

ORDER BOARD

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Message from the President

The CMRS Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday September 13, 1999 at the Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association hall, starting at 7:30.

An agenda for the AGM is shown on the meeting announcement included in this issue of the OrderBoard. One of the main agenda items of the evening will be the proposed by-law amendments that a Sub-committee has been working on since last fall. At last years Annual General Meeting there were some questions raised about the By-Laws and a motion was passed to establish a committee to review and recommend any changes. This committee was comprised of Richard Johnson (chairperson), Barry Conn, Rob Mills, Bill Cameron and David Stefanek. I would like to thank these gentlemen again for the great job that they did on behalf of the Society.

A copy of the revised By-Laws is included as an attachment to this copy of the Order Board. There are a number of minor wording changes and revisions for internal consistency and clarity and also some changes to make them consistent with the Societies Act. There are also some significant changes that I would like to bring to your attention.

The sub-committee has proposed in 5.5 that minutes of Board meetings be kept (this is not formally required in the existing By-Laws) and that they be made available to all members. The present Board has started this already and in the last few OrderBoards we have inserted the Board Meeting minutes to allow everyone to keep abreast of what the Board is doing on your behalf.

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Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 deal with the 'Terms of Office of Directors'. At the present time a Board Member may only stay for 2 years, unless they are completing another Member's term. The new proposal is that a normal term be extended to 3 years from 2, and that a member cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms (6 years). Also included in 6.4 is the clarification that if you are completing someone else's 3-year term you are only allowed one more 3-year term. A three-year term allows a Board member to more fully understand the various Board positions and also ensures that only 1/3 of the Board turns over each year. This will ensure that more experienced people are on the Board at any given time and should help new members learn their duties under the tutelage of an experienced Board member. In my case an extra year would have helped me to be better prepared for the president's position.

In sections 6.3 and 7.1, the sub-committee has re-worded the nomination and election procedures to read that Members of the Board shall be elected, or appointed and ratified (in the case of the 5 club representatives) by secret ballot.

Section 7.2 is the procedural method for electing, or ratifying, Board Members on a rotating basis beginning in 1999. I believe that spelling out the method on how and when new Board members are elected will help eliminate any confusion down the road.

Finally, in section 8.3 it is the responsibility of each Board member to either attend the Board meeting or appoint a designate to attend on their behalf. Section 8.5 is reworded to show the consequences of missing 2 consecutive Board meetings (i.e. non performance of duties) without just cause.

I hope that you agree with the By-Law revisions proposed by the committee. Your Board has reviewed them and recommends that they be accepted by the membership as they address the concerns raised at last years meeting and are also now consistent with the requirements of the Societies Act.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Board members and myself to thank all of you for supporting the Society and us during the past year. A new Board will be in place by the end of September and I know they can count on your continued support.

Please show your support for the society by attending the Annual General Meeting in September, and don't forget that all Memberships need to be renewed before the end of September.

Marshall

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For The Modeler

Backdrop Painting

There are many Model Railroaders out there who have never attempted to paint a backdrop on their miniature empires. The Excuses vary, from 'I can't paint' to 'I can't draw' and 'I don't know how'. Can't really means won't because we are afraid it won't be perfect. You had to learn the process of building a Model Railroad. The coloring of the drawing, (painting), is a simple learning process.

A basic backdrop may be as simple as a sky, some clouds, and a few distant hills. The detailing of trees in close up, would be a second step in the learning process. The detailing of buildings and street scenes would be a third step.

The end of the summer holiday season is fast approaching and the (OH TOO SOON) Fall/Winter modeling season will soon be biting at our heels. With this in mind, I am soliciting interested parties, for an October/November workshop on painting model backdrops. A professional artist has agreed to produce a one day workshop involving the basics of scenery painting. A date and time will be announced as soon as we have a confirmed number of registrants.

The cost of a workshop will be reasonable and will probably be run on a Sunday. The materials needed are minimal, consisting of a couple of brushes and some common house paint. Yes, the kind your wife wants you to use on the living room walls.

If there is anybody interested in this first course, please respond to the listed phone number below. You may leave a voice message or send a fax. You should leave your Name and phone number, and please specify any concerns you may have about doing it yourself.

There is a world of fun and pride to be had in painting your own scenery, and a well attended 1st workshop will result in further workshops being offered for those who wish to advance to more detailed work.

For those of you with Internet access, watch for the latest issue of the Order Board On Line. In the near future, I hope to have a sample of the type of backdrop you will learn how to complete.

The Order Board On Line is accessible at <http://members.home.net/willie.smith/order.html>

Willie Smith

Phone or Fax - 247-9946 (24 hrs as the line doesn't ring) The computer answers.

CMRS Board of Directors Meeting June 7 1999

President Marshall Ouellet called meeting to order at 19:30

Attending: Peter Moon., Rob Mills., Barry Conn., Bob Ellison., Rick McPhee, Don McLeod, Marshall Ouellet

Previous minutes: previous minutes approved as distributed

Finances.

Don gave us an update on the bank account.

*Moved by Barry C., seconded by Rick M., to put \$5000.00 in a GIC to be set up as a Rainy day fund. The Rainy Day fund is to provide funds to cover our costs in case we have a disastrous turnout to a Supertrain event.

CARRIED

Old-Business:

Members appreciation night: a bill was received for 5 more people for the Members night. It was in line with the final attendance so it should be paid right away. Approved

OrderBoard- next mailing date is to be July 5. Next meeting is set for July 5 at Marshall's

Mini meet date is to be reset to Oct. 30 due to hall rental availability.

