

BAGRS Board Meeting 6/12/2011

10:05 a.m. meeting called to order at the home of Ray Turner

Board members and guests present:

- Ray Turner, Chip Gierhart, Richard Murray, Russ Miller, Bob Evans, Steve Smith and Bill Allen

Secretary Report - Reading of the minutes was waived. Minutes were approved with the correction of the Open House information noted in an email from Ray

Treasurer Report – Chip reported that we have \$8,919 in the bank plus some money in PayPal. We have about 30 paid for the Regional Meet and the same for Niles Canyon. We have spent \$1025 so far and we will need another \$1125 for the train ride plus about \$10 per person for the dinners. It looks like we will lose money on the Regional Meet unless we have a lot of late entries.

Vice-President Report – Bob reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on Feb. 11 with the same venue as this year without the need to be present to win the raffle

Open House Report – A discussion was held concerning the food for the Tuesday night social at Ray's house during the Regional Meet. It was decided to set the budget at \$200.

LSOL would like to video the open Houses during The Regionals and would like releases signed. A discussion was held as to whether or not we should charge him for this since LSOL is a business. It was decided that we will approach LSOL with the idea that people showing their layouts will receive a one year free subscription to the service. Attached is a list of the Regional Open Houses

Western Regional Meet - open houses - tentative (50)

Sunday 7/10

Marin (9AM - 2 PM): Steve Smith, Dart Rinefort, Frank Schwarb

North Peninsula (noon - 5 PM): George Whitehill, Jack Verducci, Robert Smith, Richard Murray, Dan Leibowitz

Monday 7/11

Mid Peninsula (9AM - 3PM): Chip Gierhart, Ron Green, Rob Lenicheck, Eric Struck, Tau Alpha, Don Watters, Don Marquardt, Bill Allen, Bob Trabucco
Sunnyvale (1-5 PM): Mike Paterson, Roger Allen, Al McCracken

Tuesday 7/12

Santa Cruz/Monterey (9AM - 1PM): Dan Smith, Dan Riggs, Bill Eldridge, Ed Hutton
Gilroy/Morgan Hill (noon - 4PM): Gary Knoth, Dale McAnally, Robert Elia, *Carman's Nursery, Garden Accents*
Tuesday evening open houses and social (5 - 8 PM): Rich Johnson, Ray Turner

Wednesday 7/13

East Bay District (9AM - 3:30PM): Russ Miller, Amy Herman, Bill Ralph (complimentary hot dog lunch), Henner Meinhold, Jim Fryer, Ken Martin, Richard Johnson, Joe Barker (San Leandro Historical Railway Society)
Niles Canyon Railway train ride & dinner ~ 5PM

Thursday 7/14

Tri-Valley (9AM - 2PM): Jim Anthony, Dave Connery, Dave DeVoto, Joe Ragni, Bobby Waal
Diablo Valley (noon - 6PM): Frank Lucas, Kermit Paul, Nancy Norris(trailer at Kermit's), Bob Evans, Michael Collins, Tom Westhoff, Adela Parada, Eric Moe

News Letter – Steve noted that the News Letter is a lot more work than he thought it would be.

A problem printing the pages was discussed and it was discovered that people were pressing the wrong print button. This will be clarified in the next issue.

Outreach Trailer (Nancy Norris)

Since October, the trailer has used \$553.02 in parts, (I bought these with the \$500 Chip sent me) mostly hardware, spray-on foam for scenery, and sunshade fabric for a skirt. Outstanding bills include metal for many bridges, supports, standoffs, winch arms, etc, that Seth Abraham has built and continues to fabricate. He is unsure whether to tell me how much he has spent and I suspect he would still make everything if I just said thank you, but I am in the odd situation where I don't know if I should offer him some reimbursement for parts. His work is amazing. He has pulled together the finishing of the trailer for us.

At the last show, KidFest, we ran trains for three days (and water feature on an uncharged battery). I was exasperated with kids touching everything and knocking trains off the track. Seth is building metal stanchions attached to the trailer that are part of the trailer frame, folding sides and extensions of the bridge supports. This will save us from buying cones and setting up ropes which would still get pushed over. As we set up the trailer, the stanchions will already be there with loops ready for hooking on some rope and signs. Terry is bringing the sign from the Conservatory to see if it fits, because we really need a good sign. We need more BAGRS cards. We only gave them to parents at KidFest, but still need more. Several people said they would be going to the WCR Meet.