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ON THE COVER – CP 2816, the Empress, rounds a curve west of Austin, Manitoba on July 7, 2024. Pictures of the Empress, either prototype or model are the Special Event in this years Photo Contest. Photo By Larry Leavens.

FROM THE EDITOR

A new modelling season is about to begin. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. I was able to make 3 railfan trips with various friends. One was of course to catch the Empress out in the country. We drove to a spot west of Austin hoping to get away from the crowd. Of course, the crowd caught up to us. One of the people that joined us there was Fred Shannon. He is an ex WMRC member from way back. We had a good time taking about the old days while waiting for the Empress. The other two trips were in the early part of summer when the weather was cool and wet. We did have our eyes on the clouds at one point as they seemed to be rotating but luckily nothing materialized. Both times we were not disappointed with many trains on CN and a few on CP. Once the hot

weather arrived, I became busy in the basement working on the layout.

Larry Leavens, Lantern Editor.

Material for the Lantern

This is your Club's news letter. Why not let others know what you have been up to. A short writeup describing what you have built or done on your layout may inspire others. Pictures are always welcome, either model or prototypical. You never know they may end up on the cover of the Rolling Stone, oops, sorry, Lantern.

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President's Message

Welcome to the WMRC for 2024/25. We will once again have a full slate of meetings, interesting events and presentations, fellowship and conversation, and perhaps a donut or two. For various reasons, many of the meetings will not fall on the traditional second Friday of each month. Please mark your calendars with the following dates: Sept. 13, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 13 (unless pre-empted by Santa Claus), Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, and May 9. Our two

biggest events for the year will be the Open House on April 26-27, and of course the Mega Train Show coming up soon on Sept. 28-29. Please help out with both of those shows if at all possible. They're the club's major activities, and you should plan to get involved. See you on Friday! John Bate

April 12th, 2024 WMRC General Meeting Minutes

Charleswood Legion, 6003 Roblin Blvd,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3R 0G8
Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm

Members: There were 33 members present.

Guests: There was one guest present. John Bate introduced Lenny Brentnall, our guest speaker.

Minutes of the General Meeting of March 8th.

Moved by Bob Harrison and seconded by Cliff Davidson to accept the minutes as printed in the Lantern. No errors or omissions. Carried

Presidents Report-John Bate. John mentioned that he still has some NMRA membership cards and asked anyone present who hasn't received theirs yet to please pick it up from John after the meeting.

John mentioned the WMRC Spring Show which will be held April 20th & 21st and that Ian Plett will talk more in depth on this topic later in the meeting.

John brought up the idea of having the AGM at the CN Training Center and proposed the AGM be moved to Thursday May 9th instead of Friday May 10th, so that we can get a tour of the facility as well, due to CN staff not being as available on Friday. John asked the members present for feedback and the members agreed to move the AGM to Thursday May 9th.

John mentioned that the Executive have continued reviewing the Constitution and updating it to reflect the current world and that it may be completed and presented in the Fall. John also mentioned that a new WMRC Pamphlet has been completed and thanked Paul Ullrich for completing this project. John brought up the NMRA code of conduct on the screen for the members to see, and

discussed it. John commented that the bottom line is to be nice and respectful to other people.

Vice President-Marvin Fetch Marvin mentioned that he has several WMRC branded items for sale including:

Golf shirts	\$10.00	small sizes only
Ball caps	\$25.00	
Toques	\$22.00	
Name Badges	\$18.00	See Ian for name badges.

Treasurers Report- Khirad Dhabhar was absent- John Bate filled in for him. John reviewed the expenses and current financial statement. John noted that the club is approximately \$3300.00 in the black and that a few cheques were being written tonight for approximately \$200.00 total. There was a motion by Alan Graham to approve the Treasurer's report as printed in the Lantern. Seconded by Bob Harrison. Carried.

Program Director-Ian Plett. Ian advised the members present that Lenny Brentnall, a retired CP engineer, would be doing an in-person presentation on some of his railroading experiences and introduced Lenny to the members present.

