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PIEDMONT AND WESTERN RAILROAD CLUB

March Business Meeting

President Tim Skidmore called the meeting to order at 7:47 March 3. Members in attendance were Tim Skidmore, Mike Outen Sr., Mike Outen Jr., Jeff Whisnant, Gene Austin, Richard Miller, Dr. Ben Garrou, Dr. Lynn George, Tony Putnam, Ken Humphreys, Grant Robbins, Joe Bost, Frank Steele, and Kenny Mann.

Financial Report: Gene reported that most dues were paid up and two earlier members have started paying dues again. We are currently at 22 paying members. Thanks to Gene for keeping the finances in order!

The club is currently looking for code 70 flextrack for the Murphy room. Present prices range from \$5 to \$7 dollars per piece. Jeff has the needed track length figures. Credit to Jeff for roadbed and track laying.

Saturday March 5 was designated a workday.

Dr. Ben and Ken H. planned to finish the display case in the entranceway.

Most of the remaining lumber in the work room was designated to be trashed.

In the main layout room there are a number of running issues and derails in Ben's cut that need to be addressed. New electrical connectors should alleviate most of the running issues.

Hot Springs needs to be brought up to specs for additional operating interest.

Wheels are long past due for a cleaning, some plastic wheels need to be replaced with metal ones, some

couplers need to be replaced with Kadees, and track is to be fully connected and operational from the main room to the workroom.

Mike Sr. brought up replacing the solid door to the Murphy Room with one with a window to allow people to look in the room. This would afford more visibility for people to view the layout since our policy is not to have non members inside the layout rooms when we are not

present for various legal and safety reasons.

Hardware for the dispatcher's office is ready to be installed.

The new museum room is slated to contain primarily narrow gauge paraphernalia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kenny Mann.

Powering Up the Layout (Updated version)

FYI, the controller which normally is used to start to layout is defective. **DON'T TRY TO USE IT.**

If you need to run the trains, follow these steps:

1. Turn the computer on
- 2 Double click on "Decoder.pro"
3. When it opens, go to "Tools" and "Power Control" and click.
4. A new box will open.
5. Click "On" in the box and the RR will start up.
6. Do not turn the computer off.