

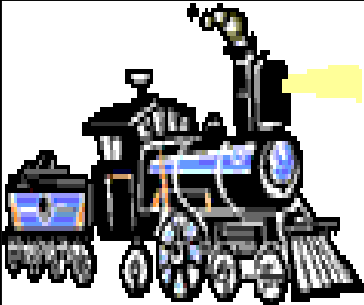


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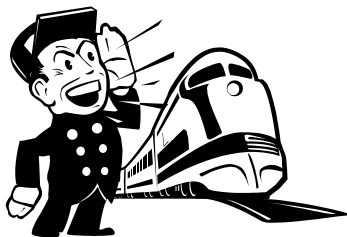
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Running Smoothly

Chairman's Letter

The Train Show was a weekend back, I was there on Sunday afternoon, the crowds were thin. There was kids ride there. It looks if their were expecting us also. The other ride was charging four dollars for the ride, in the future we may want to rethink the donation thing. It may make our present more beneficial for us.

Please let Tom Wade know if you are going to the Christmas Party, please note it is a *Christmas Party*. Watch the web site for more inform.

There will be work all winter long. We will be building panels, bending rail, moving panels. There is some cleaning up of our warehouse, to get this started. Work on road bed will also be progressing. First off, the concrete work needs to be done. The construction needs to get started. We will need to vote on four yards or so of concrete, for footings and pads.

We will be having our last public run this month. It is hard to tell the number or riders we will have. I hope we can close up the grounds for the year also. We need to straighten out the storage areas, clean out the refrigerator and freezer, bath rooms, and kitchen areas. Gutters also need to be cleaned out for the year. The Nebo Station should be sweep out.

We will be working on the first and third Saturday each month, all winter long. Plan on coming over and having some fun. This will start with November.

Dave

Project to be done 2011

- Lighting in Nebo yard
- Completion of Storage yard fence (gate)
- Remove dirt from small pond in Kansas
- Finish painting picnic tables (Steel Frame and wood top)
- Tree removal a around pond
- Chair rack for folding chairs
- Finish Puting post caps on. The caps are in the building.

DRAFT- Long Term Storage Track Lease Agreement

Proposed Long Term Storage Track Lease Agreement (This agreement is for the raising of funds to build a new track storage building and the term begins upon completion of the storage track building. The ILS will not be offering any other long term agreements upon completion of the building and the terms of this agreement. It is an investment in the future of the ILS. If the track storage building construction has not started **by** JUNE 30, 2013 and not finished within 2 years of the starting date, a full refund will be returned to the undersigned.

This Long Term Storage Track Lease Agreement dated, _____ (date) is between the Indiana Live Steamers, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the "ILS" and _____ (name of person), hereafter referred to as the "Lessee" with the following terms:

The lessee shall be a member of the ILS in good standing.

This lease shall be in effect for 60 months beginning the month of completion of the storage track building. Signing of this lease is a commitment to the future construction of the ILS storage building and is not renewable. The cost for this 60-month lease is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) and is due upon signing.

The lessee shall have for his/her personal use one (1) storage track at the ILS engine house upon completion of the new storage building.

The lessee agrees to store on this track only active 7 ½ gauge railroad equipment. "Active equipment" is meant to be in the ILS use as: All rolling stock including locomotives of all types must be able to run safely on the ILS track while stored in the building. An exception is possible when equipment fails while at the ILS track and pursuant to conditions listed in item # 5.

The lessee shall not construct or modify his/her rolling stock or locomotives on the storage tracks. Exception(s): If a break down occurs at the ILS track repairs can be made at the storage facility as long as they can be completed in a reasonably short time. A "reasonably short time" is a few days. This allows one to obtain parts and replace the broken part at the facility. This provision prevents the storage facility from becoming a "workshop away from home." Any lengthening of the "reasonably short time" must be approved by the person in charge of the facility, the Vice-President. [This does not keep someone from having an "unfinished" piece of equipment in the storage building as long as it satisfies #4 "active" above.]

The lessee may sublease his/her track to the first person on the storage track waiting list with the approval of the ILS's vice-president or his/her designee. The original lessee has the right to leave his/her track open. ILS members other than the original lessees are not permitted to place equipment on the vacant track. Upon discovery of such a situation the person in charge of the building must be notified of the situation as well as the offending person whose equipment is found on the track. If those persons are not reachable a member of the board must be found to resolve the situation. If no one can be reached the equipment may be left outside the building at no fault to the lessee.

