

BAGRS Board Meeting 4/16/2012

7:05 P.M. - meeting called to order

Board members and guests present:

- Chip Gierhart, Richard Murray, Bob Evans, , Frank Lucas, Jim Anthony, Ray Turner, Nancy Norris and Bill Allen
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Secretary Report – Minutes were waived from the last meeting as Bill was not present. Bob will get a recap to Bill and the minutes will then be sent to all

Treasurer Report – Bob Evans reported the following:

Due to vacation schedules, travel schedules, work schedules and other issues, it has taken some time to transition Treasurer's job from Chip to me. Chip has been quite helpful and been a good mentor. Our balances as of today are as follows:

Bank of the West 9,192.49

Mechanic's Bank 1,000

Pay Pal Account 260.04

Pending Deposits 54

10,506.53

Luther Burbank 100,286.46

Luther Burbank (9/11) 63,208.10

163,494.56

Total 174,001.09

I have not checked the Luther Burbank balance since Chip's last entry, so these balances are as of last September. But since these are low interest CD's they will have increased only slightly.

I have about \$1,000 in bills pending, as well as a request for \$500 for a deposit on the annual meeting site. I'm waiting to get checks from the new bank to pay these. They should come in any day now.

Chip reported that there is about \$2,000 in insurance payments will become due shortly

Vice-President Report – Annual meeting is set for Hiller. Richard was able to negotiate a \$500 reduction in the cost and we will also be able to run the live steam track inside.

Newsletter – Steve was not present. Chip reported that there were 156 opened newsletters this month which is a new high. We believe this is a result of the new format and in particular the member input section.

Chip asked Ray to reach out to the District Superintendents to solicit continued participation and to encourage those who will be hosting open houses to submit something the month that they are open

Live Steam Report – Richard reported that we will be holding the same steamups as last year

Chip asked if anyone knows where the title to the trailer is.

Membership report – Frank reported that the membership stands at 245 and that we have had 11 additions since the annual meeting vs ten additions last year. It seems like the members who have dropped out are older members who are getting out of the hobby. Chip mentioned that his contact from the San Diego organization has seen the same thing down there

Roving Railroad – Nancy reported that their district held a work party this weekend. Some landscaping was done and Kermit was making a new power panel. The next venue is “Kid’s Fest”. Nancy will need stanchions to keep people from touching the setup but for this event she can pound stakes in the ground and wrap a rope around them.

Open House Report – Ray reported that we had three of the district “Social” open houses this weekend which were attended by 8 -10 people each.

Richard reported that the summer picnic will be at Shoute Park in Los Altos. Open houses will be from 11:00 to 4:00PM and the picnic will follow. The venue will be similar to last year and the cost estimate is \$10 each

Old Business – None.

New Business – Richard reported that the annual meeting will be February 9, 2013

Adjourned at 7:42 PM