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Thomas Buchman	Vice President
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Carl B. Benson	Member at Large

Queen City HiRailers, Inc. meeting notes for: 10 April 2021

Location: - Ross School, Gym (3371 Hamilton-Cleves road, Hamilton Ohio 45013)

In Attendance: Sue Ariss, Jim Ariss, Nick Ariss-Powers, Tom Buchman, Carl Benson, Edmonde De Gregorio, John Derrenkamp III, Walter Eidam, Robert Engel, Frank Kammer, Larry Loos, Francis Mustard, Larry Riesser, Mike Schmidt, Jim Schababerle, Joseph Stuber, John Taylor, Robert Wilmesherr, Jon Woolum,

Sue Ariss called the meeting to order at **09:30AM**, then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Minutes approval – Sue indicated that the minutes of the March 2021 meeting needed approval. Jon Woolum. motioned to pass the minutes, John Derrenkamp second. **Motion passed**

Treasurer's Report – Sue indicated that the treasurers report needed approval.

Ed DeGregorio asked if the \$4000.00 on the report for the trailer was in the budget. A general discussion was had about the budget, and CD parameters in which the funds are located (Ref: *20th of May the CD matures*). In conclusion the \$4000.00 was in the budget for the trailer, and we will look at completing an up to dated budget in the future.

Ed De Gregorio motioned to approve treasurers report, Jim Ariss second. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Thoughts for Members

Sue A. asked members to keep the following people in their thoughts;

Dave Feldmann's brother who had a heart attack

Pat Rose who recently had a hip replacement

John Derrenkamp's mother who passed away on March 30th

COMMITTEES

Sue reviewed Committees. The following is the input of what was discussed in each committee overview;

Committee Chairmen – Frank is working on policy for the committees

Elections Committee – Ed DeGregorio. commented that a vote for officers will be coming up in our **June** meeting. Officers will be slated in **May** for the June election(s). If interested in running for an officer's position contact Ed DeGregorio and let him know.

Electrical Committee – Frank Kammer had nothing to report

Jerry Chose Layout Committee – Steve Sininger. was not present so Sue gave a short overview of its status. She closed with... any questions please contact “Steve Sininger”.

Library – Jim Ariss gave a quick overview indicating that he had previously organized the info in boxes and they are on the shelves near the window.

Memberships Committee – Larry Loos indicated that he liked to sponsor and made a motion to vote in Cody & Wyatt Meiser as junior members of the club (Note: *Applications were completed and presented to the president*). The motion was seconded by Jon Woolum. **Motion passed**

Larry L. also noted that we might have 2 new members in addition to the Meisers.

Frank K. added that Tom Meiser will be voted on in the next meeting. Completed applications will be in the file cabinet.

Permanent Layout – Dave emailed a report which is attached (Ref: **Appendix 1**). Sue read the report as sent to the group. On April 13th Carl, Steve and Dave will look at the layout and add recommendations. Items of scale were discussed (Ref: *1:48, 1:50, 1:43*) and Tom Buchman indicated that if scale becomes an issue there may not be any vehicles on the layout. Sue followed up the discussion with a request to the members to check and see if they had past issues of the switcher magazine. In one there was a good article regarding mixing scales on a layout. If you have the switcher with the indicated article, please bring it in and share it with the group.

Photography Committee - Jim Schababerle was like a flash bulb, and brightened the room when Sue applied the term **committee chair** opening Jim's aperture to the retort “*he would think about it*” ...the possibilities... of his role as committee chairman.

Scenery Storage Committee – nothing to report at this time

Standards – Bob W. entered into a short discussion, but ended with needing a more defined definition and correlation of Standards vs Modular committee... or standards vs traveling layout committees.

Trailer Committee –

Currently the trailer committee is Steve Sininger, Nick Ariss-Powers, and Bob Wilmesherr.

Bob W. and Nick address the group. Bob W. gave an overview of why a trailer is needed (*transport was the key element*). Also, the black trailer needs replaced and is no longer operational. Steve and Nick explored the last lead for a trailer that Scott Klein gave the club, but the trailer had issues and the committee decided not to pursue the sale. The committee has been looking, but due to rising purchase costs, and the inability for dealers to obtain/ keep stock the committee is hampered by waiting for club approval to buy. Currently if they find one and wait to bring the purchase up to a vote at a monthly meeting the trailer will probably have already been sold. For this reason, Bob W. requested the club be given the approval/ authorization to purchase a trailer if they find one that meets the club's needs. The committee would operate under a purchasing cap of \$7500.00.

Frank Kammer motioned that the committee be given the authorization to make a trailer purchase with a spending cap not to exceed \$7500.00. John Derrenkamp second.

General discussion followed the motion (Ref: *Discussion of buying local, Warrantee restrictions, and add on's*).

Frank Kammer amended his original motion to raise the cap to \$8000.00 which would cover any add on's (Ref; *Spare tire, ramp/ door edging, jack...etc.*). Jon Woolum second the motion.

The key element for the committee to operate under is they get what we need at a bottom dollar price giving them the buying power now to reduce the risk of losing a good deal.

After further discussion the amended motion of \$8000.00 purchase cap was put to vote by the group. **Motion passed** allowing the trailer committee to purchase a trailer with an **\$8000.00** purchase cap (*Purchase of a trailer for the club must not exceed \$8000.00*).

