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CMRS Mini-Meet October 18/2026 Glenmore Inn 9:00am-3:00pm AGM Notice

The CMRS Annual General Meeting will be held at the Glenmore Inn at 1:00PM 18 Oct 2026. All CMRS members in good standing are invited to participate. Below are the documents to review.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Introductory Remarks
3. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes Draft
4. Reports
5. Old Business (none)
6. New Business 2026/27
 - Budget
 - Election/ Confirmation of Board Members
 - Bylaw Change to add Mission Statement
7. New Business from the floor
8. Closing Remarks
9. Adjournment

The following Board members require election/ confirmation:

[Garth Praestegaard](#) finishes the CMT term he took over mid-term and is proposed by CMT to be confirmed for his first full term as the CMT representative

[Mark Wittrup](#) finishes his first full term as Independent and is eligible to be re-elected to a second term

[Alex Pinto](#) finishes his Independent term. A candidate is required to be elected for this Independent position.

[Mike Borkristl](#) was appointed to the Board mid-term and needs to be confirmed as Independent.

[Ian Mears](#) was appointed to the Board mid-term and needs to be confirmed as Independent.

All other Board members are mid-term.

It is proposed to add a CMRS mission statement to the Bylaws which will require a vote.

The change would add an unnumbered statement immediately below the heading to read:

“MISSION OF THE SOCIETY”

[“The mission of the Calgary Model Railway Society is to promote the hobby of model railroading.”](#)

Calgary Model Railway Society

Annual General Meeting 2025

5 Oct 2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Peter Bouma at 11:13

Attendance BoD: Peter Bouma; Lucas Park; Alex Pinto; Jim Ironside; Paul Clegg; John Morphy; Bruce McGillivray; Mark Wittrup; Glenn Hawley

Regrets: Garth Praestegaard

Attendance Members/ Total: In attendance nine Board members, plus approximately 60 other members. A quorum (25) was met.

Minutes of 2024 AGM (J Ironside): Draft Minutes of the 2024 AGM had been distributed in a CMRS News Blast the week before the AGM. Approval was proposed by Jim Ironside, seconded by Mark Wittrup, and approved by show of hands.

Reports: President (Peter Bouma): Peter provided a brief overview of activities of last year including CPKC film Pulse of the Continent, and SUPERTRAIN's success with high attendance and good finance results.

Treasurer (Alex Pinto): See slides. There were no questions.

Membership (Mark Wittrup): See slide. Thanks to all who renewed today. There were no questions.

Slide Night (Glenn Hawley): See slides. Slide night will be 21 Nov, and so far we have only one; presenter. Last year they were all of prototypes; however, slides of your models or layouts, or from SUPERTRAIN, would be welcome. Nov 21; Pizza will be served. Please sign up to present. **Q:** John ???? – He had put in his name to present a couple of years ago but was not contacted. He would be willing to present this year. **A:** Great. Please get in touch through the website

Layout Tours (Peter Bouma): Last Spring layouts were split north and south, total 9 layouts including 1 N-scale and the rest HO. The next OrderBoard will announce the 2026 dates and will solicit layouts – if you would like to be on the tour, contact us by email through webpage. There were no questions.

Railfan Events (Bruce McGillivray): In February we hosted Pulse of Continent at the CP pavilion. We thank CPKC for the opportunity – the showing was very well received. There were no questions.

Mini-Meets (P Bouma): See slides. Thanks to all who participated. There were no questions.

SUPERTRAIN 2025 (P Bouma for D Charest): See slides. There were no questions.

SUPERTRAIN 2026 (P Bouma for D Charest): See slides. Peter explained the reason for the late date rather than our usual mid-March was that the first weekend was Easter and the mid-month dates were all previously booked. We are working to attract more and perhaps more diverse exhibits (Jim I) So far we have received Application Requests from about six new applicants, likely reflecting the public success of the 2025 show. **Q:** What about the Oval floor replacement? **A:** the 2026 show is not at risk There is as yet no firm replacement commitment for 2027.

Q: Girl Guides did very well on cookie sales. Do we pay them to attend? **A:** The receive a payout as other volunteer organizations that assist us.

Old Business (Peter Bouma):

Doug Lee Bequest – We have decided to use for guest speakers, the first being today, Trevor Marshall. We would appreciate suggestions for other suitable ways to use it. **Q:** How are we managing the fund? **A:** We have the capital and earned interest on the investment, and we will use it for special events. We expect to make it last for many years.

Budget 2025-2026 (Alex Pinto): See slides. Alex moved that the auditors be approved for the coming year, seconded by Mark Wittrup, and approved by show of hands. The budget for 2025/26 was reviewed; approval was moved by Alex P], seconded by Brent ???, and approved by show of hands.

Election/ Ratification of Directors (J Ironside): See slides. Gert Praestgaard for CMT and Jim Ironside for CFM were ratified by show of hands. Mid-term Independent appointment Alex Pinto was ratified by show of hands. There were no nominations from the floor to fill the two vacant Independent positions, so the Board will attempt to find suitable candidates as interim replacements to be ratified at the next AGM.

Q: Richard Johnson: Should the budget info have been provided to the membership prior the AGM? **A:** Good point. We will send out to members immediately and in future years include it in the pre-AGM documentation.

Q: Stefanos Boukis: How can we encourage SUPERTRAIN visitors to become CMRS members? **A:** There is no easy answer.