Open House-Ian Plett. Ian advised everyone that the April Open House was full and that he had more posters available. Ian mentioned that the setup would be on Friday April 19th from 5-9 pm and that the show would be from 10am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. Please see Ian to volunteer for the show. Ian mentioned that so far, the only media interview that he has done was with CJOB.

John mentioned that the club had collected 1403 email addresses from a previous show and has used this list to promote the April Show to people on the email list. John had to send out the emails in small batches as the club gmail account locked up on him when he tried to send out large batches. John also mentioned that approximately 20% of the email addresses bounced back.

Lantern Editor-Larry Leavens Larry mentioned that he has extra copies of the Lantern available for any members that require one. Larry also

thanked Murray Brown and Christopher Robinson for articles this month.

Monthly Photo Contest-Larry Leavens Larry advised the members that there are two entries for the photo contest tonight, by Felix Lesiuk and Bob Harrison. The winner of the Photo Contest was Felix Lesiuk.

Annual Photo Contest-Larry Leavens Larry advised the members that he would take entries tonight and next Friday night at setup for the Annual Photo Contest. Judging for the Annual Photo Contest will start at 9am on April 20th.

AGM Larry advised members that the CN Training Centre would host our AGM and that the facility would be open to us at 5pm and dinner would be at 6pm supplied by Olive Garden. Larry discussed some of the training that takes place at the centre. Murray Brown asked about a tour and Larry thinks this will occur after dinner is completed.

Library-Billy Yachison Billy was not present tonight, therefore the library was closed.

Social Media-Paul Ullrich

Paul presented the April stats as follows.

April stats

Facebook:

1,078 post reaches in the past 28 days
8 new page likes
15 new followers
1,828 followers
406 post reaches about tonight's meeting
373 post reaches about Regina train show

Blog:

11,252 views last month
445,546 all-time views
338 views yesterday
224 views today
4,208 views this month
1,930 views from Hong Kong this week
8,360 views from Hong Kong in the past 30 days

Paul also mentioned a recent Marklin post for some items for sale on Facebook and that he connected the person with Khirad, who models Marklin. Paul suggested that members mention any special interests that they may have to Paul

for his future reference. Paul will keep these interests in mind if he comes across someone who has similar items available.

Gateway Western-Gino Kost Gino advised everyone that Gateway Western was still closed and there was no new news. John mentioned renovations happening on the 7 1/2 gauge railroad. Gino mentioned that he is waiting on Maurice to do some work as well. Ken Crockett asked Gino about the tinplate track that he had cleaned up. Gino asked him to give two meters of this track to Larry for Khirad.

Mega Train-Bart Hasselfield. Bart said that one third of last year's vendors have signed up and that May 1st is the deadline for current exhibitors to sign up. He also advised the members that things will open up to new vendors on May 6th. Gino asked for volunteers to please come forward and that we need more volunteers for this event and that with more volunteers it makes things easier for everyone. Please email Gino if you can help out at the show. There was a discussion on how to pay for tables at Mega Train. Murray advised us that vendors can pay with cash, cheque, e-transfer, or credit card.

Monthly Model Contest-Gary Stempnick. Gary mentioned that tonight we have four great models. The winner of tonight's Model Contest was new club member Rob Sarna.

Annual Model Contest-Luca Matyas. John advised the members that Luca has stepped aside due to numerous other personal commitments. Marvin has stepped into Luca's position and has asked members competing to please place entries in the contest. Marvin asked for three volunteer judges for Saturday to judge from 9am-10am. Marvin also requested that models must be at the show by 9am.

Murray Brown suggested having the public attendees vote on their favorite models to give Peoples Choice awards. Winners of the Model and Photo contest People's Choice to be picked on Sunday morning.

Canteen-Mark McLellan. Mark advised everyone that the usual selection of drinks, donuts, coffee and chips are available this evening. Mark also mentioned that he has

some N and HO scale items for sale at the canteen.

50/50 Draw-Marvin Fetch. Marvin advised members to see him for 50/50 tickets. Marvin advised us that tonight's winner of the 50/50 draw was Mike Wegner.

Old Business There was no old business at tonight's meeting.

