



GATSME Model Railroad Club Minutes of the General Business Meeting Held June 7, 2007

This meeting was held in the club's meeting room, with 15 in attendance. 2 more arrived during the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Tim Wells, Vice President.

REPORTS

The minutes of the previous meeting were not, since Fred had printed them out but not brought them along. Fred thanked Tim for taking the minutes at the May meeting, and the planning committee meeting, and said that he would be sure to bring the minutes to the next business meeting.

Vice President's Report – Tim Wells asked if anyone had any ideas about the GATSME dinner; since there were no new ideas, we will go with the plan to have it at Rod's place. He just needs to select a date. Tim also mentioned that Francine was due for a vote. After a brief discussion, she was approved on a motion made by Val, seconded by Jay.

House – Tim said that the next three members on the list should mop the floor, collect the trash, etc. Repointing, test table modifications, moving file cabinets, etc. were discussed. This should go to the Planning Committee for further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Barlow reported that we had \$406.53 in the checking account, \$5,366.96 in the savings account, and \$27.90 in petty cash. He also said that there was one car sale, a reefer for \$19.50. He had sent a check for \$250.00 to Surrey Service for Seniors, \$100.00 from the club, and \$150.00 from individuals.

General Superintendent – Doug Baer said that some of the old wiring had been replaced, since it had been shorting out. Rich Barlow was working on the waterfall and river along leg 4 of the layout. The Greenville area should be kept clear, since track work will soon be in progress. Switch machines in the staging loops are being worked on. Bill Plank said that Cedar Haven wiring had been completed, and that the panel was in place. Signalling has also been wired. Additional signalling capabilities may be added. 13 of the Switchtender boards had been acquired, and the yard & passenger station will be the first areas to be connected; these boards will allow us to control switches from the throttles, so an operator will not need to be in the pit at all times. Mirrored control panels will be along the outside of the layout also, to make it more convenient to operate the layout. We need additional parts, and need to install these, so it will be at least 3 months before we see any installation on the layout, and at least a year for completion of this system. Ken Parsons is now working on the area above Sodus Point.

Operations – Chris O'Brien thanked everyone who helped with the invitational ops session. We will reinstate the crew caller position, to help keep things a little more organized. He said that he did not get the cooperation he is used to on some of the preparations. Mike Logan had had his computer connected to the LocoNet, monitoring the layout – there were 26 individual locomotives running at one point. Overall, the session was a B+; not perfect, but not bad. New operators are welcome, and training will be provided. Monday's operations session kind of fell apart; several members were planning to come, but forgot about it. We may just need to get used to this addition to the schedule.

Publicity – Charlie Liggett discussed internal publicity. He and Val will work on getting the club calendar posted on the web site. He also said that we could do email reminders to the club members for upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS

Electrical Committee – Tim mentioned that we still need to find a member to head the electrical committee.

George – Jerry will coordinate with George's family to retrieve any club equipment George may have had at home, and return any of George's equipment that is still at the club.

Bad Ordered Cars – Val mentioned that there were several bad-ordered cars still on the workbench; please take care of any of yours that are there. He also had a technique for replacing the pins on Accurail cars with screws; if you have any of that type of car, see Val for more information. The "Era and Style Police" were mentioned. We are supposed to be modeling

the mid-1950s on the layout, so although we can be somewhat flexible, we shouldn't have 1970s-era paint schemes or car types on the layout, except during "show-mode" operations.

July Business Meeting – We were told that the July business meeting would be held on the second Thursday of the month, since the first Thursday will be the day after the 4th of July, and a lot of members might have other plans that week.

NEW BUSINESS

Sale – Charlie Liggett mentioned that Jenkintown Train & Hobby would be having GATSME day on the Wednesday after our business meeting, with 40% off retail for GATSME members that day.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Paul Lebiezinski, seconded by Ed Wilson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM, a duration of 38 minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick Monsimer,
Club Secretary