



Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA
Minutes for the General Membership
Meeting October 26, 2008
Held at the home of Clay Fourrier

Opening

Meeting opened by President Bill Harrison at 4:05 p.m.

Quorum Call – Members Present: Clay Fourrier, Paul Gipson, Bill Harrison, George Hogh, Richard Kater, Mort Kelly, A.L. Levy, Curtis Mann, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Charlie Roose, Mike Sciavico, Carroll Thompson, Charles Wayne and James Webb.

Reading of last board meeting minutes was offered. Move to dispense with reading of minutes was adopted.

President's Report

Bill started the meeting by thanking people for the work they have done to prepare for the November meet. Clay Fourrier for creating the flyer, Richard Kator for printing the poster and Pepe Lafourcade for printing the color flyers.

31 tables have been sold as of the meeting. Bill encouraged everyone to get in their reservations, money and table reservations as soon as possible. November 8 is the deadline.

We will have the Crescent City S railers expand their layout and the tentative plans call for layouts in the back room of the hall. We will also have an O scale layout. The main room will have the kiddie layout and the Mighty Complex.

Pat Halpin and Newt Derby will be coming to represent the Lone Star Division and the TCA National. Friday night there will be a dinner for the visiting officers and the chapter officers and wives.

Dinner will be at Zea's Clearview at 7pm.

Lone Star region has proposed selling a car and is asking for suggestions. A helium car is being discussed. Mort Kelly proposed a wrecker crane car in KCS livery.

For the November 15 meet:

Friday - Setup 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday-Doors open at 7 a.m.

TCA Trading at 8 a.m.

Public allowed at 9 a.m.

Doors close at 4 p.m.

Door prizes have been solicited and Bill Harrison and Mike Sciavicco have donated items, also items have been received from Kalmbach, O Gauge Railroading and Lionel and The Train Station.

A silent auction will be held that will be composed of items donated by club members. Only TCA members may bid in the auction. There will be no minimum on the price of the auction items. Sheets will be placed with each item and a bidder will record their name, TCA number and amount. Donations for the silent auction are due to Bill by 10 a.m. Bidding will conclude at noon.

Raffle prizes will be provided and raffle tickets sold during the meet.

Two hundred additional wooden whistles have been ordered to be given out. Thanks Wynn for handling.

Vice Presidents Report

Mort contacted Operation Lifesaver to see if they could provide materials or a person. The program has changed and a local rep will be provided. He is the KCS Yardmaster and he will be at the meet for 2 hours.

Bill asked the status of the ribbons for the meet. Mort had inquired about the ribbons but had not ordered them. Bill requested Mort to order the ribbons ASAP.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer reported that we have \$2,501.83 in the bank.

The Vice President yielded the gavel to the President at 4:22 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Completion of nomination of new officers.

At the last meeting a motion to defer was made. The nomination process was now resumed. A review of the positions indicated that the positions of Vice President and Secretary Treasurer had candidates, VP – Mort Kelly, Secretary Treasurer – A. L. Levy.

The floor was opened for nominations for President. Clay Fourrier was nominated by

A.L. Levy with a second by Bill Harrison. After further discussion – nominations were closed. The ballot was set as the following:

President – Clay Fourrier

Vice President – Mort Kelly

Secretary Treasurer – A.L. Levy

The president directed the Secretary Treasurer to distribute a ballot with the minutes of the November meeting. Ballots must be mailed back to the Secretary/Treasurer. Ballots will contain the above names and a place for write-in candidates for each position.

Deadline for ballots due is 1 December,08

Motion to close nominations was made by Carroll Thompson, seconded by Curtis Mann. Vote to close nominations was unanimous.

WE REQUEST A VOLUNTEER TO HOST THE CHRISTMAS MEETING. WE'D LIKE EITHER 7 OR 14 DEC

Thanks to Clay and Leslie for a great meeting place. Their hospitality, food and a beautiful backyard and a fun g-scale railroad made this a fun meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chip Mann.

Meeting adjourned by the President 5:15 p.m.

Chip Mann

Secretary / Treasurer