New Business. Bob Harrison advised the members that tonight is election night for next year's executive and that there are six positions to be filled.

Bob asked for nominations for President.

John Bate was nominated by Marvin Fetch and seconded by Gary Stempnick. There were no other nominations. John is declared elected.

Bob asked for nominations for Vice President.

John Bate nominated Marvin Fetch and Alan Graham seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Marvin is declared elected.

Bob asked for nominations for Treasurer.

John Bate nominated Khirad Dhabhar and Gary Stempnick seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Khirad is declared elected.

Bob asked for nominations for Secretary.

Marvin Fetch nominated Brent Karr and Gary Stempnick seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Brent is declared elected.

Bob asked for nominations for Program Director. Larry Leavens nominated Ian Plett and John Bate seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ian is declared elected.

Bob asked for nominations for Lantern Editor. Gary Stempnick nominated Larry Leavens and Ken Crockatt seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Larry is declared elected.

John Bate mentioned that the WMRC Executive is unchanged from the current Executive and that it's good to have some continuation on the Executive but also that sometimes it's good to have some new people as well, and asked people to consider running for a position that suits their abilities in future years

Felix mentioned that he has some T shirts for sale, mostly in large and extra-large.

Larry mentioned that he has some flyers for Mega Train Show and asked members to please take some and get the word out on the show.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Ullrich seconded by Marcel Blair.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by Brent Karr

Vice Presidents Report

The editor forgot to remind Marvin for his words of wisdom this month.

September Program

At our September meeting WMRC President John Bate will take us on a virtual tour of the California State Railroad Museum and the 2024 NMRA Surfliner national convention, in Long Beach, California this August. The Magic of Scale Model Railroading is a gallery in the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM). It is also known as the Howell Day Museum, a project of the NMRA. It contains many interesting and unique model railroad artifacts and displays, and the CCRM itself is a world-class railroad museum, affiliated with the Smithsonian. John recently attended the delayed official opening of the gallery, and the CCRM. This was just prior to the NMRA's 2024 National Convention in Long Beach, CA, which presented some unique sights of its own. He will show some photos from his travels, and describe some of the highlights of the trip.

Spring Show

Nothing to report, yet.

Public Relations Report

No report.

Mega Train

Please keep the dates September 28 and 29 open for Mega Train. As always, we are looking for people to help either with setup and take down prior and after Mega Train as well as people to help on the days. Please contact Gino Kost gkost@shaw.ca .

Gateway Westen

It is hoped that we will be able to access the Gateway soon.

Annual Photo Contest

This year's Special Event is pictures taken of the Empress, CP2816, either prototype or model. As always, the other two categories are Model and Prototype. – Larry Leavens

Annual Model Contest

The Model Special Event will be announced at the September Meeting. As always there are the other categories as well

- structures,
- motive power,
- passenger and freight cars,
- non-revenue cars
- display.

Start modelling now for our April Open House.

Monthly Model and Photos Display

Remember to bring a model to the meeting to show to other members and be entered in a random draw. Please include a short write-up on what you did so it can be included in the next Lantern.

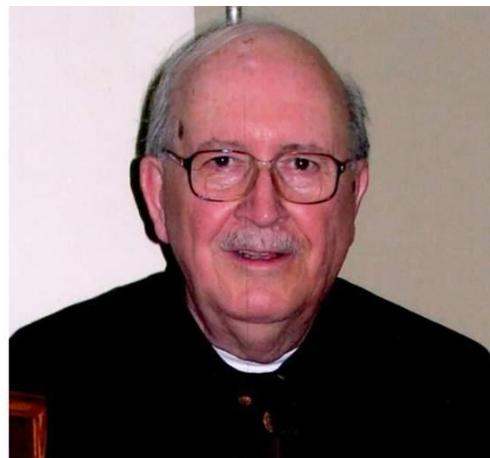
Contestants send their photos by email to photo.wmrc@gmail.com, **NEW ADDRESS** Deadline is 5PM on Friday of our monthly meeting. Winners are picked in random draw and awarded a small cash prize.

