



Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA
Minutes for the General Membership
Chapter Meeting of October 11, 2009
Held at the home of Bill Harrison, Metairie, La.

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Clay Fourrier at 4:07 PM.

Quorum Call: Members present were Clay Fourrier, Jeff Fowler, Wynne Friedrichs, Paul Gipson, Bill Harrison, George Hogh, L. J. Jourdan, Richard Kater, Mort Kelly, George Kosanovich, A. L. Levy, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Pat Peresich, Harley Rabig, Charlie Roose, Michael Sandras, Carrol Thompson, Charles Wayne, and James Webb. Also present were family guests Pam Fowler, Shirleen Harrison and Leonard Jourdan.

Reading of the last minutes was offered. There was no objection to the minutes. A motion was made by Chip Mann and seconded by Mike Sandras to accept the minutes as offered. The minutes were accepted by voice vote.

President's Report: Clay Fourrier thanked Bill and Shirleen Harrison for hosting the meeting in their usual fine style. He noted new member Jeff Fowler's train store in Ponchatoula. He offered the current Division Newsletter, an updated chapter roster and new Lionel catalog.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Mort Kelly activated the Rules Task Force as authorized by the membership if the National By-Laws were amended. The National TCA By-Laws have been approved with changes. He asked for volunteers for the La. Chapter task force to revise the chapter by laws. No one spoke up to volunteer. This committee consists of the current officers Mort Kelly, Clay Fourrier and A. L. Levy as initially constituted.

Sec./Treasurer's Report: A. L. Levy reported \$2905.14 in the checking account. The monthly bank statement was balanced on 10/11/09.

The TCA t-shirt order cost \$356.95. \$260 was collected from members. Five extra shirts and shipping of \$16.95 cost the chapter account the difference of \$96.95.

Two people joined La. Chapter since the last meeting.

A motion was made by A. L. and seconded by Mort to expense the cost of producing advertising poster boards for the past GTE show and upcoming Division meet. The motion passed by voice vote.

A. L. presented the Division Newsletter which advertised the upcoming Division meet.

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business: A motion was made by Mort Kelly and seconded by Mike Sandras to authorize the selling of advertising space for train related sales in the La. Chapter Newsletter. The motion was amended to have the rates for this set by executive committee and presented at the next meeting. The voice vote on the amended motion passed unanimously.

Three announcements were allowed under the topic of New Businesses:

- 1- Steam Fest will take place in Audubon Park on October 17 and 18.
- 2- The Crescent City Model Rail Road Club will have an Open House on November 28.
- 3- Louisiana Public Broadcasting will have a December 7 update on La. Railways produced by Chapter President Clay Fourrier.

A motion was made by Mort Kelly and seconded by Mike Sandras to commend A. L. Levy on his work as Division Meet Host this year. This passed unanimously

Nominations for next year's Chapter officers were taken up and all members were encouraged to run for office. Nominations were as follows:

Clay Fourrier was nominated for Chapter President.

Mort Kelly was nominated for Chapter Vice President

There was no nomination for Chapter Secretary and Treasurer.

A nominating deadline of one month prior to the vote count is required by chapter by laws. To allow all members including those not present to participate, the Chapter President declared the nominating process to be held open into the month of November and the vote count to occur at the December meeting. The date and place of the December meeting has not been set.

A recess was declared at 4:55 PM.

The meeting was continued at 5:19 PM.

Division Meet Chairman A. L. Levy began a report and interactive discussion with members concerning details of show plans. Specifics of this report will be posted on the web site in the Division Show section under Chairman's comments. Sign up sheets for table shift assignments were passed around and many members signed up to work the admission tables under the supervision of Rich Kater and raffle tables under the supervision of Mort Kelly. Hall Captain Dominic Michelli will work with these leaders as well as seeing that the remote station at the Trade Days event is staffed and all tables are properly arranged. Members are asked to notify him when they leave the hall to go to the craft fair.

Announcements: There will be a brief businesses meeting at the Division show. No date and place has been set for the December meeting. Members are asked to volunteer a place for this and other meetings.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Clay Fourrier at 6:20 PM.

A. L. Levy
Sec./Treas. LSD, TCA – La. Chapter

