

AMTMA
April 19, 2009

The April 19, 2009 meeting of the Alto Model Train Museum Association was held at club headquarters and opened by President Dick Mitchell with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February meeting were read by secretary Ruth Miller and approved as read.

George Shevenock gave the treasurer's report. The total in all accounts is \$46,033.89. The final report on the spring train show at Pincroft showed a profit of \$1103.00. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Ron Kennedy asked if we are keeping track of merchandise sold by the club. George Shevenock said he made up a form for this purpose which needs to be copied.

Dick Mitchell said he will order railroad merchandise and Ron Kennedy agreed to order vehicles when needed.

Dick Mitchell brought up the idea of a flat \$20.00 fee for club members who wish to use the club headquarters for private occasions. Members would be responsible for set-up, clean-up etc. Members must be present at all times. George Shevenock suggested rules be posted for all to see. Hap McGunigal made the motion for the \$20.00 members fee and Gene Godfrey seconded. The motion passed. Ruth Miller will make a list of rules.

Tim Black suggested we need more control of the children at birthday parties. Members discussed having a release form for parents to sign and posting the rules in a visible location during parties. Dick Mitchell advised we also need more help from members for parties. Dick Charlesworth suggested suspending all parties until fall. No decision was made.

Ron Kennedy said we need to clean up Lakemont for the summer. We need to schedule work days there.

Per Dick Mitchell the Skyliner roller coaster deal is on hold.

Gregg Miller passed around the proof for the patches for members approval. He also showed the new hats which are \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members.

Gene Godfrey motioned we order patches and Bob Detwiler seconded. The motion carried.

Dick Mitchell brought up a suggestion from the last board meeting for a price increase at the Pincroft shows. Per Ron Kennedy suggested prices are \$4.00 admission, \$12.00 for tables, and a late rental fee of \$17.00. Hap McGunigal moved that we go with the new prices and Dick Charlesworth seconded. Motion carried.

Dick Mitchell then discussed the fact that Gabe Pellegrini had approached George Thompson about extra money for the electricity we use. It had been suggested previously that we give him \$500.00 now. Dick Charlesworth made a motion to pay the \$500.00 and Tim Black seconded. Motion carried.

Gregg Miller suggested we could raise the price of birthday parties to \$25.00 an hour and allot \$5.00 to electricity costs. No vote taken

Dick Mitchell thanked all who worked on track improvements on the layouts and thanked Gregg Miller for the billboard on the Collector's layout in memory of Ed Weaver.

New Business: Dick Mitchell said we need to do clearing out of "stuff" at Lakemont which is not being used. A work day was scheduled for April 30 at 9:30 am.

Dick Mitchell brought up a proposal by George Thompson that we buy toner for the printer which does excellent photo copies. The toner should do 600 pictures on photo paper which is .25c a piece. Gregg Miller moved we buy the toner and Hap McGunigal seconded. Motion passed. Pictures can be sold to family members at birthday parties.

Gregg Miller suggested a buy sale trade event at the May meeting. Gregg made a motion to do so and Bob Detwiler seconded. Motion was approved.

Gregg Miller said some members have shown interest in American Model transformers. The new ones have on and off buttons. The price is \$90.00. If the club can get a good deal do members want some ordered? Hap McGunigal motioned we get 4 and Bob Detwiler seconded. Motion carried. Gregg Miller will look into prices.

Dick Mitchell told members Tim Black can get carpeting for the back room at Col. Miller's auction. We need a minimum size of 8 ½ x 15 1/2. Hap McGunigal moved that Tim go ahead and make the purchase and Bob Detwiler seconded. The motion carried with a maximum cost of \$100.00. (Hap McGunigal wished it noted he is hoping for Tuscan Red .)

Dick Mitchell said Freedom Bus Lines has small buses which hold 27 people. They may be more practical for trips. Dick Charlesworth said he thinks the cost is almost as much as the larger buses. Henry Streilein said he took one from Johnstown to

Pittsburgh and the event ticket and the bus was \$52.00 per person. Dick Charlesworth said he will look into them for future train shows. He also said he is not planning right now for a club bus trip. Perhaps we could do the Potomac Eagle in the fall.

Bob Detwiler advised members the keys to the dumpster and the elevator are now hanging up near the kitchen.

Dick Mitchell thanked all who worked on the office area.

Per Dick Mitchell this coming Thursday April 23 will be a workday at 29th St to hang calendars and do some clean up under platforms.

Dick Mitchell also said we need to get the wheels on the trailer so it can be used for storage. George Shevenock reported the tags have been renewed.

The next board meeting was set for April 29, 2009 at 7pm.

Dick Mitchell said we have received the renewal for the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$237.00. Gregg Miller motioned we join again. Don Goebel said it is good exposure for the club and seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gregg Miller made the motion to adjourn and Gene Godfrey seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Dick Charlesworth won the 50-50.

There were 17 members in attendance.