Louis Lenz

Louis Lenz, one of the WMRC's longest serving members, passed away at the age of 91 on August 13. Lou was one of five other club members who, along with Charlie Scott, Bill Morrison, Tommy Kucera and current WMRC

President John Bate, were professors at the University of Manitoba. Lou spent his 31-year career at the U of M in the Department of Plant Science in Landscape Horticulture before retiring in 1995. He was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science in 2000. In retirement he continued to be active in horticulture and model railroading.

He was a quiet, gentle soul who was Felix Lesiuk's rail fanning companion during his many excursions in Manitoba. He continued rail fanning with Felix well after he moved to an assisted living residence.



Rail Buses in Manitoba

by Murray Brown

In the January 2024 issue of *The Lantern* there was a section outlining the Rules for the Annual Models. One "word" that I hadn't seen in years reached out to me; rail bus.

The history of rail buses in Manitoba is quite diverse. Many WMRC Members might consider only the rail buses used by Winnipeg Hydro to and from Lac du Bonnet and Pointe du Bois. But there is more history than that.

The City of Winnipeg's Hydro Department built a railway in 1907 from the CPR at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba 25 miles to Pointe du Bois.¹

Built at a cost of \$3.25M, its purpose was to supply power to the city in competition with the privately owned Winnipeg Electric Company, which had enjoyed a monopoly on power, gas, and transit, and had built a hydro dam at Pinawa. It opened on October 16, 1911.²

The Winnipeg Electric Railway Company, formed in 1892, provided streetcar, gas, and electrical service to Winnipeg and several outlying rural municipalities. Electricity was provided from two main sources: a steam-generating plant at Assiniboine Avenue and Main Street, and a hydroelectric generating station on the Winnipeg River: Pinawa.

Construction of Pinawa began in 1903 and was completed in 1906 at a cost of three million dollars. The first generator of the Pinawa station was put into service on June 9, 1906.

At the City's Pointe du Bois location, the only way in was by a tramway, completed in September 1908, using a 30-passenger, gas-powered bus equipped with railway wheels so it could run on the 25-mile railway from Lac du Bonnet.

In 1927, the bus made two trips a week, on Tuesday mornings and Friday nights, connecting to the CPR train at Lac du Bonnet.²

An all-weather road was built in 1963 between Lac du Bonnet and Pointe du Bois which resulted in the original line being abandoned thus isolating the 8 mile line to Slave Falls.¹

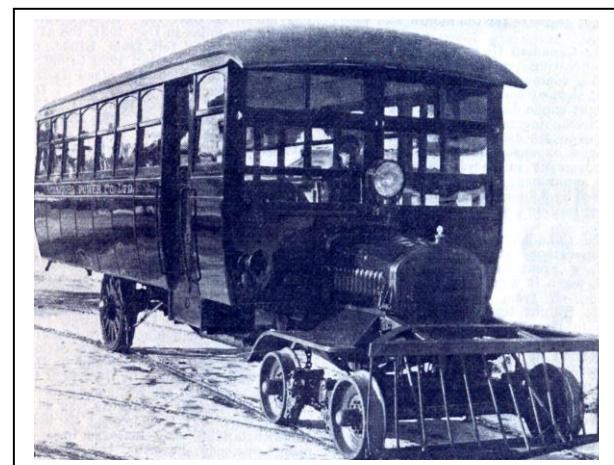
Slave Falls was built between 1929 and 1931 for the Winnipeg Hydro Electric System. Built at a cost of \$2,228,021, the plant was opened on 1 September 1931.

A small brick building was used by the Winnipeg Hydro Tramway that operated between Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls. The tramway was replaced by a road and the building was used for storage.³



There were other lines that used rail buses.

The Mack model AB rail bus on the next page was originally purchased for service on Winnipeg



Electric Company's Winnipeg River Railway between Lac du Bonnet and Great Falls.

