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Message from the President

Hello everyone;

Summer is finally here and with this OrderBoard I would like to bring the membership up to date on a few items.

A Special General Meeting was held to discuss, approve and change the operating budget for this 1999 year. The two main items in the budget that were increased was first, the Supertrain budget; due to a new location and associated costs, and secondly, the Membership Appreciation evening. Inside this OrderBoard is a report on the well attended Membership Appreciation evening. We have also published the minutes from the last two monthly board meetings.

By now all clubs and groups should have received cheques for their participation in our annual Supertrain show that was held in February. Again I would like to thank all participants for making the show a great success. The allocated funds are distributed after the preliminary budget for the following year is formulated.

As you should all be aware, at the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held in September 1998, it was approved that a sub-committee would be struck to review the CMRS bylaws and recommend changes as required. A summary report is presented inside, by the sub-committee chairperson. At this year's Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on September 13th, the membership will vote on revisions to the by-laws. The by-laws and the proposed amendments will be mailed out in the mid August time frame.

As per the by-laws, if any member in good standing would like to bring an item forward to be discussed and voted on at the AGM, please contact either myself or Rob Mills (incoming President) on or before August 1 so that we can put it on the agenda.

We are starting to look for volunteers to help with next years events. Please let Rob or myself know if there is any event or item that you want to help with. In talking about next year's events if you hear of an upcoming 'model train' event that you think our membership should know about let us know and we can put it in the OrderBoard. This includes ads for commercial events; i.e. sales.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a great summer.

Marshall

Minutes of the Special General Meeting April 19, 1999

(meeting of the membership was called to address budget revisions)

Meeting called to order at 19:30 by President Marshall Ouellet.

Roll call was conducted by Rick McPhee to ensure that a quorum was present.

Major agenda items:

SUPERTRAIN BUDGET

* Moved to change the Supertrain 99 budget to \$ 25,206.00 by Rob Mills, seconded by Barry Conn.

Discussion: Marshall went through the details of the increase in costs, which were primarily due to the move to the Big 4 building.

* Moved to amend the change to \$ 28,206.94 by Al Peirce seconded by Al Hough

Discussion centered on the engineer hats and if they were needed. Also did they follow our mission statement.

Amendment- Carried. Unanimous (45)

Amended motion- Carried. Unanimous (45)

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

* Moved to change Member Appreciation night budget in 1999 to \$4000.00 by Rob Mills, seconded by Bob Ellison.

Discussion: Bob talked of the plans for this event and why it was important. He also explained why we chose the banquet style.

Motion carried 43 to 2

ORDER BOARD

* Moved to change the OrderBoard budget for 1999 to \$ 2500.00 by Rob Mills, seconded by Bill Cameron.

Discussion: Barry Conn spoke to this motion explaining the increase in size (number of pages in the OrderBoard) was the biggest reason for the increase. The email option was also discussed.

Motion carried- unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 21:10

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Message from the Publicity Director

I hope that most of you remembered to visit Heritage Park for Railway Days this past month. There were lots of interesting displays and a number of clubs and individuals were there to show off their work, or to just lend a hand. I took my two grandchildren and we all had a good time.

In order to increase the member's awareness of what we do at the monthly Board of Directors meetings, we have decided to publish the minutes of the meetings. Included in this report are the minutes for the past few months. Please take a few moments to read them. Please note that the June minutes are not in this issue as they will not be read and approved by the Directors until the July meeting.

It has come to my attention that some of you are getting confused between the two web sites that our members are hosting for the benefit of CMRS, particularly the schedule pages. Both sites have schedule information, so I thought it would be a good idea to tell you about the two sites:

Andrew Cocker hosts the CMRS home pages. Here you will find general information about the Society, information about local clubs, links to other sites, pictures of local layouts and events, as well as a link to The Order Board. I believe that non-CMRS members from around the world who are interested in what the Society is all about primarily visit this site.

