

Big Train Operator Club

3rd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting September 1, 2015

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scott Fowler at 8:06 P.M. EDT. Roll Call indicated present Jon Molesworth (Vice-President), Rich Dulski (Vice-President), John Groot (Treasurer), Dave Snow (Membership Chair), Bob Somogyi (BTO Editor), Ralph E. Wilcox (Director-Emeritus) and Marshall Adams (Secretary).

The board wished a speedy recovery for our President Bill Harryman who was not able to attend due to an illness.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the June 22, 2015 board meeting were approved as posted on the Club's website. Minutes from the June 25, 2015 members meeting in North Conway, NH were approved as posted on the Club's website.

Treasurer Report

The Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2015 indicate assets of \$31,436.53. The Profit and Loss report showed a net income YTD through September 1, 2015 of \$(5,610.76). The negative income reported is primarily a result of a \$4,650.00 down payment on the La Porte Convention Car Set being produced by HLW. The shortfall should be made up as convention set revenues are received and recorded. The board approved the Treasurer report.

Membership Report

Membership as of September 1, 2015 is 365—the same number of members as reported at our last meeting. Dave Snow shared several membership reports with the board that indicated renewals and revenues by month. The board approved the Membership Report.

BTO Editor Report

BTO 158 (Fall) is in the mail. It covers the North Conway convention in depth. BTO 159 (Winter) will include the 2016 calendar and details on the La Porte convention. The editor expressed the need for photos for the calendar. The board agreed to do an email blast requesting members to submit photos for the calendar.

Convention Report

North Conway; Final numbers were reviewed by the board.

La Porte

Most events have been finalized and/or are under contract. Convention car will be a set produced by HLW.

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Old Business

Membership Drive, Recruit a Buddy Program—Dave Snow; We have 7 new members as a result of the program, Marshall to draft policy for recognition of members who have recruited.

Contact Dealers to Distribute BTOC Literature—Scott; Success with RDL, Pizza Express, Reindeer Pass and Rhineland Trains—a big thanks to these dealers! Bob requested board to send him latest contact addresses so that he can mail out new literature.

New BTOC Website; Board unanimously agreed the new site by Lou Flammia is a great improvement for recruiting new members.

York Shows--Scott; Scott to contact Dave W. and Ulrich to discuss Fall York show.

Donations to BTOC; Treasurer received an accountant's opinion on the Club's handling of donation by members. Rich to draft policy for board review/approval for distribution to the membership.

Club Cars

2015 BTOC Work Train Power & Light car—sold out.

2016 BTOC Work Train Derrick car 33 of 48 are already sold, should sell out with delivery of BTO 158 to members, USA currently producing.

2016 ½ BTOC loco from HLW; Will be made to the quantity ordered through 1/28/16, Great loco, great design, real good price.

PayPal Policy review. Board reviewed and voted to allow as is for ordering club car and convention registration. Board agreed to absorb processing fees into the cost of goods and services. Board agreed to charge members back for fees imposed when refunds are granted on goods and services.

New Business--None.

Adjournment; The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM EDT.

Minutes prepared by Marshall Adams, Secretary.