

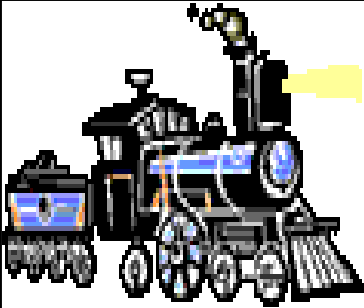


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Keep it on Track and



Actively Running

Chairman's Letter

The New Year is upon us. We have many projects started and being starting this year. There will be plenty to do. The plastic ties are in, rails are ready and drill jigs are being made for the tie bars. We can spend our time making panels the rest of the winter.

I will be reorganizing the track sections list. There are some sections with no one and others with only a few members. Some newer members have not been assigned a section yet. I may have to combine a couple of sections. Plan on working your area. All members will be ask to be doing the maintenance and upkeep for their sections. The reassignments will be made at the Feb. meeting. There will no train show for us this weekend.

The election will be coming up at the January meeting. If you are interest in a position call John Herman (317-407-9857) let him know. The ILS can only be as good as the members are willing to make it. So if your are on the side lines and wanting to help, or not happy how things are going, then get active. There are four positions open to be elected this year. Again you can make the difference, if put in the time and effort.

The other item of annual work for the first meeting of the year is the working budget for the entire year. As of writing this newsletter, the treasurer has not sent the accounts of expense from last year. I know as of now that income is off more than two thousands dollars, for we did not attend the train shows last year, each of which makes us around thousand dollars. We also cut back on the number of monthly public run days. Our annual expenses and income most be in balance by the bylaws. The only way I see out of this is to increase *Dues*. It looks like the imbalance is around three thousands dollars, if you look at member base and short fall (\$ 3000/60 = \$ 50.00); so dues may need to be raise by that amount. I do not see any cuts in the budget that would make up for that amount.

Yours dues are due in June this year. Track rental due in March. If you are signed up or want a track in the new building you need to get your money in. We will not start the new addition until all of the money is in. It can be a great year if you pitch in, join with other members, and work together allow all of us to have fun.

The January meeting will be in the Park Office building.

Dave

Projects to be done 2012
 Phase 3 Construction Panels and ground work.
 Lighting in Nebo yard
 Set and prepare the Gravel Bin.

ILS Organizational Chart of the Board

Chairman/President
Legal Agent, Daily Operations
Planning, Policy and Procedures

Vice President
Buildings and Structures
Train Storage and Maintenance

Treasurer
Maintain Books and Membership
Roster , Collect Dues and Fees

Secretary
Maintain Records, Minute,
Archives and Report to State

Safety Director
Training and Certification
Steam Power Testing
Equipment and Rolling Stock
Inspection, Signals

Grounds Director
Mowing, Trimming, Weed Control,
Brush Removal, Landscaping and
General cleanup of areas

Track Director
Maintain condition of the Right
of Way, Section Gangs,
General maintenance reviews
of sections

Events Director
Coordinate Public runs,
Member only events
Special Excursions

Education Director
Public education and Training
Member Recruitment
New Member contact

Public Relations Director
Pop Valve Editor
Web Site
Printing of club Materials

These Directors are responsible to report monthly the progress of each area to the chairman.
See the Bylaws for the specific responsibilities of the committees under each director.
The director is responsible for the active organization and participation of each committee.

The following positions are up for election this year.

Treasurer - Maintain Organization's books, Membership Roster, Collect dues and fees, pay bills, and present reports of finances a regular meetings.

Secretary - Maintain Organization's record meeting minutes, Determine Quorums, Archive club records, and keep current State reports.

Event Coordinator - Coordinate all Public events, Member Only runs and Special Excursions,

Public Relations Director– Coordinate Information Presented to the public including, Printing of Organizational Information in the form of Pamphlets, the Pop Valve, and the Web site .

Slated candidates for election Treasurer– Bob McGregor, **Secretary** - John Huizenga, **Event Coordinator** - Jim Shultz, **Public Relations** - John Herman

An opportunity for additional candidates for these positions will be accepted from the floor at the meeting Prior to the election.

ILS Minutes of November 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Kirch at 10:00 am.

Otis Kerr and his son Logan attended the meeting.

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

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

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

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Train storage report---no report

Track maintenance---Warehouse has been cleaned.

Signals---nothing

Safety--- no report

Steam power---no report

Commissary and building---Terry is requesting paint for the doors on the clubhouse.

Grounds---A final mowing has been done for the year to clean up all areas. Erv is making plans to paint Nebo station, Pedigo Bridge, and McClain station next year.

OLD BUSINESS---none

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on new track panel construction brought up the need for drilling rail ends accurately and John Huizenga volunteered to build a drilling jig. He also will get the length of the inside rail on curves so those can be cut at assemble of the panel.

The Christmas party is scheduled for the 10th of December at the Maples building with the cost to be \$10, payable to Bob McGregor but let Tom Wade know you are coming.

Terry Gilmore made a motion to adjourn; a second was given by Tom Wade, 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, John Herman, Jim Hinners, Jerry Hoffman, Dick Bray, Clarence Cochran, Dave Jones, Dave Myrick, Paul Nelson, George Raley, Tom Wade

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Meeting 10 am JCP Office Bldg.
22	26	24	25	26	27	28
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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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