Willie Smith publishes the CMRS newsletter (the Order Board) and maintains the web site where you can read the Order Board on line. This site is mainly for CMRS members, although it can be read by anyone, and is also updated on a regular basis (classified ads, CMRS event changes, etc).

I have asked both Willie and Andrew if they can coordinate the Schedule information so you will not have to visit two separate sites. If you have any information about a railroad event that belongs on the Schedules page, please call me at 251-9334.

Both of these gentlemen put a lot of time and effort into their endeavors on our behalf and I would like to thank both of them for their efforts. If you visit their web sites please drop them a note to let them know how much you appreciate their work.

Your Board is currently planning the events for this coming year. We need **YOUR** help to continue putting on these activities. In particular we need help with the **MINI MEET** coming up at the end of October. Please call **Peter Moon** (Director: Special Events) at 288-3754 if you can assist in planning, organizing or providing general help for this worthwhile event.

Barry Conn

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Minutes of the Business Meeting for March 1999

Attending:

Rob Mills, Barry Conn, Marshall Ouellet,
Don McLeod, Bob Ellison, Peter Moon, and Rick McPhee

Meeting was called to order by President Marshall Ouellet at 20:20 after we had stuffed the OrderBoard.

Supertrain Report was reviewed:

We looked at some people's expenses

We discussed different methods of controlling expenses

We decided a bylaw was not the answer but rather guidelines to the show chairperson and also the Presidents message in the OrderBoard

Moved by Rob Mills, seconded by Barry Conn that we accept Al Peirce's report and budget on Supertrain 99

Carried.

Moved by Bob Ellison, seconded by Peter Moon to have Marshall write Calgary Model Trainmen (CMT) to tell them that Byron Ellett is being removed as a director for lack of attendance.

Carried

Discussion of the summer barbecue led to the conclusion that we will not have one this year. We still owe the park a tree for last years function.

Budget subcommittee struck and will meet on Monday the 12th.

Points for Supertrain to be reviewed at the budget meeting and brought back to the next meeting. It was felt that only the money to be dispersed should be looked at as the points are following the guidelines approved by the membership.

Moved by Don McLeod, seconded by Rob Mills to give Bow Valley and Rocky Mtn Garden an extra point each. Discussion that followed basically was that the points did follow the current bylaws.
Motion Defeated

Moved by Barry Conn, seconded by Rob Mills that we approve the points as listed by the show committee.

Carried

Heritage Park RR Days. Individual clubs to go, not the CMRS. Sending letter declining. GST. Some discussion on how close we are to having to register for it, the extra bookwork involved, etc. Don McLeod is continuing to check into the matter.

Attendance at Board meetings todate:

Marshall	7	Barry	6	Rob	6	Peter	6
Rick	5	Bob	6	Don	7	Byron	2

Meeting adjourned

Minutes of the May 3 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:40 by Vice President Rob Mills.

Attending-

Bob Ellison, Barry Conn, Don McLeod, Peter Moon, Rob Mills, and Rick McPhee

Guests: Richard Johnson, Peter Kiddell

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. Adoption moved by Bob E., seconded by Barry C.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report was distributed to the board. Moved to Accept by Don M., seconded by Bob E.

CARRIED

Motion to buy \$20,000 of GICs for 120-day period moved by Rick M., seconded by Peter M.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Bob E. will look after the tree for Champion Park (CMRS is donating a tree to Champion Park to thank them for the use of the facilities at last years summer picnic. They suggested this in lieu of a donation to the Park.

A letter has been given to CMT informing them that their representative (Byron Ellett) has been removed from the board for lack of attendance and failure to perform his assigned role and duties. Supertrain disbursements were discussed in detail. The substantially higher cost of having the show in the Big 4 building now requires the Society to retain a larger cash reserve on hand to pay these bills in case of a major show failure. The disbursements this year will have to be smaller to allow us to buildup the reserve.