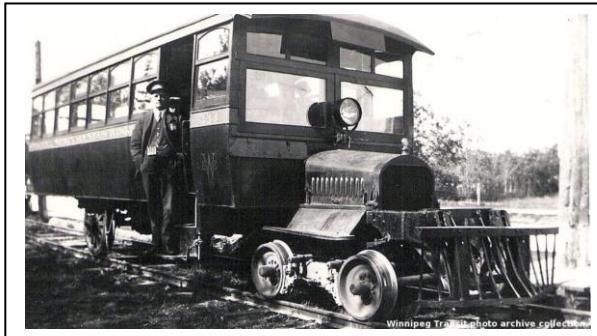
² Manitoba Historical Society: Pointe du Bois Generating Station

³ Manitoba Historical Society: Slave Falls Generating Station

The Mack AB rail bus, according to Mack's order books, was numbered PM3. Manitoba Power Co. and Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. were amalgamated in 1924 to form Winnipeg Electric Co. The Winnipeg River Railway was leased to the CPR in 1935 and sold to them in 1938. *Canadian Railway & Marine World photo.*⁴

It later saw service on the Stonewall line of another Winnipeg Electric Co. subsidiary, the Winnipeg, Selkirk, and Lake Winnipeg Railway.

The preceding photo shows Winnipeg, Selkirk & Lake Winnipeg Railway 333 (ex-PM3) in operation on the Stonewall Line. The rail bus was deployed on the Stonewall line as a cost saving measure over the larger electric interurbans. Such a light vehicle on unballasted track (as can be seen in the picture) would have provided a very bumpy ride. *Winnipeg Transit photo archive collection.*⁵



Manitoba Hydro PM3 in operation on the line between Pit Siding and Kelsey. Mark Perry writes:

"After the Mack was withdrawn from Winnipeg Selkirk & Lake Winnipeg service after that line was abandoned, it was put into storage at Selkirk.

The little Mack AB then was refurbished in Selkirk and sent to Kelsey in northern Manitoba, in the late 50's for use on the Hydro's rail line that ran from the CNR's line to Churchill at Pit

⁴ Winnipeg Electric Company Rail Bus 333
by David A. Wyatt ©2009
<https://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~wyatt/alltime/pics/winnipeg-old333.html>

⁵ Ibid.

Siding, to the construction site of the Kelsey Generating Station.

It was used into the 60's and then withdrawn from service and left to the elements at Kelsey. It was finally scrapped at Kelsey sometime in the late 70's/early 80's. Here is shot of it in service at Kelsey in 1959."

*Mark Perry collection.*⁵

The rail bus was originally built by Mack in 1922



for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Mack serial number 60008, the Model AC had a McGuire-Cummings body baggage-coach with 29 seats.

Originally equipped with a Mack 4 cylinder 64 hp gas engine, it was later re-engined with an International Harvester engine.⁶



⁶ Bill Grandin - trainweb.org/oldtimetrains/photos/shortline/Winnipeg_Hydro.htm

It was sold to Winnipeg Hydro in 1929 and they used it as Unit #45 until 1962. It is now stored with the Winnipeg Railway Museum.



Photo courtesy of



The front truck was taken from a previous rail bus – the old Mack – and modified ever so

Sometime in the early 1970s Winnipeg Hydro acquired a Ford school bus and converted it to a rail bus.



Unique in its design, the original vehicle's complete drive train, including the rear differential, hubs, and axles, were fitted with steel wheels and flanges.



slightly.⁷

here is a YouTube™ video and a Manitoba Hydro video, both of which might be of interest.

The YouTube™ video shows the rail bus in operation on August 4, 2010, at Pointe du Bois. It is seen returning workers from the Manitoba Hydro electric generating station 11 km. away at Slave Falls (Slave Falls became part of Manitoba Hydro in 2009) on the Winnipeg River.

<https://youtu.be/nO3oWfUZREo?si=Z26fALKzBCOmYxcl>

⁷ A converted Railbus on the now abandoned Winnipeg Hydro tramway, Point du Bois, MB June 18, 2011
<https://www.therailwire.net/forum/index.php?topic=39022.0>

Another Manitoba Hydro video outlines the history of the Slave Falls generating station and there are some exterior and interior views of this rail bus.

