

October 3, 2015

Annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Division of NARCOA

Meeting held at Ramones restaurant in South Fork, CO

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Summer (President), Richard Reiff, Ed Jaroscak, Brian Delaplaine, Chris Weaver, Brandon Eastburn, Ginni Davlin, Doug Davlin, Pat Green, Al Rodi, Philip Walters, Pat Duffy, Steve Jaroscak, Alan Borchardt and Steve Treibel

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Summer

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Pat Green presented last year's minutes as written. The minutes were approved and accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Pat Green presented the financial report as prepared by John Spiro. Pat reported the club ended the year with \$8668 in checking and savings. The club started the year with \$9142. The financial report was discussed and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: No one volunteered to run for the office of Vice President or Director at Large. The incumbents agreed to serve another term. No election was required.

OLD BUSINESS:

Philip Walters thanked the Board of Directors for moving the annual meeting date to an earlier time of year and in association with a scheduled run. The idea was discussed and the general consensus was to try and plan future annual meetings the same way.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Weaver (Vice President of NARCOA and Area 9 Representative) presented a few topics from the NARCOA annual meeting in Chicago.

1. Car inspections: The car inspection forms were changed last year, but there are still a few changes to be made to the Rule Book and Operations Manual. Those changes are expected to be complete in the next couple months. The intent of the new inspection form is to put responsibility of car inspection on the owner and not the excursion coordinator. The excursion coordinator does have the option of inspecting anything on a car and set out any car based on unsafe conditions.
2. NARCOA release form: Excursion coordinators reminded to use the current and official NARCOA release form and have everybody participating in a run sign it. The release form proved useful in resolving a recent lawsuit.
3. New NARCOA President: Bob Knight elected as new President of NARCOA. Chris reported that Bob is encouraging all members to get their e-mail address to NARCOA so that members will receive the Bulletins which have information regarding the club and NARCOA leadership. Bob is also committed to increasing the number of railroads available to run on, as well as, attracting

new members. On that note, NARCOA is printing pamphlets that have information about the hobby. Clubs will receive those pamphlets and distribute them to members through the excursion coordinators. Members are encouraged to hand those pamphlets to people asking questions about the hobby.

4. Chris has a copy of the agenda from the recent annual NARCOA meeting and can share that with members if requested.

Doug Summer thanked Don Shank for letting RMD run on his railroad all these years. Don thanked Bob Shank, Ron Artensio and Tracy Shank for their help in maintaining and operating the railroad. He also thanked the many RMD members that have helped him over the past 16 years.

2016 EXCURSIONS:

Philip Walters reported that he plans to have 2 narrow gauge excursions next year with similar schedules as the past couple years. The first will be around the first week in June, and the second around the third week in August. Philip stated that timing of the runs is heavily influenced by railroad operations on the Durango and Silverton and does not provide much flexibility in scheduling the runs.

Richard Reiff reported that scheduling an excursion on the SLRG (LaVeta pass) is being influenced by a possible western tour by MOW. Richard will not know much more until he hears from MOW.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the 2015 RMD annual meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.