



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Zoom Application

Date: September 16, 2021, 8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:02 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>	
<u>Member Aide</u>	Lloyd Lehrer	<u>Buddy System</u>	Mike O'Brian
<u>Membership Recruitment</u>	Bob DeMoss	<u>Membership Retention</u>	Vic Cavalli
<u>Non-Rails</u>		<u>Assistant Non-Rails</u>	
<u>Social Media Coordinator</u>		<u>Communication Coordinator</u>	Nick Lisica
<u>PSR President</u>	Pat Raymer	<u>Others Present</u>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of August 12, 2021 were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Financial Report

The Division currently has the following funds available:

Checking	\$10,273.58
Savings	\$5,103.32
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$15,376.90</u>

The increase in funds is due to receiving the \$178.00 PSR Membership Pass Through and the sale of items in the amount of \$770.00 at the swap meet held at the PSR 2021 Irvine Orange Blossom Special Convention.

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. Left over Convention pins were given away free to those that wanted them. Unknown at this time if the Cajon Division will reimburse the LA Division for the 2020 Convention items that were sold or just applied the sales to the 2021 Convention.

MEMBERSHIP

Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet

Bob DeMoss reported that he attended the Santa Susana Swap Meet and passed out flyers for future events.

Membership Retention

Vic Cavalli reported that the LA Division has seen a drop in membership, which may be related to COVID restrictions that have affected in person gathering for over a year and a half. He is sending an email to those members that have not renewed.

Buddy Program

Mike O'Brien reported that he has had no interaction with anyone this past month. Lloyd Lehrer did contact one person. Someone in the Semi Valley Club has volunteered to be Buddy. Consensus is to continue the pilot program, but maybe consider rebranding the name.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob DeMoss reported that the Division received \$770.00 for the sale of surplus items at the Irvine Convention Swap Meet. It was suggested that the remaining items be sorted and keep high value items for future Hobo Auctions and the remaining low value items be sold for \$1.00 each at an upcoming swap meet in order to continue to reduce inventory that needs to be stored.

There will be a Great Train Show in Victorville on September 25 and 26, 2021. This event takes place within the Cajon Division and their members are to man a NMRA information table.

Jeff Smith is holding his Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers event on Saturday, October 2, 2021, which the LA Division is co-sponsoring. James Keena received the NMRA insurance certificate for the event. Los Angeles Division to provide staffing to support this NMRA sponsored event

FallRail 2021 Mini Meet is scheduled to be held in Whittier on October 23, 2021. James Keena will order tables for the swap meet and has been contacting individuals to present clinics. He will send further information to Bob Chaparro for posting on the Model Railroads of Southern California Group.

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

James Keena suggested that a joint meet be held in the Spring of 2022 with the Cajon Division, which would also double as the mid-year PSR Board meeting.

By-Laws Update

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

Election of Officers

Due to Vic Cavalli recently being elected as the Director of the LA Division, he submitted his resignation as the Division Superintendent. James Keena would normally assume the Superintendent position and he would normally appoint someone to be the Chief Clerk Paymaster. James Keena expressed that due to the PSR becoming a recognized 501c3 Non-Profit that it was not a good time to have someone come in to replace the treasurer position cold-turkey. All of the four Division are in the process of switching over their financial reporting systems to be consistent with the PSR's method for reporting to the IRS. The Changes being implemented are to convert over to Excel spreadsheet reporting, which would be a lot easier for the future Chief Clerk Paymaster by not having to learn a new financial reporting software system. A Zoom meeting the PSR and Division treasures is being scheduled to be held in the near future.

Therefore, James Keena asked for a volunteer to take over the remaining term of the Superintendent position until the next upcoming election. No one came forward to volunteer, so James Keena ask Vic Cavalli to continue as interim Superintendent without voting rights. Should in the unlikely event of needing to break a tie vote, President Pat Raymer stated that he would cast the deciding vote.

James Keena further stated that it is his intention not to run for re-election as Chief Clerk Paymaster in February of next year due to his retirement plans to relocate to the state of Idaho.

Next Meeting

The next regular Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. via “Zoom Application.” Join meeting code: 839 6317 119 Passcode: 248175

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

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