Motion to give out \$4000.00 for the disbursements for Supertrain moved by Barry C., seconded by Rick M. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed the web page and various improvements we would like to see. Barry C. to look into these things.

Richard Johnson gave his committee's report on the bylaw changes, complete with handouts. He gave the Board the details of what we had to do now with the changes.

Peter Kiddell gave a presentation on the hobby show he produces. He will send us info so we can see if we want to proceed with a booth promoting the CMRS.

Motion by Barry C., seconded by Don M. to appoint Al Peirce as next years Supertrain Chairman.

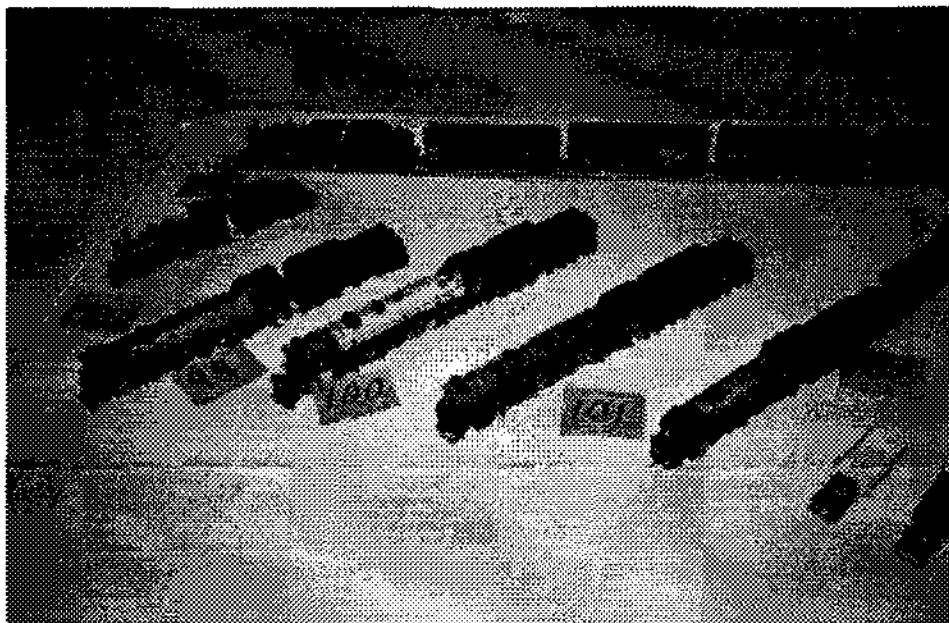
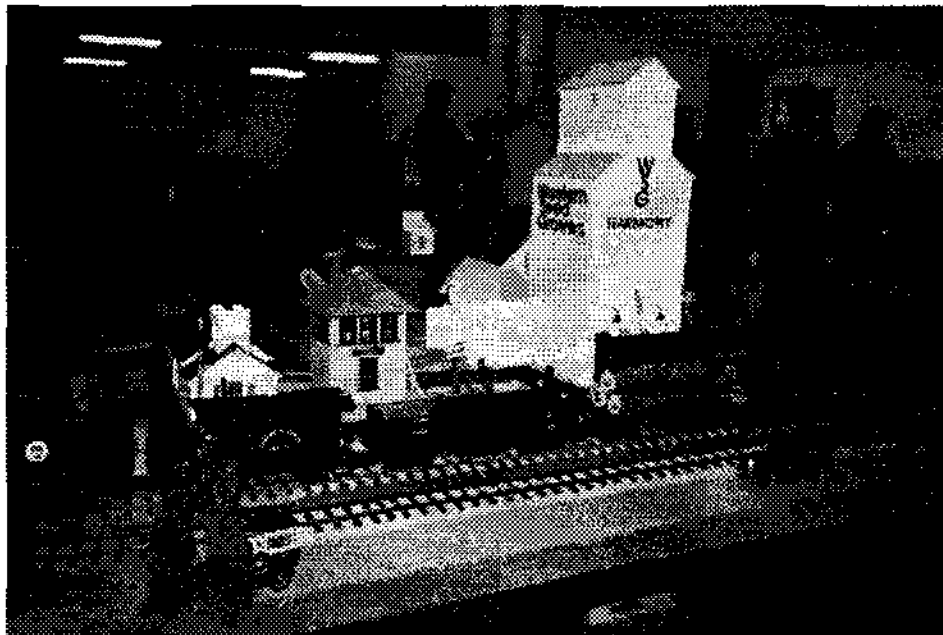
CARRIED

