

The meeting was held at "AMERICA ON WHEELS" on Sunday January,31,2010. AOW has offered us a meeting room for future meetings. This is great!

Members present were;

Dave Funk, Dave Hill, Nelson Fogle, Dick Diem, Bob Metz, Craig Weaver, Paul Bartlett, Bill Gold, Barbara Karkutt, Barry Yeakel, Jim Barker, Glenn Watt, Nelson Hollenbach

This was a good turnout but could be better.

Here are the meeting notes;

### **TREASURER REPORT;**

Barbara Kakutt reported that the club had \$1711.35 in the treasury. \$600.00 came from AOW for the display!

Barbara accepted new dues for 2010(\$10.00).

Barbara also presented all the dues paying members with new membership cards.

### **NEW BUSINESS;**

1. Member Dave Hill presented a proposal for building wooden storage boxes for all the track. The boxes would be hinged and on wheels for easy access. Dave volunteered to store the boxes. He estimated the cost for all boxes to be about \$250.00.

The members voted to proceed.

2. The club members suggested that the club purchase items for future shows. These items were;
  - 1 - Bridgeworks 4 channel power supply. This would give the club ample power to run multiple trains. This power supply usually sells for about \$800.00. Member Bill Gold said he had one that he never used and offered it to the club for \$400.00.

2 - Aristocraft train engineer remote control systems.

200 - Split jaw rail clamps. We ran short at the AOW display. If we want to do a larger display we will need more clamps.

Member Nelson Fogle who has a Large Scale retail store offered to sell the club these items at a reasonable price.

The members voted to proceed.

### **3. WEB SITE;**

It is obvious that the old LVLS web site needed an overhaul. Member Paul Bartlett offered to take over the web site. He said that his son does this professionally and offered his service for free! We will take a new domain name and at this time Paul is working on that. We believe that it will be great! We will update everyone on the status in the near future. Thanks Paul for your help!

#### **4. NEW CLUB NAME:**

Our new president, Jim Barker, proposed that we change, or enhance, the club name to try and inspire more new club members. The thought was that because "GARDEN" does not appear in the name it may confuse people. "LARGE SCALE" may be confusing.

One of the possible names presented was "LEHIGH VALLEY GARDEN RAILROADERS" (LVGR)

There was much discussion on the topic and the following Pros & Cons were presented;

Pros; Puts "GARDEN" in the name so more people can relate.

Cons: The name change would require a new Logo which would require new Hats, Shirts, Signs, etc, which would be a big expense.

It was voted that we keep the name as is.

#### **4. NEXT DISPLAY:**

Jim Barker was at a meeting with "AMERICA ON WHEELS" on 2/16/10 and he will publish a report, but I understand that it went very well and they really liked us! It looks like we will do it again this year.

#### **5. MEETINGS:**

It was suggested that the club should have meetings more frequently. It was suggested that we hold meetings every 3 – 4 mos. Jim Barker will announce our next meeting. There will be ample notice so we should have a good turnout.