

DIVISION 8 MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2008

Business meeting for Division 8 was called to order by President Byer at 10:21 AM at Papa Ben's Train Store.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report given.

LSR CONVENTION WRAP UP REPORT

President Byer thanked all volunteers who worked hard to make this year's convention success. Convention Chairman Loren Nuefeld reported that there were 195 registrants. According to last convention in Houston, there were 225 who attended. The NRHS convention that was scheduled during the same weekend affected the attendance. The Division collected \$1,172.00 from raffle tickets. Shirt sales were approximately \$150.00 - \$175.00. The total profit from the convention was somewhere between \$1,000.00 to \$9,000.00. There are some deposits still outstanding. Loren won't have a full accounting until all deposits are in and he can close out the books. After splitting the profit with the LSR, the Division's net profit could range from \$200.00 to \$4,000.00. It was announced that Bob Barnett will chair the next convention.

DIVISION NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Tracey Mitchell said that he now has a slate of candidates for the Division officer's positions. The following candidates were running for these positions. President - Ray Byer, Vice President - Jim Long, Treasurer - Peter Bryan, Secretary - Tracey Mitchell, Editor - Tom Marsh (Appointed). No others were running in opposition. A election will be held at the Division Annual Business meeting on 10/11/08 at Zube park.

ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING NOTICE

President Byer said that postcards will need to be mailed out to all Division members. The cards need to go out 30 days before the meeting informing the membership of the upcoming election.

ANNUAL DIVISION PICNIC

Plans were discussed and it was decided that there will be a business meeting starting at 11:00 AM. After the meeting there will be lunch with deep fried turkey, hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings served. Leslie Eaton made the motion that the money from the Division's bank account be used to pay for the food expenses. It was seconded by Tracey Mitchell and approved by all.

YOUTH LSR MEMBERSHIP

President Byer asked the club foremen to be on the lookout for a youth to nominate for the free membership in the LSR for next year.

FUTURE LSR CONVENTION

Various issues concerning the next LSR convention were discussed. It is possible that Houston will be hosting the 2011 convention unless another Division decides to host it. Jim Long was asked why some of the smaller cities in the Region don't host a convention. Jim said that topic was discussed at the mid year meeting. It was determined that the smaller cities don't have enough manpower to put on a convention. Jim said that with some help from the larger clubs in other cities then there would be volunteers to host a convention. Bob Barnett asked if there were any complaints with the current hotel that we have used. Loren said that he wasn't aware of any. He said that the Holiday Inn we have used has reasonable rates and has two freeways nearby. Loren offered help to Bob in negotiating the hotel rate for 2011. Loren suggested that Bob lock in a tentative date and rate. Bob said that he would be asking for volunteers to help him for the next convention. Tracey Mitchell said that the Lubbock area Division might step up and do the 2011 convention. Tracey asked for ideas on alternatives to having the bar-b-que at Zube Park, since it is a long distance from the hotel. Loren said that we could look around for other venues. Tracey

suggested chartering buses for the convention attendee's to ride to Zube. To pay for the cost of the buses, the Division could have a special event to pay for the cost.

PARTICIPATING CLUBS IN DIVISION

President Byer reported that there are seven out of thirteen clubs in the Division that are active, and send a foreman to Division meetings. Ray indicated that is the requirement to be considered an active club in the Division. Tracey Mitchell said that some of the local clubs don't want to be affiliated with the Division since they aren't NMRA clubs. Ray said that those clubs should be included on the list of the local clubs that the Division hands out at train shows, but that would be in conflict with the By Laws of the Division. Leslie Eaton suggested that the list of clubs have an asterisk by their club name that indicates that they are a NMRA club. There was no more discussion on this issue.

FALL TRAIN SHOW

President Byer floated the idea for discussion about putting on a joint train show with the San Jacinto Model RR Club. It would need to be a two day show with the San Jac Club having their show on the first day and the next day for Division 8. Bob Barnett suggested that the Division & San Jac Club would need to share in the expenses and supply manpower. Currently the vendors that come to the San Jac show only come because it is a one day show. Tracey Mitchell said that the local hobby shops market has changed and that might make for a more successful fall show. Tom Marsh suggested that there be a fall and spring show. Tracey suggested that the Division wait until next year to discuss this issue.

OLD BUSSINESS

Division By Law Articles. President Byer delayed discussion on this until the annual picnic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

V President Jim Long said that he is helping put on a train show in Alvin, TX. On 8/30-31/2008 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday and 12:00PM - 5:00PM on Sunday. The show will be at the local train depot in Alvin. The depot is the property of the Alvin Historical Society. Jim had discussions with the Society and told them that he could get modular clubs to attend. The Society is building and observation tower for train watchers to view approximately 40 trains a day.

WAYBILL AND MARKER LAMP INFORMATION

To submit articles to the Waybill for publication need to be in by 10/3/08 for the next issue. Articles for the winter issue need to be in by the deadline on 12/12/08. The current issue of the Marker lamp is ten days late.

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:20 AM

Respectively Submitted By Division 8 Secretary
Ronnie Pendleton