Minutes
National Board of Directors Meeting
Sheraton Hotel - Pasadena, CA - Friday, November 17, 2006

The meeting was called to order by National President Gary Keck.

Proxies were declared and a quorum was determined.

Reports

Secretary Don Kyle - Minutes of previous meeting reviewed and Approved.

President Gary Keck - Verbal report given later in meeting

Vice President Randy Giroux - Written report given. New Horseshoe Curve Division boundaries explained. Nancy Swan questioned whether affected divisions had been contacted. Randy stated they were not. Active divisions have not had activity in these counties which make up the Horseshoe Curve Division. Map of the division to be made. Brian Fields motioned to approve division and boundaries map, Walter Olsen 2nd, motion passed.

Guest Seller Policy – Written report given. Further discussion moved to new business.

Standards – Written report given. New chairman to be appointed. Randy would check tables at Cal-Stewart for standards. Walter Olsen does not want to allow, threatened to have security escort out. Gestapo comparative made. Walter noted Southwestern Division President Larry Pearson out of hand and would blow up. Suggested board should not talk to Larry Pearson.


Treasurer Craig Robinett – No report due to books from 2006 convention not finished. Slight profit made. Room nights were not met at the Hilton. Shortages charge of $14k negotiated down to $5k.

Office needs to move by June 30, 2007. Pasadena Redevelopment Agency may help with move. Possible use of depot in Monrovia.

Director at Large Steve Latta – May have another division on the east coast with a group in New Jersey. Our new Bay Counties Division submitted a list of 63 pledges with 20-30 already TTOS members. Allen Evans needs map of their boundaries.

Convention Cars – Presented first in a series of cars. Marilyn Ricciardi requested photos asap for the Order Board.


Irwin did not have financial report noting one would be presented at Nor-Cal 2007.

Publications

Bulletin Ted Hamler Bulletin – Written report given
Order Board Marilyn Ricciardi & Ken Shirey – Written report given. Questioned if we were going completely away from printed copy. When to go on-line? Will send sample pdf file of Order Board. December 2006 to be last printed issue. Discussion to print one more, mention last printed issue, send email list as a reminder. Yahoo groups and email programs suggested. First class subscribers would have to be refunded. Convention dates and By-laws changes must be printed. Some ads and National News could go to Bulletin.

Elections Nominating Committee – Formatting at Nor-Cal 2007
Convention Reports

2007 – Altoona – Restored K4 Pacific may pull consist over Horseshoe Curve.
2008 – Sacramento – Miscommunication with Sacramento Division, not meant to slight. Extremely difficult time to select host sites. Board decided last year to go back to east/west alternating conventions. Intended to offer to Sacramento to host or co-host. Jeff Silvera sent letter that he had never discussed with division before they could meet. Knowledge was out before the local division knew. Encouraged by Gary to talk with board and clarify. Walter Olsen suggested San Francisco. Reply by Randy that this was too expensive and cost prohibitive. Gary stated it was the fiduciary responsibility of the board to select profitable locations.

National now takes responsibility of facility negotiations taking burden and liability away from divisions. With Altoona, National has set facility (hotels, convention location) and signed contracts. Horseshoe Curve Division arranging tours.

2009 – Possibly with Kalmbach in Milwaukee. Chicago as a second choice.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Guest seller policy


Walter Olsen debated the point of open meets pertaining to Southwestern Division. Guest sellers recruited to become members. John Pryor stated many divisions having more than one open house meet yearly. Should we change policy? Tony Tesoriere of Cen-Cal Division charges guest sellers $27.00 additional for table as a one time charge making them members.

Brian Fields – Southern Pacific Division – non members one time with sellers permit, second time pays membership. Walter Olsen stated SW open house recruits sellers that become members and pre-sells tables to outside members. Public free. Craig Robinette said rules of policies and procedures broken. Randy Giroux stated non TTOS seller allowed one time and must become a member to sell again. Nancy Swan stated with certain types of vendors (parts) we have turned our heads.

Craig Robinette suggested if the majority feels we need more than one open house yearly, we can vote and amend. John Pryor motioned three open houses, Walter Olsen 2nd but then requested four open houses. John Pryor Grand Canyon Division only has three meets each year. Nancy Swan stated divisions seem to have varied forms of what is an open meet. Public, Vendor, Free VS Fee. Divisions making own definition of an open house. Randy Giroux said we are trying to define how many times non-members are allowed to sell without becoming a member. Motion as presented failed to pass. Randy Giroux motioned for two times, Steve Latta 2nd, motion passed. New policy allows non-member to sell two times before becoming a member.

Division Cars – Craig Robinette discussed cars allotted to divisions other than conventions. Divisions to pay 10% honorarium to National for cars. Need to maximize all potential for income. 10% of net. Craig Robinette motioned to set 10% surcharge of net profit on division cars. Steve Latta 2nd. Discussion - Irwin asked to define net profit. What will burden cost? Define when a profit is made. Brian Fields said flat fee for licensing. Gary Keck stated Lionel is to not build any division car without the approval of National and using the National logo. Randy requested Irwin define guidelines. Discussion with outcome of $500 flat fee. Craig Robinette motioned, Steve Latta 2nd, passed. Bill Arndt and Walter Olsen voted against. Discussion – Cars traditionally rotate to requesting divisions. Steve Latta stated convention hosting division has first right of refusal.

Walter Olsen stated Cal-Stewart has separate agreement with Lionel negating the National & Lionel rule. Nancy Swan stated that the Cal-Stewart car has always been part of the four car agreement. Board will check with Lionel.

National Recruitment brochure to be distributed at Cal-Stewart.

Meeting adjourned 3:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Kyle
Secretary – Toy Train Operating Society