

Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA
Minutes for the General Membership
Meeting February 10, 2008
Held at the home of Bill Harrison

Opening

President called the meeting to order. At 4:45 p.m.

The Secretary-Treasurer was present and served as recording secretary.

Quorum Call – Members Present: Billy Broussard, Paul Gipson, Bill Harrison, Richard Kater, Mort Kelly, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Charlie Roose, Michael Sandras, Cliff Tonguis, A.L. Levy, Al Kidder, Charley Wayne, Pepe Lafourcade, Jim Liverett, Harley Rabig, Russell Trahan, George Hogh. Joe Wrubleski.

Reading of last board meeting minutes was offered. Russell Trahan moved to dispense with reading of minutes – Seconded by Cliff Tonguis.

Reports

- i) President Bill Harrison welcomed us to his home
- ii) The venue for the next train show was discussed. Candidates:
 - (1) Baton Rouge – Great hall – too expensive
 - (2) Lamar Dixon – 24k square feet, has been sold to parish. Now managed by SMG management prices are \$875 per show day with half day setup and costs for cleaning and management. \$5 per table and \$.50 per chair giving approximately \$2,000 for show costs there.
 - (3) Local hall good candidate KC Hall in Gretna. – Hall has just been redone very nice. Have 70 tables and also chairs. Cost is \$500 which covers setup day and show day. Tables and chair costs included in \$500.
 - (4) Castine Center still an option
- iii) This will be a chapter train meet 24 May, 2008.
- iv) The last division meet in the region was in Katy TX in January.
- v) The meet will be only 1 day on Sat. w/unload Fri PM
- vi) Bill asked which month should we have the chapter meet – May or July.
- vii) The Division meet will be in November. Location ??
- viii) Vote by hands and it was decided we will have the meet in May.
- ix) How much to charge to attend the show was discussed. It was proposed \$5 for adults and \$3 for children over 15, under 15 free.
- x) Train vendor news
 - (1) MTH and Lionel seem to have reached an agreement – nothing revealed yet but Lionel will be out of receivership soon.
 - (2) New Lionel catalogs have shipped.
 - (3) Three catalogs this time, Ready to Run, K-Line and Lionel – all info online at lionel.com
- xi) Member info
 - (1) New members

- (a) Pepe Lafourcade
- (b) Mike Sandras
- (c) Dominic Michelli
- (2) Members must belong to both local and national
- xii) Treasurers report
 - (1) \$2500 in the bank
 - (2) We continue to build up money to help with meets
- xiii) Club Layouts
 - (1) Busy Bee needs work
 - (2) Mighty complex needs work
 - (3) Cliff still has the club layouts stored
 - (4) Carroll recommends a meeting where we work on the layouts to repair them and get them ready to use. Possibly meet in March – no date decided.
- xiv) Division Meets
 - (1) TCA New Braunfels date is now May 31
 - (2) York is April 17,18,19
 - (3) Richardson meet will be in August.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business .

No additional new business

Closing.

The next meeting will be in April – the date was not announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The La. Chapter offers our condolences to member Russell Trahan whose mother recently passed away.

Respectfully submitted

Chip Mann

Recording Secretary.