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/operations/generation/#slave_falls

For the railroad modeler, there were two known manufacturers of brass models produced. They appear periodically on eBay and probably other websites through some judicious internet searching.



Nickel Plate Products' Mack Brill Rail Bus was a brass HO Scale model produced in Japan.

The Red Ball Mack Brill Model AB Rail Bus was imported from Japan in 1965 to 1967. Perhaps the same manufacturer as Nickel Plate's?



Next issue: The 1980s, the Canadian Transport Commission, the Province of Manitoba, VIA Rail Canada, passenger rail hearings in northern Manitoba, with rail bus dreams, concepts, political intrigue, northern Manitoba locale, and final realities.

Revisions to the WMRC Constitution

Over the past year or so, the Executive has brought the Constitution, and a portion of the By-Laws, up to date, and in line with current practices. Attached is a copy of the new document. The official announcement of a motion to adopt the amendments will be made at the Friday, September 13 meeting, and it will be voted on at the October meeting, which will be on October *25*. (Please note that the October meeting will be very late this year, due to Thanksgiving, and also the lack of availability of the Tank Room.)

WMRC CONSTITUTION Including all revisions up to August 21, 2024

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be "WINNIPEG MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC" here-in-after referred to as "the Club," incorporated April 27, 1998.

2. MISSION STATEMENT

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3. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be five classes of membership in the Club, as follows. All members in any category must be residents of Canada.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - Any adult interested in scale model railroading, and not in one of the categories below.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP - Any adult who became a regular member in good standing on November 1, 1955 shall be known as a Charter Member

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Any person residing in the same household as a regular or charter member who is interested in scale model railroading

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - Any person who has contributed meritorious service to the hobby of scale model railroading in general or to the WMRC in particular may be elected as an Honorary Member by vote of the majority of members attending any regular meeting.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - Any person under the age of 18 who shows an interest in model railroading may become a Junior Member. Junior members under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all WMRC meetings and events.

4. BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS

The benefits and obligations of all classes of membership shall be identical as set forth in this constitution with the exceptions that:

- a) Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues
- b) Junior Members may not hold an elective office

5. CLUB EXECUTIVE

The executive shall consist of five elected members as follows whose term of office shall be one year.

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Past President

6. STANDING POSITIONS

Members may be appointed annually, by majority vote of the Executive, to such standing positions as are deemed necessary. Examples: Program Director, Lantern Editor, Club Layout Manager, Canteen Manager, Social Media Director, etc.

7. EXECUTIVE DUTIES

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Executive to:

- a) Perform the specific duties as set forth in the By-Laws,
- b) Hand over all Club files and any other Club property to the incoming Executive by the end of the fiscal year. This material to be complete and up to date.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

The procedure for electing the Executive will be as follows:

- a) Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March and April regular meetings. The nominee must consent to the nomination.
- b) Elections will be held after nominations close in the April meeting.
- c) If Executive positions remain vacant, they may be filled by the newly elected officers, by majority vote, and ratified by the members present at the next regular meeting.
- d) The incoming Executive shall assume office at the start of the next fiscal year (July 1).

9. CLUB LIABILITY

The Club shall have no liability toward its members nor their personal property. Any person accepting membership in the Club waives all liability on the part of the Club toward his person and/or property.

10. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held as set forth in the By-Laws.

11. QUORUM

One quarter of the members within this Club shall constitute a quorum for the handling of business at any business meeting.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any time at a regular business meeting of the Club.

Notice of the proposed amendment must be made in the form of a motion and in written form at a regular business meeting.

A notice must be published in The Lantern that a change or addition is to be considered at the next meeting. This notice shall include the wording of the proposed amendment.

Voting on the proposed amendment shall be held at the next regular meeting.

A two-thirds majority of the members who are present shall be required to amend this constitution.

By-Laws

1. GENERAL

The purpose of the By-Laws is to lay down rules by which the business of the Club shall be conducted.

2. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

By-Laws shall be amended in the same way as the Constitution.

3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Application for membership must be filled out and turned in to the Treasurer. The Executive may choose to deny membership.

