



February 2013

The RRA business meeting of February was called to order at 6:47 p.m. There were ten members present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

Well now, spring is just around the corner, but I don't think it knows which way to turn! I think most of us have had enough of the cold and snow, but that's how it is up here in "da nort woods."

As of the writing of this message, we have received this information from Trigs on the store where our layouts are set up. We must vacate the premises by April 1st, 2013. This means everything must be out! With the Easter weekend being on the last weekend of March, we must start now to carry out with this project!

Members are asked that if they have anything at the store to please get it out of there. There are certain items at the store that will not be able to be stored at the depot under the layout in the basement due to the rewiring and updating of the layout there! There are items that members are going to be asked to store, if they have the room, at their home or in their garage. We need help on this!

Please plan to attend the next business meeting of RRA which will be held on March 13th, Wednesday, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the store in Trigs Mall. This will be the last business meeting at this location. Hope to see you there!

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

The treasurers' report was read and accepted as read. The following bills were voted on and approved to be paid;

- Chamber of Commerce- \$100.
- An Expense not exceeding \$200 was set up to buy extra ink and paper for printer.
- \$200 limit was set to buy parts needed for re-wiring the layout.
- \$50 to be paid to SSD for the design of a new logo. The logo will be used on hats, shirts, and badges promoting our club.
- \$200 will be spent on R.R. hats to sell at the museum and to club members.

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News has arrived with word that wheels are in motion for the repainting and restoration of the Thunder Lake railroad cars. Currently, a reroofing project has been approved for the business car and the caboose. To hear more details of the restoration, please stop in at one of our Wednesday night meetings.

We have news that we must move out of the Trig's old Family Dollar Store location, where our meetings are held currently and where the portable layout is. We must move the layouts, electronics, and all other miscellaneous boxes out by April 1st 2013. Information about when we're moving the layout and things will be sent out over email when available.

The RRA has been invited to go to Strawberry Fest! The invitation came from Waupaca for Saturday and Sunday, June 15th and 16th. The Waupaca club has invited us to present our layout for free. The club will need three people to go to set up and man the layout during on June 14th, 15th, and 16th. If you are able to help during one of these times, please let the club know. A final decision regarding the go ahead of the trip will be made during the March 13th business meeting.

Everyone loves the fair, do they not? And seeing as the Oneida county fair is fast approaching this coming August we have decided to keep the depot open this year, unlike the past two years, to take advantage of the potential visitors for the museum. Along with keeping the depot open, we at the RRA want to have a food stand set up, selling a Northwoods favorite, apple pie and ice cream. We would like to do this to raise funds for the club. More info will be available when we find and secure suppliers for the products to be sold.

The layout at the depot needs to be rewired. Brendan Marquardt has proposed a basic plan to rewire the layout at the depot, and the plan was approved. The main wiring will be scheduled for completion by Memorial Day, aka the day the depot is open. We will be doing the wiring in sections, first starting with the two main lines, and wiring it in zones. When the wiring is finished, the layout will have a total of 32 power district, so in the event of a short in the electrical, it will only stop 1/32 of the layout and let the rest run unaffected. Dates for rewiring have not yet been set.

The following revisions have been voted on and approved for the Constitution and Bylaws:

- 1. Article II: Purpose, Section B, line 16 shall include after the word-in- "and for the City of Rhinelander."
- 2. Article II: Purpose, section C, Line 19 shall include after the phrase –model railroading-"in and for the city of Rhinelander."
- 3. Article II: Purpose, Section D, Line 21 shall include after the word –Association-"Pioneer Park Historical Complex and the public in general."
- 4. Article V: Officers Duties and responsibilities, Section C. Duties and Responsibilities, Number 4, The Secretary Shall, Line 109 shall read as revised in its entirety, "A. Record and maintain a record of the meetings, provide minutes of the last meeting, provide the Agenda for monthly meetings for the Association and/or the Executive Committee."

Rhinelander Railroad Association, business 2nd Wednesday, 7 PM at the Logging Museum Depot, operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM same location or Trigs Mall, old Family Dollar Store, Rhinelander, WI with modular layout. See www.rrahome.org

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