

## **BAGRS Board Meeting – 19 August 2009**

7:05 PM meeting called to order

### **Board members present:**

- Don Watters, Russ Miller, Chip Gierhart, Nancy Norris, Frank Lucas, (guest) Kermit Paul

### **Topics:**

- Secretary's Report: Minutes:
  - All members read the printed minutes of June 2009. Chip Gierhart noted the correction of the bank account amount to be \$13,530.
- Membership Report (Frank Lucas):
  - Frank Lucas noted there are now 283 members.
- Treasurer's Report (Chip Gierhart):
  - Chip Gierhart handed out the current bank account and CD statements showing \$12,826.76, \$59,754.28, and \$109,598.58 respectively.
  - 2009 Budget vs. Actual: We are on track. The Conservatory project will be the unknown.
  - Conservatory of flowers: Jack Verducci is designing the layout. BAGRS will design, provide track, rolling stock, installation, and off-site support for equipment. Chip Gierhart is contact liason with the Conservatory.
  - Action Items (if any): Next meeting is August 26th.
- Baggage Car :
  - Dennis Mack was not present. Russ Miller is planning a logo and for use by an order web site. Dennis noted in a letter to the board that the inventory is not moving. An idea was proposed to add an offer for clothing when members join.
  - Action Items (if any): Russ to work with Dennis on new system. Chip will look into offering clothing to new members online.

- Live Steamer Report :
  - Good Turnout in August in Gliroy.
- Scheduling Coordinator's Report (Ray Turner):
  - Ray Turner was not present. The attendance at the recent open houses was discussed. Chip Gierhart noted that attendance is down; people signing in are either "core 30" members or nearby. People are not traveling long distances. People also know which are the "good" layouts. Chip noted that putting poorly maintained layouts on the tours hurts the club's image.
  - Action Items (if any): Ray's letter suggested we visit the whole open house/mega-weekend idea at the October meeting. Board suggested we focus on more intra-district events. Ideas included one open house at the end of a open house day hosting all the hosts for that day.
- Vice President's Report (Russ Miller):
  - 2010 Annual Meeting will be held February 20th at the Conservatory of Flowers in SF from 9AM to 5PM. Potluck lunch with invited national speakers.
  - Newsletter is taking 10 hours. Russ: "Nobody is submitting information by the 15th as requested".
  - 2011 Regional Meet following the NMRA is being planned.
  - Action Items (if any): Russ Miller will finalize the Conservatory plans, get tables and chairs, and set a schedule.
- Market Segmentation Report (Johannes - absent):
  - Request for committee members was discussed by the board. A note was made to Johannes for more details about the tasks and each board member would make call.
  - Action Items (if any): Johannes will get more detail and board members will call for him.
- Public Outreach (Nancy Norris):
  - Trailer Proposal. Nancy Norris handed out a detailed cost budget for \$5400 plus title and insurance. The board voted to approve a final budget of \$7000.00

- Action Items (if any): Chip Gierhart will send a check to BD Trailers with titleing information.

- Old Business (Don Watters):

None

- New Business (Don Watters):

None

**Next Board Meeting:**

- On October 20 at Don Watters' home from 10am 'til 12 noon.

Adjourned at 9:10PM PM.