

# Roseville Roundhouse MRA

## General Meeting Minutes March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

- **Quorum**
  - Officers present: Keith, John, Duncan, Troy
    - Members present: Lou, Greg, Cameron, Mark, Jeff H., Steve Swan, Sam, Ray, Joe, Robert Dildine, Andrew, Riley, Wayne, ChrisJ, George, Patrick, Jud, Josh, Jim, Kelric, Chris R, Andrew, Kyle, Gary, Tom, Emmanuel
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- **Membership News**
  - New members
    - Corbin Money
  - Other news
    - George Carroll has been sick, Hospitalized for 3 days
    - Don Bergst has been back in the club and is recovering
    - Jud has had Pneumonia
    - Wayne out with shoulder surgery (6 weeks)
- **Minutes.**
  - MSA
- **Treasurers Report**
  - Checking \$19,622.55
  - Total available to \$5,000 limit is \$14,622.55
  - MSA with adjustment to N-scale budget error
  - Discussions with issues with collecting Dues, Paypal, Website, Cash
    - Check is preferred
    - You can set up an automatic check payment with bank.
    - Website takes work.
    - Cash is disruptive. Use the red box
- **Fridge money? (Jud)**
  - \$670.50
- **IRF (John & Jud)**
  - What plans are in place to compete with the successful Worlds Greatest Hobby Show
    - WGH has Vendors, more advertising and a \$20 entrance fee
    - This was not a Great Train show, it was WGH which only comes by every 5 years or longer. It has been over a decade since the last one in Sac
    - WGH Manufacturers were down compared to previous exhibitions. Manufacturers are either paid or own part of the WGH show and that's why they show up.
    - Layouts were down. And fewer compelling layouts
    - Pricing WGH is \$20 Saturday at the door, cheaper online and \$14 on Sunday online. GTS Venture is \$12 Saturday \$11 Sunday. Our pricing is in line.
    - Plans in place:
      - Actively seeking out vendors from WGH and other local GTS shows.
        - Including at least some Kid friendly shows
        - IRF spent thousands on Advertising last year.
          - Noted WGH had more on air advertising.
      - New Social Media and Website lead (under 30)
        - Outreach plans
- **Committees**
  - **Web Page -Chris J /Emanuel.**

- Paying dues by website?
  - Continuing to build out membership side with member roster and sign in.
- **HO Layout planning** -Keith
  - Progress
    - Roundhouse area roads laid
    - Lumber area Ground cover
    - Block detection Red Line now converted to all LCC. John to program
    - Harriston Industry area being worked on
    - HOn3 Roadbed cut and being installed
  - 2025 HO Budget
    - HOn3 Rollingstock \$400
    - Replacement Decoders \$300
    - New Control Panels \$150
    - More Foam \$100
    - Backdrop print outs \$300
    - Locomotive replacements \$500
    - LCC boards for blue line \$400
    - Propose \$3000? (Above totals \$2450)
      - M/S/A
  - Next HO meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Duncan has HOn3 Kits
    - Robert, Kelric and Jim will help build them
    - Further discussion of HOn3 stuff at HO meeting. Josh mentioned we had a list from previous of 6 box cars, 1 tank and 1 gondola.
  - Discussion of what locomotives we purchase. Do we need Hon3 locos, Keith said he would donate some.
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- **N Layout planning progress** -Troy/Jud
  - Backdrop printed, needs installed
  - Landscaping update
  - Overhead lighting changes
  - N Scale Budget? What is needed?
    - Motion to set N-scale budget to \$1000
      - M/S/A
- **Funding**
  - Membership.
    - 1 new member
    - Vote in new members
      - Sara Redfern(Thomas)
      - Jaclyn Duncan
      - James Scivally
      - Kelric Allison
      - Andrew Maret
      - Thomas McWhorter
      - All approved
  - Committee for Auctions/Donations
    - Members
      - Keith (pricing buildings etc)

- Duncan (testing locos)
  - Troy
  - Jeff R. (pricing books and selling layout)
- 2 big collections came in
  - Keith Greatbanks
  - David wood layout
- Limited to 2 Sales events per year
  - What is the effort to extend that? Forms
  - With current inventory, we need the ability to sell more
  - Research the effort to fill out and properly manage forms to do more shows. Tom asked as to whether we need a Show Committee. Consider for future.
- **Switching Layout** -Keith
  - Keith taking over, asked for volunteers to build loop. Phil, Ken and Cameron volunteered.
  - Minor reliability issues
- **Electrical** – Mark.
  - Electricals up front, new 3d printed boxes
  - MRC Beta stuff. Will test out new MRC on N scale.
- **Test Track** – Duncan
- **Infrastructure(sortout) Committee** -Troy
  - Still a challenge to find stuff
  - Need to avoid buying new stuff when we already have stuff
  - Can the plan of where stuff is be printed out in a large format?
- **Operations** -John/Jeff H.
  - Members
    - Jeff H (Lead)
    - John
    - Josue
    - Josh
    - Cameron
    - Riley
  - Extensive rework of ops plans.
    - Moved to more granular plans with switching and industries
    - Moved to switch lists derived from Walt's. Switch lists based on SP prototype.
    - Extensive testing of timing with new methods.
    - Car Float is still in progress
  - Next session March 22<sup>nd</sup>, can we get back to monthly
    - Yes, now that rework is complete, but also need to account for full club schedule. Run Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, then review and set next date.
- **Trips** -Cameron
  - Organized trip to World's Greatest Hobby Show
  - Black diamond Next open House April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Cameron was looking to do south bay on April 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Overnight?
    - Decision to do South Bay instead of Black Diamond
  - Siemens (Need Chris Mahaniuc)
  - Silicon Valley Lines? They have new electrics so worth visiting.
  - PCR Regional in San Luis Obispo end of March
  - National in Michigan July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
  - Overnight trip Skunk Train, Portola?

