



Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA
Minutes for the General Membership
Annual General Membership Meeting, Dec. 7, 2008
Held at the home of Bill Harrison

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 4:19 by Bill Harrison

Quorum Call: Members Present; Buddy Broussard, Clay Fourrier, Bill Harrison, George Hogh, Richard Kater, Mort Kelly, A. L. Levy, Curtis Mann, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Dick Mitchell, John Morehiser, Harley Rabig, Charlie Roose, Carroll Thompson and Charles Wayne.

Reading of the last meeting minutes was offered. A move to dispense with a reading of the minutes was adopted and the minutes were accepted by voice vote.

President's Report: Outgoing President Bill Harrison spoke very briefly about the goals he had for the past year. He was disappointed not to have the club visit Children's Hospital and hoped we would work to have that happen under the incoming officers. He said that he had enjoyed the challenge of serving as President and would be willing to generally help incoming officers with their duties. He subsequently thanked his wife and partner Shirlene for the invaluable assistance unselfishly given to him this past year. And this was generally acknowledged by all present.

Vice President's Report: Mort Kelly passed around pictures of the last meeting at Clay Fourrier's home, and also a few taken at the recent show of the Mighty Komplex switching layout which he operated tirelessly throughout the day. He suggested that The Kiddie Layout may need to be changed somewhat, or at the least the track needs to be refurbished. Bill Harrison offered new 0-27 track at cost for this. He reported that the operation of these layouts was a big hit with the kids and especially with the ladies present.

Treasurer's Report: Chip Mann reported a balance of \$4887.03 in the treasury. He also passed around an accounting of all credits and debits incurred from the recent show of Nov. 15. This showed a rare profit for the club of \$437.

Unfinished Business: The election of chapter officers for the next calendar year was undertaken. The ballots were collected and opened by Secretary Chip Mann, with Buddy Broussard assisting as ballot checker. Chip reported that 31 ballots were counted. There were no write-in nominations and all nominations were elected universally. The incoming officers are: President - Clay Fourrier, Vice President - Mort Kelly, and Secretary/Treasurer - A. L. Levy. The Vice President suggested a motion to destroy the ballots. This motion was made by Carrol, seconded by Harley, and passed by voice vote. The results were accepted and the new officers were officially installed by this process.

New business: None except that a general discussion was started by Charlie Roose who wanted to testify to the general positive feedback and experience concerning the recent train show. He pointed out that the VFW Hall was particularly noted for it's size, layout and location and he thought this greatly contributed to a successful show.

A motion was made by Clay Fourrier and seconded by A. L. Levy to officially commend Bill Harrison for the work he has done this past year to keep the La. TCA Chapter viable; and also the success and enjoyment that members experienced by his leadership and hard work as outgoing President. This passed by overwhelming voice vote.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: Not discussed.

Late News: In the haste to move into the party phase of this gathering, no mention or discussion was done concerning the next meeting. So you are hereby asked to consider hosting a meeting sometime in January 2009. A decision on this will be made at a later time and the results will be made known to all members. Please contact any club officer should you be willing to host this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the Vice President at 4:44 pm.

A holiday party setting was provided by Bill and Shirleen to include food, drinks and the running of Bill's train layout. A pleasant time was had by all, including several of the ladies who attended with club members. We are all grateful for inviting us to their lovely home and wish them and all members and their families a Merry Christmas prosperity in the New Year.

A. L. Levy
Secretary / Treasurer