The lessee may relinquish any or all of the remaining time on the lease to the next up on the waiting list with the approval of the person in charge. The new lessee would pay the ILS member relinquishing his/her time on a pro rated scale.

For the purpose of this agreement the year shall begin with the month of signing and shall end the last day of the next previous month. However, if the signee is currently leasing a storage track this agreement shall become effective at the expiration of the current lease. Furthermore, it shall be understood that the current storage track lessee will have the right to renew his/her storage track lease yearly.

The lessee will, when terminating this agreement, immediately remove his/her equipment from the rental storage track.

The ILS shall not be responsible for any loss or damage due to fire, theft, water or any cause whatsoever to the lessee's property, including the situation covered in #6.

By signing this lease agreement the lessee certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the lease.

(Lessee's signature)

(Date)

(ILS designated official)

(Date)

ILS Minutes of September 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Kirch at 10:10 am.

A voting quorum was determined to be present among the general members and among the directors.

Christy Petro was introduced as a guest. She runs a printing shop in Columbus and gave a presentation at the end of the meeting about the shop's capabilities.

The secretary's report was discussed as published in the Pop Valve.

The treasurer presented his report and the president requested it be filed for audit.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Train storage report—7 members are on the waiting list
 2. Track maintenance--Jim Eaton mentioned that cross elevation is an issue in all sections and leaders need to correct these problems.
 3. Signals--The signals worked flawlessly over Heartnut.
 4. Safety—There were some safety issues mostly related to derailments over Heartnut.
 5. Steam power--no report
 6. Commissary and building—The soda money is not added up to the number of sodas sold! It's an honor system folks.
 7. Grounds--Erv reported on the work he did to the track correcting the transitions off the road crossings and they are much smoother now.
- Education—Dan reported there will be an excursion on August 28th and the birthday excursion has been delayed due to illness and will be rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

The lease for the new building construction has not been finalized but Terry will send it to all directors and get it approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave met with the park board and explained the plans for phase 3.

The park board is going to attach us to the sewer but it most likely won't be until next year and we will incur a monthly charge for the service.

Dave is hoping to tag on the end of concrete work going on in the park but nothing is moving right now. Dave wants to get out pours ready just in case.

Dave also asked the park board about the roof on the warehouse. The park does not plan to do any maintenance on that building.

Dave mentioned that starting now the first and third Saturdays will be work days to get moving on phase 3.

Dan Racke made a motion to not remove any current switches for use in phase 3 and Terry Gilmore seconded that motion. When put to vote most voted for the measure with one person voting against, John Huizenga. The motion passed.

Tom Wade made a motion to purchase 200 boxes of plastic ties for panel construction for phase 3. That cost will be approximately \$8400. A second was given by Jim Eaton. With a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Wade made a motion to extend the meeting as time was running out. A second by John Herman and a vote of the members and the meeting continued.

Tom Wade then presented his rendition of a by law change that would solve the quorum issue we have had in the last two meetings. After some discussion and some minor changes a vote was taken of the membership, which passed the measure, to present this change at the next meeting for an official vote.

John Herman made a motion to adjourn, a second was given by Jim Eaton, and the meeting came to an end with all in agreement.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Kirch, Terry Gilmore, Bob McGregor, John Huizenga, Erv Tulloch, Jim Eaton, Dan Racke, John Herman, Jerry Hoffman, Dick Bray, Clarence Cochran, Joe Hudson, Dave Jones, Brad Lane, Dave Myrick, Paul Nelson, Peggy Racke, George Raley, Jim Schulz, Ezra Steiman-Cameron, Tom Steiman-Cameron, Tom Wade

This item suggested to be added as 5.7.1.4 , 5.8.5.4 , and 5.9.5.4 Vote at Oct. meeting.
For the purpose of determining a quorum only , any member, not present, who has not attended one of the last three meetings (either Joint Member/ Board or Annual) will not be counted in the number of eligible voters as defined by Article 3.7.2.3. (Note: This is a one time event and will not cause any change in the status of that member.)

Pictures form Dog Daze Sept. 2011



Any Information that you wish to have in the Pop Valve it needs to be emailed or received by snail mail by the first weekend of the month.

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October

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	15	15 Meeting 10:00 and run/work day
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November

		1	2	3	4	5 Work Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Meeting 10:00 and work day
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