

## KCMR August Monthly meeting August 27, 2022

The monthly meeting was called to order at 10:10am by President Lonnie Demoret with 9 members & 2 guests (former members Doug Mack & Tom Robinson) present at our clubhouse located on 16 East 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hutchinson

Kansas.

Four

more members came in minutes later. Members present were: Lonnie D., Michael M., Carl C., Javen S., Allan B., Ellis M., Jeff M., Dean C., Suzanne M., Todd L., Mike P., Phil A., and Jolene D.

Treasurer Gary Essells passed on August 17<sup>th</sup>, so no treasurer's report is available.

Javen made the motion that the July minutes are accepted, Allan seconded. Motion passed.

New business- the Treasurer position needs filled. Michael M. nominated Javen Schmucker, Dean Childs seconded. No other nominations were given, and Javen accepted the nomination.

Members voted all in agreement for Javen to be Treasurer. Javen said he would be handling the office a little differently. He suggested we have Jo Wiebe at H&R Block handle our paperwork to ensure we remain in good standing with the state. Also, we need to have an up to date record of dues that are paid, Treasurer's reports needs to be filed with the minutes, the club's Operations Manual states 2 signatures are required on checks and he recommends that to be changed, and that we should move club accounts from RCB bank to Heartland Credit Union.

Javen made the motion that the club Treasurer be allowed to set up checking and saving accounts at an area bank or credit union. Dean Childs seconded. No discussion, motion passed.

Javen made the motion that item "A" in Section 5 from the Operations manual be deleted. Michael seconded, no discussion, motion carried. (The Operations manual Section 5, item A had stated that *Two (2) signatures shall be required on checks issued by the club. Any two of the four officers may sign.*

The current club officers are President Lonnie Demoret, Vice-President Michael Meeks, Treasurer Javen Schmucker, Secretary Jolene Demoret.

Javen moved that only club officers are allowed to be signers on the club's financial accounts. Dean C. seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Collections from recently passed members Gary Essells, Don Hazen and former member Earl Frye have been acquired. We are needing prices on the items as the club has decided to sell portions of the items at area shows. Anyone available to work on this let one of the officers know. The next train show is **Oct 1 & 2 at Cessna Activity Center in Wichita Kansas.** Doug asked if the prices will be the acquisition prices or are we having a fire sale? It was felt that putting to low of price in order to sell things would not be the way to price items. It was suggested we could have reduced prices on the items the second day of the show. At this time we are not selling any of the books or magazines that we have from the collections.

Dean C. asked if we need a membership chairman to keep the dues up to date? No discussion was offered. He also asked if we should have a membership promotion or drive? Another suggested we **each** need to promote the club. Talk to others about being in a model train club, we have trifold flyers available to hand out to potential members, invite interested people to visit the clubhouse. Another suggestion was to talk to past members and see if the reason(s) they left have changed, & if they would consider returning as a member.

With the large number of books received from Don Hazen's collection, Doug suggested we set up a Library in the current birthday room to have better control of them, especially the more valuable books. Discussion included this "birthday room" is larger than the office/library, and that procedures needed to be in place to lock the books up, and limit the books to current members. The magazines can also be checked out. A door can be rehung to lock the space. Currently we are not able to use the back rooms for birthday parties or gatherings to groups for additional income.

The Mack brothers said we are able to use their building located at 316 N. Main for storage if needed.

On August 18 during Third Thursday Hutchinson's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Bob F., Suzanne M., & Jolene D. set up a table at 3rd and Main. Plastic whistles with printed labels to promote the clubhouse, Operation Lifesaver coloring books, pencils, and paper hats were given out. People were directed to go down to the clubhouse to look at our layouts. Over 40 people took that advice according to Javen, Michael, Phil and guest Rick from the National Model Railroad group in Wichita that ran the layouts that evening.

Suzanne M. asked if a group of retired teachers that she is a member of could use the front half of the clubhouse on SEP 3 for their meeting. This was OK'd. No charge to the group but donations are always accepted.

Javen moved to adjourn, Michael seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Sep 10 at 11am at 16 East 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Oct 1 & 2 train show in Wichita. We are needing volunteers to help load items to take to Wichita, unload the items, sit at the table to monitor our sale items, and also help Lonnie set up and run his layout, and then load things up on Sunday.

See you there!

Jolene Demoret, Secretary