- Need someone to Organize
- **Old Business**
  - **HO and N inventory** -John
    - Issues with some of the new locos
      - Big boy has faulty front engine and linkage fell off (linkage repaired)
      - Cab forward has sound issues
      - Mountain needs to be sold
      - Black widows sets F3 and F7 now all speed matched
      - Bought a bunch of flat cars and one gondola for Ops need to inventory.
    - John and Cameron working through rechecking inventory due to lots of new items
      - Need an actual process when things come into the club
    - John made slight progress on N scale inventory
  - **Carnegie Museum update** – Troy/Robert.
    - Wayne out for 6 weeks, need more volunteers
    - Jim and Tom are helping
    - Use Trees we have
  - **Workshops** – Joe
    - Training session on Ground Cover
    - John still needs to schedule a static grass clinic
      - Static Grass came in.
    - Scenery, Weathering, how to program DCC?
    - Kyle DCC install
    - Needs to be coordinated through Joe
      - Email the bullet points to Joe. The detail needed by Joe if a volunteer wants to run a class is the following : ½ page of what the class is and will accomplish, where it needs to be, when you wish to do it, what the needs are to run the class and the specific items that are required for the class to be successful. Sending a verbal message saying you are going to run a class on DCC is not enough.
    - The back room NEEDs to stay clean. Duncan encouraged John to help clean it up.
  - **Open Houses** -Chris J.
    - Members
      - Chris J
      - Cameron
      - Ken K
    - Date Set May 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Need action plan
    - Last open house took 6 weeks to plan
  - **Officer replacements.**
    - Troy for President,
    - Jeff H for VP
    - Cameron for Secretary.
    - Duncan as Treasurer.
    - Call for M/S/A to approve unless other vounteers.
      - Motion Jud, Second Sam, Unanimous
  - **Layout lighting for Exhibits**
    - Sam and John need to look into new options
  - **Membership**
    - Ken update on training progress

- 11 new members since Nov. All went through Orientation
- **Damaged IRF kids layout**
  - Troy Leading
  - Duncan, Steve, to help
  - Patrick may have spare track
  - Need to replace all track.
- **New Business**
  - **Modeler of the Year**
    - Proposed
      - Tower area in Cornerstone -Ken K
      - Front of layout at Cornerstone -Wayne Beck
      - Car Shop -Ray Zimmerman
      - Garden Tracks – Joe Wilson, Wayne Beck
      - Roundhouse Paving -Wayne Beck
      - Car Float Track Redo -Joe Wilson
      - Harriston Corner Landscaping -Keith Waddell
      - Blue Line Siding -Joe Wilson
      - Block Detection via Arduino -Duncan MacDonald/Mark Wahler
      - Block Detection via LCC -Duncan MacDonald and John Eilers
      - N Control Panels -Mark Wahler
      - N Overhead Lighting -Mark Wahler, Sam Sutton, Troy Simpson
      - N Top shel corner scene -Ken Kilby
      - Mountain Landscaping -Jeff Reimund
    - Every Member gets 5 votes to distribute amongst the options as they see fit
  - Joe Won for the Car Float redo.
  - Every option received more than one vote.
  - Thank you everyone and Congratulations to Joe.
- **Bylaws Changes**
  - do away with Associate member.
  - Include Honorary member.
  - Change Temporary member to Probationary member.
  - Delete existing Probationary member.
  - M/S/A
- **Rocklin Historical Society Event May 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Next business meeting moved to April 26<sup>th</sup> to accommodate
  - Need volunteers to set up the 150<sup>th</sup> layout and man booth
- **IT Needs, online meeting and online data storage**
  - Need to replace Keith's Wife's Zoom account
  - Need significantly more online storage than currently available to support club activities and share files.
    - John and Chris J. Reviewed options.
      - Recommend a single Microsoft 365 for Business Standard account which would cost ~\$150 a year
        - This would give us Teams Meetings 300 attendees up to 30 hours long, unlimited meetings.
        - 1TB of OneDrive Storage.
        - Business email address and ability to create Distribution lists
        - Rights to install Microsoft office on multiple computers (at least both club PCs).
      - Cheaper option for \$72 would be same as above, but without MS Office.
    - M/S/A for the \$150 a year option as the Microsoft Office option can extend to 5 computers.

- **Next Auction March 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Keith and John Asked to leave.** They were however invited back in later...
- **Troy What to move forward on next year**
  - Scenery
  - Operations
  - Clinics
  - Debug DCC issues.
- **Adjournment**
  - M/S/A