The Hobby Show (coordinated by a professional show organizing company) has sent us some info. It was decided we are not interested in participating at this time. It appears that they would like to have us there as a drawing card, but there does not seem to be any advantage to us, and it could dilute our attendance at Supertrain.

Childrens Hospital home lottery- Thursday night group is to do a railroad display this year at the show homes. If the theme is the same next year we will try to help even more.


Membership fees: Moved by Barry C., seconded by Peter M., to recommend at the AGM to raise the membership fee to \$ 1 0. 00 as that would cover the cost of the OrderBoard that is mailed out. **CARRIED**

*Moved by Rick M., seconded by Bob E., that we recommend at the AGM that the membership fee as of the Supertrain weekend be half the current annual rate. **CARRIED**

The tree for Champion Park is not out there yet but Bob has talked to Golden Acre and is on top of it.

Bylaw revisions: We discussed how the AGM has to work. The changes to the bylaws will come up under old business and thus under the old executive. The order proposed is to present the document by having someone move the adoption of the revised bylaws. If it is seconded, then the floor can be open for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 22:00

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"SUPERTRAIN 2000" UPDATE #1

COMMITTEE: Your "SUPERTRAIN 2000" committee this year is:

Supertrain 2000 Committee - Allan Peirce - Chair
Admission & Financial - Maurice Despins - Chair
Concession & Guest Relations - Alan Pile - Chair
Facilities & Operations - Glen Judd - Chair
Marketing & Promotions - *Vacant* Chair

LOCATION & DATE: SUPERTRAIN 2000 will be held in the lower level of the **Big 4 Building** at Stampede Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 19 & 20, which is the "family day" long weekend this year. The doors will open to the public at 0900 hrs and will close at 1700 hrs both days. Mark it on your calendar!

MARKETING & PROMOTION: Your committee wishes to announce the retirement of Byron Ellett as Chairman of the Marketing & Promotions Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee, comprised of Byron and Russell Pinchbeck, undertook an extensive Marketing and Promotion campaign that resulted in attendance increasing to over 10,000 last year. Unfortunately Byron's "day job" requires the majority of his attention in January and February, when SUPERTRAIN is being finalized, thus reducing the time he has available to devote to the show at the very crucial time. Our thanks to Byron and Russell for their work on your Committee.

COMMITTEE VACANCY: With the retirement of Byron Ellett we are actively seeking someone to Chair the Marketing & Promotions Sub-Committee. Ideally it should be someone with marketing/sales experience/contacts and has the time in January and February to help put on "the greatest model railroad show in the west". Anyone interested in assisting your show committee in this capacity is requested to contact me at the one of the numbers listed below.

EXHIBITS: Last year we had 50 exhibits. All exhibits were excellent and were well received by our visitors. One of the comments made to me by several of our younger visitors was that they were extremely impressed by the workmanship and quality of the displays but that they overwhelmed them too. A frequently heard comment was that, with the exception of the two or three displays, they could not even begin to do anything like them and therefore were afraid to even start. Accordingly this year we would like to have more exhibits of layouts built by and for younger model railroaders to show our younger visitors that they too can get involved in this great hobby and need not be intimidated by the craftsmanship on display at SUPERTRAIN. I would therefore request that anyone who has or knows of a portable or semi portable layout built by a teenager or pre-teenager who would like to, or be induced to, display it at the show please contact me at the numbers listed below.

Allan Peirce - Chairman "SUPERTRAIN 2000"
Phone 278-6786 Message/Fax 278-9644 e-mail
peircea@cadvision.com

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Call Greg @ 2801299.

FOR SALE

Various N-Scale items, including Kato/Atlas engines and
Walters articulated double stacks.
Engines mostly in CN green.
Contact Marshall at 289-4430

Calgary Model Railway Society

Model Railroad Events Schedule

keep watching this space for schedule additions/changes)

Updated August 12, 1999

- September 11-12 Rocky Mountain Garden Railway - Hoot and Toot
Contact: Sandy Alexander phone 271-7876
- September 13 Calgary Model Railway Society Annual Meeting
7:30 PM 1320 5th Avenue N.W.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall
Everyone welcome to attend
- September 25, 26 Greater Edmonton Train Show
At the Hangar on Kingsway
Open: 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday
- October 16 South Bank Short Line - 20th Boomer Auction
St Andrews Presbyterian Church - Heritage Dr SW
- October 30 Mini Meet
9:00 AM to 5:00PM
1320 5th Avenue N.W.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall
Coordinator: Marshall Ouellet 289-4430
- November 10 Slide Night
Location and Program to be announced
Coordinator: Tom Newton 243-4125
- February 19, 20 Supertrain 2000 Model Railroad Exhibition and Sales
Big 4 Building, Stampede Grounds
Chairman: Al Peirce 278-6786

Memberships are available in Calgary Model Railway Society (annual fee is \$10.00)
Call Rick McPhee (Membership Director) 289-7770

General questions?? Call Barry Conn (Publicity Director) 251-9334

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30, 1999.

Please renew your memberships prior to that date to ensure you continue to receive all the Society benefits.
Hand this form to a friend and have them join the Society too.

Calgary Model Railway Society Membership Form

Membership Fee is \$10.00, Payable to C.M.R.S.
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Print your name and 'Tick' Keep Same Information

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