

KCMR June 17, 2023 meeting minutes

The June 17th meeting was called to order at 11am by President Lonnie Demoret. 16 members present.

Javen S. made the motion and Doug M. seconded to approve the **May minutes**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Javen. Phil A. made the motion to accept it, Allan B. seconded, motion approved.

Payment of dues are needed, especially if you are past due! Get with Javen after the meeting.

Train show report by Javen indicates we had an increased number of vendors and attendance. Three names were drawn from the slips filled out at the admission table for two train sets and an engine that were set aside for the drawing. The three were very pleased to have their names drawn to receive the trains. Thanks Mark Buckley with Toy Depot and Deb Zucker with Spring Creek Model Trains!!

Jeff Corrick gave the **Facebook report that over 14,144** viewed the post, there were 383 engagements, and 240 clicks to the website link. Unknown how many people came to the show after seeing the Facebook post.

Trainboard for the 5 places had been delivered and was on display at the show. The Cards were explained and given to kids at the admission table.

Third Thursday (June 15th) had no one come into the building to see the trains. Because of this, Javen suggested we set up on Main St where there are things going on & pass out an information flyer of the club, and direct them to the clubhouse. Jolene was there about 45 minutes until 6:45p, Javen was there until closing. More people need to participate to help make our club more visible!

NEW BUSINESS: In the past we have participated in the 4th of July parade. It is to late for this year, but is anyone interested in participating in the Christmas parade? A few finally spoke they might be. Discussion included the question if Charley George available to bring an engine? **Tabled to the July meeting.**

Wichita Toy Train show Oct 28 & 29, 2023. Lonnie is planning on running his train layout with the tablets. The club will have tables for sale items. Discussion of how many? Javen moved to have 3 tables for sale items, Todd seconded. Motion carried.

Insurance was paid May 15th and we received a second bill for the certificate for the show and it is expensive. Since this is different than other insurances, and in the past this 2nd certificate was free, Javen went insurance shopping and an executive decision was made by Javen, Lonnie and Jolene to drop the current insurance company and be covered with Joe McGuire Insurance Company on 30th in Hutchinson.

Do we want to host an **open house in December**? Discussion included having it does get positive exposure to us, and it's been well attended in the past. Members agreed. Decided 3rd Saturday in December since the 2nd Sat is our meeting, and the 4th Saturday is the 23rd, to close before Christmas. Todd L. made the motion to have Christmas Open House on Dec 16, 2023 from 10 am- 5pm. Bob F. seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Buckley had provided a third train set with the two that were given away at the June show. Do we want to raffle this Athearn set? Discussion followed. Members would be able to buy raffle tickets for chance(s) to be drawn at the December open house. More discussion was tabled for the July meeting.

Phil's donation of the steel door to be used on the adjoining shed of the clubhouse was installed by Lonnie and Daryl Sammons, friend of the club. Cost of the purchase of the hinges and door sweep will be given to the landlord for reimbursement. Lonnie would also like to upgrade the door lock.

Question was asked of the roof's condition. Still leaks. Estimates were given to the landlord a year ago. Michael M. has cleaned the roof and used sealer, but the roof still leaks, causing more damage to the rafters, ceiling tiles and carpet.

Make sure to come to the clubhouse the 2nd and 4th Saturdays and 3rd Thursdays to run trains on the layouts, and to greet any guests that come in. Two diesel engines and 1 steam engine of Gary Essels are on the layout to run DCC. Just bring your cars.

Phil A has invited us to his **AVI DEPOT 128 East 2nd St. in Halstead for the August 12, 2023 for the 9am August meeting** to coincide with the 136th Annual Halstead Old Settlers Days and **the model train expo 11am- 5pm**. He will provide hotdogs & hamburgers. He'd like us to bring side dishes, buns, drinks, dessert, etc. If you don't come in the back way, it will be easier to get to his place if you arrive early before the street is blocked off for the 9:30am kiddie parade followed by the 10am Plane Flyover and parade. **Note the change in location and time for the August 12 meeting.**

Motion to adjourn by Javen, seconded by Phil.

July 8 at 16 East 3rd Hutchinson at 11 am for regular business meeting.



AVI DEPOT 128 East 2nd St. in Halstead for the 9am business meeting and fun August 12, 2023

Happy 4th of July!!

Jolene Demoret, secretary