Train Show Liaison Committee – Frank K had nothing new to report with the exception of:

1. “**Seasons at Mason**” contacted Frank to have a show in the summer, but no show is scheduled at this time.
2. Bob W. indicated that the Fall Lakota show was a go
3. Majestic Care we owe them a show, but none has yet been scheduled

Note: Monitor the QCHR web site for an **updated show list**

Train Show Operations Scheduling committee – Sue indicated one rule for a show is you will need to be part of the set up or take down to run a train at the show.

Traveling Layout Committee – Nothing to report Steve S. was not present to discuss.

Website Committee – Frank K. gave a short review of updates to the site. Bob W. made a motion that the meeting minutes be put on the members only page and not accessible to the general public. Jim A. second the motion which was voted on. **Motion passed.**

Note: *In the future meeting minutes will only be able to be accessed by members only.*

Web Site Reminder: *Members have access to the plethora of information compiled, including meeting minutes using your membership **ID** and **QCHR password**. If you need help all you have to do is ask.*

OTHER :

QCHR JUNE Party - Carl Benson gave an over view of the upcoming party;

Location: *Stainless Steel Horse Park in Monroe. The Park will include viewing of muscle cars on display, access to walk the farm, and use of the fishing pond. An added attraction will occur at 04:30/ 5PM where a car show group called “concourse” will be having a drive in and visiting for a short stay. This event will give the auto enthusiasts in our group an added bonus of street rod viewing. So not only our grill will be hot, but the cars will be too.*

Date & Time: JUNE 12th (Saturday), 3PM

Food: Nicks Catering service will supply the meat (Ref: *Dogs, Mets, Brats, and Hamburgers*). Every one is requested to bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the next meeting for personnel to sign up for what they will be bringing (Reference categories: *Appetizers. Main Course compliments, and Deserts*).

Cost: \$10.00 per person (Note: *The owner of the venue is not requiring a payment for the space rental, but requests that a donation be given to **Wounded Warriors**. Your cost includes food purchased by the club, and requested donation*).

What to bring: Besides a covered dish you signed up to bring; a chair(s), and anything you would like to drink.

Special Note: So as not to be rude to invited guests we will have a SHORT/ SHORT QCHR meeting. The only item that will be discussed will be Voting for Officers. All other club business will be discussed at our July meeting.

A request for help - Bob W. asked if help could be gotten when packing up modules. Meaning having people assigned to modules to cover members when their modules are used and they are not present. In short if we could have consistent committed people to complete set up & packing of a member’s layout would be helpful. This way individuals could get an understanding of how things are pulled and packed. Bob W. would greatly appreciate someone to help him out with his when in use.

Donations – Nothing new discussed

Repairs & Tools – Nothing new discussed

School News – Nothing new discussed

Clinics - Please review the QCHRs web site for *updates and information*.

House Keeping/ Operating Procedures

IMPORTANT BUILDING ADMITTANCE INFORMATION BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND QCHR PRESIDENT.

NOTE: School procedures must be followed, and can be more restrictive than CDC policy. The School will advise us of policy changes, and QCHR members will be updated of those changes. Until then;

Please remember when on site **YOU MUST**;

- 1. Wear a mask completely covering your mouth and nose** (Ref: *Ross school Administration, CDC Recommendation Protocol*)
- 2. Sign in** on individual club sign-in clipboards (Ref: *Tool for contract tracing*)
- 3. Social Distancing maintained.**

Note: *If our club does not adhere to these simple rules, we can be refused admittance and/ or ejected from the building.*

Additional Important items regarding use of the building are as follows;

- a). Preferred admittance is after 4PM
- b). If members show prior to 4PM and gains entry there is a “**NO NOISE POLICY**” in place.

Meaning no noise can be made when occupying our club areas prior to 4PM Monday thru Friday. Normal talking, and walking are permissible, but no work, or any activity that generates noise that can be heard on the second floor will be tolerated.

Adjournment – At **11:02** John Derrenkamp III moved for adjournment, and Bob Wilmesherr second. **Motion Passed.**

NOTE: *Appendix pages attached with additional items referenced in the meeting notes.*

Respectfully submitted: Joseph Stuber Secretary, QCHR

APPENDIX 1

Note: Letter read by Sue as indicated in “**Permanent Layout**” heading of the above meeting minutes.

QCHR: BUSINESS MEETING, PERMANENT LAYOUT REPORT.

April 10, 2021

Findings of the Committee Review:

1. Due to concerns regarding recent landscaping additions to the layout individual committee members were tasked with the chore to review the entire layout. The findings were analyzed by myself and tallied. The results were shared and discussed by committee members present at the last Tuesday evening work session.
2. Based on the findings and the discussion it was agreed that a team of three (3) committee members (Carl, Steve, and myself) will do a walk about the layout on Tuesday, April 13th. Using the survey findings, the team will make recommendations to Sue as to whether the item or section of the layout should remain, be improved or altered or removed and the area restored.
3. Scale for the autos, trucks, and other vehicles for the layout. I recommend we keep the scale to 1/48 to 1/50. 1/43 is probably too large for our O gauge structures. What we need to do now is to group the vehicles by scale and keep the larger ones at a distance. Also, the reality is all sizes are not the same from manuf. to manuf. Thanks for all the input.

Questions.