Q: Many face a challenge of dealing with layouts and equipment because of age, estates, etc. There are options - auction; swap meet, some hobby shops buy estates. Have we given thought to providing a retail environment for disposing in such situations? **A:** J Ironside: I have assisted several estates to catalogue, value, and advertise their inventory and assess their options. We have a clear policy that swap meet style vendors are not allowed out of respect for out bricks and mortar vendors. We may want to provide other more formal CMRS support for these cases.

Q: Membership seems to be a big issue. Could we have a workshop at SUPERTRAIN to introduce people to key elements of model railroading? Could we have a Help Line for supporting new members, perhaps donating some initial items to prospective members? **A:** Rob Badmington. South Bank Short Lines did have such SUPERTRAIN clinics, but they were very poorly attended so were discontinued. **A:** Jim Ironside: A help line publicized on the website could be useful.

Trevor Marshal: They have found that a web members private area allowed them to ask questions and support each other. Public advertising could show this as a membership benefit. It is also useful to target young families in recruiting members. Group work sessions open to the public demonstrating projects and techniques can get people interested.

Terry Cherkas: (Membership) We should try to find more benefits of membership, such as a ticket discount or parking at SUPERTRAIN. CMRS could also sponsor/ organize some events such as the auction (discontinued by South Bank) or swap meets.

New Business New business from the floor (P Bouma):**Closing Remarks** (Peter Bouma): Thanks all for coming. **Adjournment** (Peter Bouma): Moved to adjourn the meeting by Rob Badmington and approved by show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 Jim Ironside Secretary Calgary Model Railway Society

Proposed Budget for 2026 2027 July, 2025-June, 2026

	2025/2026		2026/2027
	Budget	Actual	Proposed budget
Income			
AGM - Mini Meet Revenue			
Admissions	\$0.00	\$922.00	\$1,000.00
Total for AGM - Mini Meet Revenue	\$0.00	\$922.00	\$1,000.00
CMRS Revenue			
Interest Inc	\$1,945.00	\$2,044.13	\$2,000.00
Membership Dues	\$4,000.00	\$1,890.00	\$2,500.00
Total for Membership Dues	\$4,000.00	\$1,890.00	\$2,500.00
Total for CMRS Revenue	\$5,945.00	\$3,934.13	\$4,500.00
Donations	\$50.00	\$57.05	\$57.05
Orderboard Revenue	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Slide Night Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admissions - November	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total for Miscellaneous Revenue	\$95.00	\$112.05	\$10.00
Spring Mini Meet Revenue	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admissions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total for Spring Mini Meet Revenue	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supertrain Revenue			
Admissions	\$100,000.00	\$104,524.23	\$100,000.00
Booth Rentals	\$22,000.00	\$27,512.20	\$27,000.00
Lanyard Sales	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$91.51	\$100.00
Food Truck Fees	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Show Guide Advertising	\$0.00	\$6,339.88	\$5,000.00
Total for Supertrain Revenue	\$123,900.00	\$138,497.82	\$132,130.00
Total for Income	\$130,415.00	\$143,466.00	\$137,640.00
Gross Profit	\$130,415.00	\$143,466.00	\$137,640.00
Expenses			
AGM - Mini Meet Expenses			
Facility - AGM	\$4,000.00	\$3,114.14	\$4,000.00
Fall Min Meet Expenses	\$200.00	\$40.99	\$600.00
Total for AGM - Mini Meet Expenses	\$4,200.00	\$3,155.13	\$4,600.00
CMRS Expenses			
Bank Charges	300.00	\$97.23	\$100.00

CMRS Insurance	5,500.00	\$5,030.00	\$5,500.00
General Expenses	2,000.00	\$2,782.91	\$2,800.00
GST	500.00	\$547.19	\$600.00
PayPal Fees	10.00	\$10.45	\$10.00
Total for CMRS Expenses	\$8,310.00	\$8,467.78	\$9,010.00
Promotions		\$136.10	\$150.00
Slide Night Expenses			
Facility - November	600.00	\$675.00	\$1,000.00
Refreshments	200.00	\$269.00	\$300.00
Total for Slide Night Expenses	\$800.00	\$944.00	\$1,300.00
Spring Mini Meet Expenses			
Facility	\$4,700.00	\$5,874.04	\$6,000.00
Total for Spring Mini Meet Expenses	\$4,700.00	\$5,874.04	\$6,000.00
Supertrain Expense			
Banners	4,000.00	\$1,054.08	\$4,000.00
Booths and Tables	22,000.00	\$19,448.37	\$20,000.00
Committee Expenses	1,000.00	\$1,311.86	\$1,500.00
Exhibitor Payouts	10,000.00	\$20,146.00	\$10,000.00
Facility and Services	36,600.00	\$38,382.88	\$40,000.00
Net from Stipends/Lanyards		\$1,310.50	\$1,500.00
Other	2,000.00	\$15.00	\$200.00
Parking Refunds		\$40.00	\$50.00
PayPal Fees	200.00	\$123.54	\$150.00
POS Machines	4,000.00	\$1,893.32	\$2,000.00
Printing	4,000.00	\$3,638.82	\$4,000.00
Publicity and Advertising	15,000.00	\$13,229.38	\$15,000.00
Storage Locker	0.00	\$2,270.99	\$3,000.00
Volunteer Group Donations	5,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Total for Supertrain Expense	\$103,800.00	\$111,864.74	\$110,400.00
Layout Tours	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Orderboard Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing and Postage	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Total for Orderboard Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Railfan Events Expenses			
Local Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Total for Railfan Events Expenses	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Total for Expenses	\$122,560.00	\$130,441.79	\$132,610.00
Net Operating Income	\$7,855.00	\$13,024.21	\$5,030.00
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