4. MEMBERSHIP FORM

All members are required to fill out a membership form annually to help the Executive keep the

Club records and the handbook up to date. The form must be submitted to the Treasurer, accompanied by payment of the correct dues.

5. VOTING

Any member in good standing may vote.

6. REGULAR MEETINGS

The Club will hold a regular meeting on the second Friday of each month from September through April to conduct Club business, unless the date and/or location has been changed by a motion at a previous meeting or by extenuating circumstances. The date, time, and place of each meeting must be published in *The Lantern*.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting shall be held in May. Prior notice of the date, time, and location shall be published in *The Lantern*.

8. ANNUAL CONTESTS

The Club shall hold annually a model building contest and a photo contest to be held on a day following the April regular meeting and preceding the May annual general meeting. The contest will be governed by the Contest Rules as printed in the current issue of the Club Handbook. Any changes to the rules shall be approved by the membership.

9. CLUB ACCOUNT

The Club monies will be kept on deposit at any bank or credit union convenient to the Treasurer, with the approval of the Executive.

10. CASH ON HAND

The Treasurer shall maintain a reasonable amount of cash suitable for the immediate needs of upcoming Club meetings and events. All excess cash should be deposited in the club account.

11. WITHDRAWALS

- a. Any withdrawals or cheques must be signed by two of the Treasurer, the President, or the Secretary.
- b. Prior to the first Executive meeting of a new Executive, the incoming and outgoing President, Secretary, and Treasurer, are to fill in the appropriate bank forms to authorize full use of the account by the new Executive.

12. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. The fiscal year shall be July 1st to June 30th.
- b. A final financial report shall be submitted to the Executive prior to the end of the fiscal year. The Executive may request full details of transactions, receipts, and expenses as they see fit.

13. BUDGET

- a. A budget shall be prepared by the Executive for approval at the September regular meeting each year. It shall be printed in *The Lantern* prior to the meeting.
- b. Notice of proposed revisions to the budget shall be printed in *The Lantern* and voted on at the following meeting.
- c. Spending for each expense budget line may be exceed by up to 10% for good reasons. The Executive may approve over-expenditure of up to 20%. Greater over-expenditures must be approved by a vote on the members at a regular meeting.

***Changes made up to August 21, 2024 end here. The remainder is unchanged from the previous version, and may not match current standard practices. The numbering will not be contiguous.

16. CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASE FUND

- a. The Club will establish a fund for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a Club room.
- b. The Capital Assets Purchase Fund will be administered by three trustees whose terms shall be three years, and who shall be appointed by the executive so that one trustee's term shall end each year. In the interest of maintaining stability, a trustee may be appointed to consecutive terms.
- c. The Club will allocate from the operating budget at the close of each fiscal year and transfer to the Capital Assets Purchase Fund ten percent of the gross membership dues revenue as shown in the Club's financial statements for that fiscal year. At the discretion of the Club Executive, this allocation may be waived in circumstances where the funds in the Capital Assets Purchase Fund exceed the total of the current fiscal year's and two prior fiscal year's gross membership dues revenues (a three year total).
- d. Among the fiduciary duties of the trustees will be the responsibility for the prudent investment of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund's monies. For certainty, all of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies shall be invested in interest bearing instruments and/or the interest bearing accounts of a recognized financial institution with sufficient standing in the community such that deposit-taking guarantee insurance is provided to the institution. Additionally, the lesser of \$3,000 or the total balance of the Fund monies shall be invested so that this amount or balance would be available to the Club within 60 days of a request by the Club membership for an ordinary disbursement of Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.
- e. The trustees shall meet at least once a year and they shall elect one trustee to be Chairman of the fund.
- f. Notice of any proposed expenditures from the Fund must be made at a regular business meeting, published in The Lantern and a vote taken at the following meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members eligible to vote who are present shall be required to disburse Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.
- g. The trustees shall present a written report at the same time as the annual financial report.

17. RAFFLE PROFITS

Any profits from the Club raffles will be used towards the annual raffle.

18. AUCTION PROFITS

All auction profits will be placed in the Club Room fund for the general benefit of the Club.

