



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Zoom Application

Date: October 14, 2021, 8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

<u>Interim-Superintendent</u>	Vic Cavalli	<u>Clerk Paymaster/Achievement</u>	James Keena
<u>Director</u>	Vic Cavalli	<u>Webmaster</u>	Kevin Spady
<u>Member Aide</u>	Lloyd Lehrer	<u>Buddy System</u>	Mike O'Brian
<u>Membership Recruitment</u>		<u>Membership Retention</u>	Vic Cavalli
<u>Non-Rails</u>		<u>Assistant Non-Rails</u>	
<u>Social Media Coordinator</u>	Kevin Spady	<u>Communication Coordinator</u>	Nick Lisica

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of September 16, 2021 were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Financial Report

The Division currently has the following funds available:

Checking	\$10,274.86
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$5,103.32</u>
Total	\$15,378.38

The increase in funds is due to receiving the \$178.00 PSR Membership Pass Through and the sale of items in the amount of \$880.00 at the swap meet held at the PSR 2021 Irvine Orange Blossom Special Convention. Still have small amount of cash from sales that still needs to be deposited.

All of last year's Van Nuys Local 2020 convention cars and most of the convention shirts were sold in the Orange Blossom Special Company Store. Cajon Division will reimburse the LA Division for the 2020 Convention items that were sold at the 2021 Convention.

MEMBERSHIP

No Report.

COMMUNICATION

Articles for the next edition of the LA Coupler are to be submitted by November 1, 2021. Nick Lisica to reach out to Mona Raymer for brief descriptions to include in the LA Coupler regarding the 2020 and 2021 LA Division Member of the Year recipients that were awarded at the 2021 PSR Orange Blossom Special Convention.

The LA Division was approached about advertising in the LA Coupler. Advertising fee would be \$100 per year, which is four editions of the LA Coupler. Payment could be processed through the LA Division's PayPal Account.

Nomination / Election of Officers

Both the LA Division Superintendent and the Chief Clerk Paymaster positions will be up for election in February of 2022. Vic Cavalli and James Keena both indicated that they would not be running for reelection.

Notices will go out next month for nominations of candidates for these two positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Varnell during the recent Sand House Chat invited LA Division members to a special Memorial Day run on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at his layout in Torrance from 10:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. Hot dog lunch would be available and there would be table space for NMRA membership recruitment, Los Angeles Model Railroad Society and the Lomita Railroad Museum.

Bob Chaparro will be promoting a self-guided layout tour extending from Altadena to Semi Valley on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Additional information is available on the Groups.io site of Model Railroads of Southern California <https://groups.io/g/ModelRailroadsofSoCalif>

OLD BUSINESS

Up-Coming Events in 2021

FallRail 2021 Mini Meet is scheduled to be held in Whittier on October 23, 2021. James Keena has ordered tables for the swap meet and has confirmed with individuals that are to present clinics. He sent further information to Bob Chaparro for posting on the Model Railroads of Southern California Group IO. He will send out a request to LA Division members to assist in putting on this event.

Bob DeMoss will set up a NMRA information table at the Highland Pacific Open House on November 6 & 7, 2021.

Simi Valley Club will hold a swap meet on the morning of Saturday, November 6, 2021.

Up-Coming Events in 2022

LA Division Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner in February. Unsure if we would be able to hold a physical dinner in LA County, which may result in the meeting being held on Zoom again.

Great Train Show is tentatively schedule to be held at the LA Fairplex in Pomona on March 19 & 20, 2022.

The Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society most likely will hold a swap meet in March 2022.

Re-Branding of the Buddy Program

Discussed the possible re-branding of the Buddy Program. So far, the one-year trial of the program has not been very well utilized. The monthly Sand House Chat seems to be the more effective way of connecting LA Division members with each other.

Non-renewing LA Division Exit Survey

Vic Cavalli will send out a draft to the LA Division Advisory Board for review. The survey would be conducted via Mail Chimp Survey.

By-Laws Update

Vic Cavalli stated that he has not had time to complete his review to recommend revisions to bring them into conformance with the Region's 501c3 Nonprofit Bi-Laws.

New Member Welcome Packet

Mike O'Brien stated that he has sent out his welcome letter to new members of the LA Division. He will send the letter to the Advisory Board members for review and recommendations to update with references to Sand House Chat, Zoom meetings, LA Coupler, Facebook page and website.

Next Meeting

The next regular Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. via "Zoom Application." Join meeting code: 839 6317 119 Passcode: 248175

Plans are to go dark in December to allow members to be with families for the holidays.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena
LA Division, PSR, NMRA
Chief Clerk Paymaster