Bob E. gave a report on the Members Night held at the Glenmore Inn. We had 103 at the event which gave us a total expense of \$2909.74. That is way under budget and by the positive results and responses look like a good idea to continue.

We discussed a method of attracting help for next year's events. We will try to do something in the final 2 editions of this years OrderBoard.

Meeting was adjourned at 22:00

For The Modeler has been omitted this month, in order to present the photos below.
Both photos are by Rolf Stengl and show one of the display layouts and some of the excellent modeling presented at The
6th Division PNR Spring Meet.



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Calgary Model Railway Society
By-law Review Committee
Report to Members - June 1999

Background

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) passed a motion in September 1998 instructing the Board to establish a committee to review the by-laws and structure of the Society.
- The by-laws required that directors be replaced every two years whether they had completed a full term or just served a short time as a replacement.

Concerns

- Some clubs wanted to reappoint their same representative who had just served part of a term.
- A two-year term was too short for training and experience before accepting responsible positions.

Committee's Mandate

- To solicit input from members and clubs
- To review the by-laws in the light of expressed concerns
- To review the by-laws for internal consistency and clarity
- To make recommendations with respect to the by-laws, the Society and its structure
- To report to the Board

Membership

- 6 members in total with a balanced membership as in the original motion at the 1998 AGM
- 3 members from clubs and 3 independent members of the Society
- 3 members from the Board and 3 members not from the Board
- Membership was to be established by the Board.
- Each club which raised the issue of term limits at the AGM had a member on the committee.

Guiding Principle

- Checks and balances are needed to ensure one club or group of individuals does not have excessive influence for an extended time.

Procedures

- Found many items inconsistent with Societies Act and with other items in by-laws
- Compiled and prioritized a comprehensive list of possible concerns
- Solicited input from the membership in The Order Board publication
- Held a series of meetings and reviewed the by-laws in increasing detail
- Made an interim report to the Board on March 1, 1999 and received input, feedback and support
- Produced and recommended a revised set of by-laws
- Made a final report to the Board on May 3

Main Recommendations and Accomplishments

- Increased term on Board to three years
- Defined the filling of a vacancy on the Board as counting as a term
- Set a maximum of one subsequent term on the Board without at least one year off
- Improved internal consistency of the by-laws
- Improved consistency of the by-laws with the Societies Act
- Improved clarity and readability of the by-laws
- Included the ratification of club appointees
- Included voting for all positions by secret ballot
- Defined a clear procedure for identifying and filling particular seats on the Board
- Recommended revised by-laws be adopted as a whole to retain consistency

Report on 6th Division PNR Spring Meet by Dale Sproule

Ninety Six registrants attended the meet May 21-23, 1999. Thanks go to the Points West group of Calgary who hosted the event and had only 6 months to put this meet together. Attendance broke down as follows:

Canadians (95 full registrants), American (1 full registrant). Full registrations numbered 96, 109 for the BAR-B-Q, and 111 for dinner. The Open house attracted 46 paid adults and 23 unpaid youth.

A further breakdown shows: Calgary area (38), Edmonton area (22), Lethbridge area (6), Regina area (12), Saskatoon area (6), Medicine Hat area (2), Rocky Mtn. House (1), Grande Prairie area (2), Winnipeg area (3), Victoria B.C. (1), Pt. Moody B.C. (2). Our lone U.S. registrant was from Post Falls, Idaho (1)

Friday night saw start of registration, layout setup and a wine, beer & cheese reception.