19. DUES

- a. Membership dues for each of the classes of membership will become part of the budget that is set each September. These dues shall be collected from September to April.
- b. Subsequent applications will be deferred to the September regular meeting and the applicants will be treated as guests.
- c. Dues for the renewal of membership shall be paid before the close of the October regular meeting.

20. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President may appoint committees as necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Club.

21. LIBRARY

- a. The Club shall have a library.
- b. The Librarian shall have charge of the library and be responsible for its administration.
- c. The Librarian shall be allotted a budget to purchase and maintain the Club publications. He may spend, on his own authority, any portion of this budget to maintain, repair or buy items for the efficient operation of the library.
- d. Any member in good standing may make use of the library. Any borrowed items must be returned at the next meeting. The Librarian shall keep a waiting list to ensure fair distribution.

22. CLUB PUBLICATION - THE LANTERN

The Club will have a newsletter called "The Lantern", which shall be published prior to each meeting.

- a. It shall be made available at the next meeting to those members who have paid dues which do not include mailing. Suggestion: Printed copies shall be made available at the next meeting to those members who send a request to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- b. It shall be mailed to all other members except family members.

23. CLUB HANDBOOK

- a. The Club shall have a Club Handbook.
- b. A Handbook Chairman shall be appointed by the Executive.
- c. The Handbook Chairman shall:
 - (1) maintain a master copy complete with date of revision.
 - (2) issue an updated membership list annually at the December regular meeting to each member on the membership list as of the close of the preceding October regular meeting.
 - (3) issue other sections of the Handbook whenever instructed by the Executive.

For the rest, lets do that as a separate exercise based on the duties recently assembled by Larry? Bob?

24. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- (1) preside at all meetings of the Club and of the executive;
- (2) be an ex-officio member of all committees;
- (3) provide a report at the annual meeting on the Club administration and any recommendations, and;
- (4) perform such other duties as, by custom, devolve upon a President or are conferred upon him by the Club or the executive.

25. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. The Vice-President shall be the aid and assistant to the President and shall assume the duties of President in his absence or at his request.
- b. The main tasks of the Vice-President shall be:
 - (1) to co-ordinate all Club membership recruitment and renewals;
 - (2) to co-ordinate all social activities and;
 - (3) to be available to talk to all new members and guests at all meetings.
 - (4) to have custody of the guest book and to ensure that it is available at all meetings and that names and addresses of the guests are given to the Lantern Editor.

26. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

- a. The Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the Club.
- b. The main tasks of the Secretary shall be:
 - (1) to keep minutes of all Club meetings and records of the program titles and presenters;
 - (2) to provide an agenda for all meetings;
 - (3) to notify members of meetings;
 - (4) to have charge of all correspondence;
 - (5) to provide a report at the annual meeting on the Club administration and any recommendations, and;
 - (6) to be responsible for Club archives.

27. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- a. The Treasurer is to have charge of the Club finances and is required to maintain an accurate

record of all the Club's financial transactions.

b. The main tasks of the Treasurer shall be;

- (1) to keep accurate records reflecting monies received, monies disbursed, and balance on hand;
- (2) to collect all Club dues and profits from any Club-sponsored activity;
- (3) to ensure that the books are ready for audit, and;
- (4) to provide a report and financial statement annually.

28. DUTIES OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Program Director shall be responsible for the planning and co-ordination of all Club program activities.

29. DUTIES OF THE LANTERN EDITOR

The Editor is to compile and edit The Lantern and ensure that it is published and distributed in time for each meeting.

30. DUTIES OF THE DIVISIONS MANAGER

The Divisions Manager shall be responsible for organizing Divisions of the WMRC and ensuring that they conform to the rules of membership and will take his direction from the executive.

31. DIVISIONS

- a. Any operating group may become a Division of the WMRC by applying to the Divisions Manager.
- b. Operating groups are required to submit a complete membership list upon application for Division status, and at any other time at the request of the Divisions Manager.
- c. All members of a WMRC Division must also be members in good standing of the WMRC.

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January 10 - Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

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