superintendent to step in would have made an unpleasant situation much more manageable. Doug Hunter seconded the motion. Carried.

4. **2015/16 budget** - Rick Walker

Rick passed out copies of the proposed budget shown below for review by members. Moved by Dave Audley, seconded by Doug Johnson, that the proposed budget be adopted for 2015/2016. Carried

<b>Sep '15 - Aug 16</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
6th Division PNR AGM-Meet Revenue	500.00
Interest	10.00
PNR Membership Rebate	600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,110.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
6th Division PNR AGM-Meet Expenses	500.00
Bank Charges	10.00
Event Seed Money	500.00
Highball!	600.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,610.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(500.00)</b>

5. **Request for Support for LaBaJa**

Dave Robinson presented a request on behalf of the LaBaJa Model Railway Group of Edmonton asking for 6<sup>th</sup> Division financial support for them to display their modular layout at the Portland National Convention in August. No specific amount was requested, however it was noted that layout maintenance and travelling expenses would amount to several hundred dollars. The LaBaJa layout has won numerous awards at many train shows and showcases modelling in the 6<sup>th</sup> Division very favourably.

Dave Audley moved that the 6<sup>th</sup> Division offer LaBaJa the amount of \$500 with the caveat that the contribution be recognized on the layout and more LaBaJa members be encouraged to join the NMRA. The amount would be over and above any other budget items. Seconded by Rob Badmington. Carried.

6. **Marlor Award** - Cal Sexsmith

Cal noted that the 2015 Marlor Award was given to Robert Stonehouse at the BBQ Saturday evening. The Saskatoon group has plaques through 2017 at which time the award will end.

7. **Silver Spike Award** – Ed Molenkamp

The Silver Spike was last awarded in 2007 to Jim Pilson. Jim passed away a couple of years ago and Ed has contacted Jim's widow to retrieve the permanent award trophy. The selection committee consists of the past three recipients which includes Mark Johnson and Bill Sentes. With Jim's passing, the next previous recipient, Dale Sproule, will be asked to join the committee. Consensus at the meeting was that the committee should come up with a worthy recipient rather than waiting for nominations. There will not be a Silver Spike awarded this year.

5. **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn by Cal Sexsmith, seconded by John Wrinch. CARRIED Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

**Members Present**

Ed Molenkamp  
Peter Ulvestad  
Rob Badmington  
Rick Walker  
John Wrinch  
Doug Wilson  
Dave Audley  
Dave Robinson  
Cal Sexsmith  
Glen Presley  
Ron Coburn  
Ken Bullock  
Doug Johnson  
Doug Hunter  
Bob Cardwell  
Ken King

Guest - Fred Headon NMRA Director from Winnipeg

Guest - Scott Sabo

## Notice of Motion.

Amend Article 3 of the bylaws (as shown below).

The Assistant Superintendent position was added a few years ago. This proposed amendment just clarifies and adds what should happen in the event of vacancies.

The current bylaws are available online at <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/bylaws2010.html> if you wish to read them.

Peter Ulvestad

### ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The elected officers of the Division are the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.
2. The Superintendent shall appoint officers to perform the functions of Secretary, A.P. chairman, A.P. vice- chairman, "HIGHBALL!" editor, convention coordinator, and any other position as deemed necessary at the annual meeting. All of the above officers shall be appointed to a two year term to begin September 1 of odd numbered years.
3. The Superintendent shall also appoint a second member of the PNR resident near the Superintendent to be the second signing authority on all Division cheques, whose term will coincide with that of the Superintendent.
4. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be elected for the term of two years to begin September 1 and end August 31 of even numbered years.
5. Duties of the officers
  - A. Superintendent.  
To represent the Division at the Meetings of the PNR Board of Directors of which the Superintendent is a member. To perform any other functions as the Chief Officer of the Division.
  - B. Other board members.  
To perform the traditional duties of their respective office.
6. Vacancies
  - A. Vacancies in any office other than Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be filled by appointment of the Superintendent, with the term ending the next August 31 of odd numbered years.
  - B. If the vacancy is the Assistant Superintendent, the Superintendent shall fill the position by appointment to be ratified at the next annual meeting of the Division.
  - C. If the vacancy is the Superintendent, the position will be assumed by the Assistant Superintendent until an election can be held.
  - D. If both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions become vacant, the board shall request the President of PNR to appoint a temporary Superintendent to hold office until an election can be held.