Saturday, the remaining registrants checked in. Model and photo contest entries were accepted and displayed, then the first of 6 hourly clinics started. The clinic list was impressive: Doug Wingfield: (Fairbanks Morse Motive Power clinic, complete with original sound recordings of the beasts), Tony Lee: (Wooden trestle construction), Gord Johnson: (Waterfront Modeling), Barry Conn & Mark Eastman: (Digital Command Control), Al Peirce: Standardizing (Drive Systems in Scale Diesel Locomotives), and Mick Shea: (AP Program on the NMRA, complete with handouts). I was absolutely impressed by this last clinic, with the manner in which Mick handled the questions and the knowledge he has about the program was enough for this editor to build at least a couple of AP entries for Lethbridge next year. Operating layouts were well up and running as we welcomed participation by the CP-SIG. The 6th Division Business Meeting rounded out Saturday afternoon. Following the meeting, an excellent steak BAR-B-Q and trimmings was held outdoors in wonderful Spring weather. A Silent Auction took one hour with 5 tables (28 lots) of merchandise. A great deal was gathered for "TRAINS FOR KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS" charity, a favorite of the Calgary Model Railway Society via Tom Parker.

A slide show had been planned to follow the auction, but registrants disappeared, leaving some 8 committee members and wives to ask "why not have several slides including the slide entries in the photo contest"..... some left over wine and cheese and great slides made a wonderful end to the day.....so next time don't leave so early!

Sunday saw a sunny day for the Prototype tour at the CP RAIL Ogden shops facility. Eight employees hosted groups around for some 2 hours allowing free run of the joint. The only limitation was not to take pictures of new GE units under construction inside the shops. I personally saw units from: HLCX, CP RAIL, D&H, E&N Railfreight, RailLink, St. L&H, a Budd car, F-unit #1400 A unit (maroon & gray, pet project of CP RAIL chairman to pull private cars), Fairbanks Morse 7009, CP-A unit #4104, A unit # 1401, B unit #1900 (last 3 painted tuscan and gray for High River Museum). Registrants then saw some of the 12 layouts being offered in scales from N-G scales. Layout hosts were: Herb Stroh (O-scale), Gerry Quon (HO), Carl Van Veen (HO), Hans Foltinek (HO), CAL-O-RAIL (O), Brian Key (HO), Rolf Stengl (HO), Calgary Model Trainmen's Club (HO), Al Love (HO), Elmer Holm (HO), Grant Eastman (N), Mark Eastman (G). A sincere thanks go to these folks who helped make the meet the success that it was. Finally, the annual attitude adjustment session, banquet and awards were presented in several categories. Then, it was over, and all are looking towards Lethbridge to carry on the fun!

Annual Member Appreciation Night – Report by Bob Ellison

The Annual Member Appreciation Night was held on April 30th at the Glenmore Inn. One hundred and five people attended, making this the highest Appreciation Night attendance in recent years.

A number of members had suggested that we do something different to try to increase the popularity of the event. Based on the letters and phone calls received, a different type of event was planned – a night of dinner theatre presented by the Airdrie Little Theatre Association. The evening started off with cocktails, and then an excellent hot buffet dinner was served by the Glenmore Inn. After dinner a number of presentations were made to members thanking them for their time and efforts towards CMRS events. The Airdrie Little Theatre Association then presented three very humorous one act plays which provided a fine way to top off a great evening. Don't miss next years event!!

Calgary Model Railway Society

Model Railroad Events Schedule

keep watching this space for schedule additions/changes)

Updated June 30, 1999

- September 11-12 Rocky Mountain Garden Railway - Hoot and Toot
Contact: Sandy Alexander phone 271-7876
- September 13 CMRS Annual Meeting
7:30 PM 1320 5th Avenue N.W.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall
- 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
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall
- November 10 Slide Night

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