

THE SWANTON AREA RAILROAD AND MODEL CLUB, INC.

DISPATCHER

January 4, 2019

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KC Wittenmyer 419-822-6622 TEXT FIRST

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:00 PM

Moment of silence was held for the passing of Jim Johnson. Card was sent to the family. Arrangement will be sent for the Celebration of Life on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Members Present for the Meeting: 38 Members; 5 Guests

Due to the high volume of open discussions at this meeting, there are missing notes. During the February meeting we will ask for the membership's assistance to add to the missing notes. Thank you!

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report (Dispatcher) from last month:

Motion by Dennis to remove President's Report from the December Minutes, **2nd by Ed. Motion Passed.**

Motion to Approve Amended Minutes by Jim M. 2nd by Marianne. Approved.

Goodwill of the Membership: Andi read a statement that included nominating himself for HO Superintendent (see attached); Motion to Table till New Business by Jim M, 2nd by Jon H.

1. Motion to Table PASSED, 4 Nays Ed/Terry/Andi/Don. Russell Wells Abstained.
2. Terry stated he would ask for KC's Resignation.

Officer Reports

Historian's Report: Scanning still slowly in progress.

Treasurer's Report by Don: Motion by Don, 2nd by Dennis. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Girl Scout Thinking Day Show has been moved from Feb. 23 to Feb. 24 due to the arrival of the Girl Scout cookies!

Vice President Report: See Show & Tell below.

President's Report: Cards were sent out to Henry Pelton, Kay Romstadt, Marge & Walt Seeman, Tom Duvendack and the family of Jim Johnson. Flowers will be sent from the Club also for the Jan 12 service at Trinity Lutheran in Delta at noon.

Thank you to the following folks who purchased Lego base plates from November. Doug & Tammy Cook, 1 each, Snyder Family 1, Echler Family 1, Walt Sembly 1, Duane Topel 1, Devon Lloyd 1, Etchie & Wittenmyer Families for getting 5 each, = Total of 17 (+ I think we had a couple more donated(?))

Committee Reports

Public Relations/Social Media Report: Instagram 346 followers; Facebook 150 Members

Programs: No report.

Memorial: No report.

Building: No report.

Division Reports

HO Division Report by : No Report.

O Division Report by Dennis Heban: Show at the Toledo Zoo started slow but got bigger the closer it got to Christmas. Manor House Show was **VERY** successful. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, tear down, run trains, and/or came to see the layout. Now resting!

N Division Report by Tim Gray: Good run at Santa in Swanton and Foster Kids shows. Resting until March. Montpelier show at the end of April.

L Division (LEGO LUG) by Jason Steinhurst: Been hibernating since Thanksgiving. Meeting at Wayne Public Library (Michigan) noon-3pm on Jan. 19. Mich Lug shows: Saline Feb 16 & 17, (WGH) Novi Feb 23 & 24, Toledo in March.

Approval of Officers, Committee and Division Reports, Motion by – Tim. 2nd by – Andi.

Approved

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Ed wrote a letter (see attached). Motion by Jim M, 2nd by Tim to enter Ed's letter into the minutes. **PASSED** 2 Nays 1 Abstain (ED)

Duane Motioned to rescind the tabled Motion. 2nd by June. **PASSED**

Nominations for the HO Superintendent

Motion by Jim M to open the floor for nominations of the HO Superintendent. 2nd by Dennis.
PASSED.

Tim made a motion for Andi, Andi Accepts.

Jon Made a motion for KC, KC Accepts.

Marianne made a Motion to close the Nominations for HO Superintendent, Tim 2nd **APPROVED**
Vote will be at February meeting.

Good of the Club: Raffle for HO Div. Total was \$3.00. Raffle won by Ed, who only kept \$1.
There was a donation of mostly HO items to The Club by guests Vince and Cathy Trejchel.

Show & Tell: Heritage Units. Danny, Ashton, and Brody participated.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:19 PM

Our Next Meeting will be: **Feb 1, 2019 (36th Birthday)**

Location: The Swanton Council Room

Show and Tell: **Nascar Items**

Refreshments:

An Open Letter to the members of the Swanton Area Railroad & Model Club, Inc (SARMC), FRIENDS: I call you all my friends, even those who may not like me, my profession, my model scale or those who I might "hang with" or when I hang with them. I joined this club in July/August of 2005 having meditated upon a WGH flier, with an application within it, for 6 months. I was welcomed & people spoke to & WITH me & each other-not AT each other I have participated in set-ups for all 3 divisions (with apologies to Lego), with the majority for HO, even though I am an O division member, I have run with all 3 divisions. Members elected me President 3 times & Historian currently. But, there seems to be in the Club a...tension...since the "HOBO Happening" of several years ago. There is a lack of...consideration for each other: "I don't get "respect" for..." "I don't get credit for...". "Nobody wants to do (nothing?)..." This cannot be about respect..one has ~~been~~ ^{GIVEN respect} & been granted it or one hasn't. This cannot be about credit for (doing X)...either one wants to do it for the love of model railroading &/or the love of the Club or one does not. This is not about "I", it about US (there is no "I" in club; there is a "U" as in US). IF one has done something, or is doing something expecting respect or credit...one will end up with neither. "One can do nothing wrong & still lose. It is not weakness, just life." SARMC is a volunteer club, not a job. Volunteer organizations (including churches & veterans groups, among others!) in EVERY study done in the last 40 years have 7% of the members doing 80+% of the work. If people are members who are unable to help &/or participate as much as others, we will all get THERE eventually. If someone is unwilling to help &/or participate as much as others...it is their choice. It is time to again respect each other as people & members without regard to what one has (or has not done). It is time to talk with & to each other again. It is time to focus on running trains & not egos. ~~It is time to focus on running trains & not egos. It is time to focus on running trains & not egos. It is time to focus on running trains & not egos.~~ But the Club needs to do it TOGETHER, like at NTD. We can be our autonomous divisions, our separate selves, without being solo, primadonnas. Let us remember what we got into this for: FUN! Fun is less common these days than when I started. EDS

More crap

Andi Echler

Wed 1/2/2019, 9:44 PM

To: edsnyderlaw@totalink.net <edsnyderlaw@totalink.net>

For the goodwill of the membership I formally tender my application for Superintendent of the HO division with Doug Cook as my Secondary. I, Andi J. Echler, as well as the bylaws of this club do not recognize a privatized online vote for Superintendent as a legal means of conducting such business. At this time I would like to make a motion for nominations and immediate vote on the issue of HO superintendent.

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February 1, 2019 --- 8 PM at the Swanton Council Chambers
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Number Of members present: Happy 36th Birthday to SARMC!
3. Reading and approval of previous minutes, Due to the high volume of open discussions at January's meeting, there are missing notes. During the February meeting we will ask for the memberships assistance to add to the missing notes. Thank you! Motion by - 2nd by – Amended/Approved/Not Approved

4. Goodwill of the Membership:
5. Officers Reports: A. Historian -
B. Treasurer-Motion by Treasurer Don, 2nd by- Approved/Not Approved
C. Secretary -
D. Vice-President -
E. President -

6. Committee Reports -
A. Public Relations / Social Media Pay for domain name \$9.98
B. Program
C. Memorial
D. Building (Special)

7. Division Reports (As listed in the Bylaws)
A. HO Division (1983)-
B. O Division(1984) -
C. N Division (1995)-
D. L Division(2018) -

- Approval of Officers, Committee and Division Reports, Motion by - 2nd by -
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? ALL OPPOSED?

8. Old Business – HO Superintendent (Entertain a Motion or Divisional Business)

9. New Business – Bylaws Committee

10. Good of the Club / Raffle: O Division

11. Show and Tell : NASCAR

12. Adjournment: