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As it is about one month before the Annual General Meeting the associated notices are in this edition of *Phoenix*; Agenda and any reports to hand. Also, report of our Exhibition in June plus July meeting minutes are included.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 8.00pm**

**All welcome.**

*President's report*

Firstly, I would like to thank the Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee for their support during the year. Also thank you to the club members for supporting the functions the club had during the year such as Open Days, our annual Exhibition and for the first time, we attended the Ballarat Show.

I can see a problem with our club at the moment and that problem is space. As we get bigger we need to grow and expand or we will lose members to other interests so that is why we approached the Council to see if there was a possibility of us moving a relocatable into our fenced in area. The answer to that was no, but we were told that they would look favourably at us making an extension to our existing building. I could see this as a possibility in the future if we can come up with a benefactor or could get a grant of some sort. I would encourage all members to think about how we could expand the club rooms to accommodate all the members' wishes and desires because we have not even got the space to put up both our exhibition layouts (Phoenix & Turtle Creek) and we are to start on the new 'N' gauge exhibition layout which will have to be constructed at a member's premises which I find not exactly pleasing as it will fragment the membership.

The HO layout is continually growing (it will expand into the small room at the back); we are also contemplating running a HOn3 line from the small room at the back to what I call Sulphur Springs which is located in the middle peninsula. Also, there is an interest in an On30 layout from the foyer and along the passageway to the "so called" office, so the club is trying to cater for as many different gauges as possible.

On the maintenance front we need to look after clubrooms that we have. I will try to organise a few working bees with a BBQ at the end of the day. Things to look at are the toilet floors which need to be scraped and cleaned so as to be repainted; the area under the 'N' room needs something done about it to drain the water away and something in the ceiling to stop the rain getting onto the layout until the new roof is attached. The lighting leaves a lot to be desired so it would be good to replace some of the floors; the grass needs cutting during the summer and windows need cleaning again.

I would like to say that I have enjoyed my year as President and I hope you would give me the opportunity to take on a second year when I will be able to spend more time with club matters.

Peter Roberts.

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## BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB INCORPORATED

Membership is open to all who are interested in model railways. Why not join us? Fees if joining during the month of : <b>Concessional:</b> Persons older than 12 years but under 16 years at 15th October, pensioners and full time students. <b>Senior:</b> Individual membership includes family members.	Oct	Dec	Feb	April	June	Aug
	Nov	Jan	March	May	July	Sept
	\$60	\$60	\$40	\$40	\$20	\$20
	\$90	\$90	\$60	\$60	\$30	\$30

### Membership renewals are due on 15th October each year

#### TIMETABLE

#### CREW ROSTER

	Wed	Aug 3	7.30 pm	Work/Run
President	Wed	Aug 10	8.00 pm	Ordinary meeting
Peter Roberts	Wed	Aug 17	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Vice President	Wed	Aug 24	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Dave Healy 5369 2396	Wed	Aug 31	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Secretary	Wed	Sept 7	7.30 pm	Work/Run
John McClure	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting: Exec. Mtg.</b>
Treasurer	Wed	Sept 21	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Ian Barrett 5332 4168	Wed	Sept 28	7.30 pm	Work/run
Phoenix Editor	Wed	Oct 5	7 30 pm	Work/Run
Paul Richie 5332 1138	Wed	Oct 12	8 00 pm	Executive Meeting
	Wed	Oct 19	7.30 pm	Work/Run

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#### Exhibitions

Braybrook, Victoria, August 6 and 7, Braybrook College Sports Stadium, Burke Street. Open 9.30am-5.30pm Saturday, 9.30am-4.00pm Sunday.  
 Caulfield, Victoria, August 20 and 21, Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield. Open 9.00am-6.00pm Saturday, 9.00am-5.00pm Sunday.  
 Shepparton, Victoria, September 17 and 18, St Augustine's Parish Hall, Orr Street. Open 9.30am-5.30pm Saturday, 10.00am-4.00pm Sunday.

# News & Notes

## AGM

The AGM will be held on 14 September starting at 8.00 pm. All nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary at this time. Could all the reports be written so they can be included in the next Phoenix?

## 2011 Exhibition

Thanks to our exhibitors, and the members of the club who made sure the exhibition ran smoothly. There were a few gaps that a couple of extra layouts could have filled, but overall there seemed to be a good mix of layouts covering most interests. The main problem that caused a drop in door numbers seemed to be due to the signage problem and no support by the local media.

## Exhibition Committee

The hall has been booked and at least 2 of the layouts want to return next year so we have a good start on 2011 Exhibition.

## HO Layout Report

As the president has mentioned there are several changes under way on the layout. By the time we have finished the concrete in the back room, all the preparations will be complete to change the track work in a short time. The changes will tidy up the track work and increase the capacity of the layout to hold trains. This leaves an area open to a small narrow gauge extension which is still to be decided on. Some scenery has been tidied up over the past year as some of the colours have faded over the years. I look forward to more progress in the next 12 months.

## HO Exhibition Layout - Phoenix Electric

This layout seems to have reached a position in which a partial redesign may be necessary to retain its use as an exhibition layout. There is a rough plan on the library whiteboard which will make it easier to transport and run; more on this later.

## N Scale Annual Report 2011

After the floor being re-stumped and aligned progress was continuing slowly with the main line being completed, Tortoise switches installed on all the points on the main line. Scenery was moving along on the eastern side of the second peninsular. A number of buildings and modular parts were purchased for use in various positions throughout the layout. A setback occurred in February when we had heavy rain and a 15 foot section of track was water damaged when the roof leaked. That section has been replaced and the main line is again running, but the yards in that area have yet to be completed. Further yards are to be laid and industries installed in some of the new areas. Priority will be on completing the east side of the second peninsular, including yards on the west side. The yards in the eastern wall, engine servicing area on your right as you walk in the door, as well as the completion of the water damaged yard. Trees are being made at the moment to help finish off the east side of the second peninsular. All being well we will have all of these areas finished in the next twelve months. Thanks to all members who have helped with the continued development of the N scale layout.

## Agenda For Annual General Meeting

1. Opening and attendance
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous A.G.M (included in this magazine)
4. Confirmation of minutes
5. Reports:

As these reports are the only documentation of what has happened during the past 12 months and as part of the A.G.M. are posted in the minutes book, all chairpersons are reminded that these reports should be presented to our secretary in a written form.

A	President	B	Secretary
C	Treasurer	D	HO layout
E	N layout	F	Exhibition layout
G	Exhibition Report	H	Housekeeping
I	Junior layout		

6. Elections. Nomination of a member to chair meeting during the election.
  - A President
  - B Vice President
  - C Secretary
  - D Treasurer
  - E Executive
7. President takes Chair
8. General Business:
  - A Annual membership fees
  - B Any other matters (non-constitutional)

Constitutional changes cannot now be made at this meeting as there is insufficient time to promulgate changes.

# **Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.**

## **Minutes of Executive Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Meeting Open.** 8:10 pm.

**Apologies.** Nil.

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

Taken as read

Moved. Ian Barrett.                      Seconded. Paul Richie.                      Carried

### **Matters arising from previous minutes**

N scale exhibition layout has been started. The aim is to have the layout ready for the club's 2012 June exhibition.

Gary Newton to have his layout ready for the 2012 club exhibition as well.

Need to follow up on free advertising for next year, through television, newspapers, and radio, paid and free advertising.

### **Inward correspondence**

City Council rental due.

### **Outward correspondence**

Nil.

### **General business**

Some DVD's for the club have been supplied by Gary Newton. These are of steam orientation.

Some club members are preparing to start an On2 1/2 layout. They will be asking for money to start the layout at the next general meeting. Peter Roberts to follow up all those who are interested.

Follow up when another building might be available, and or what the cost might be. John to follow up with John Hartigan.

There is no chance of putting a portable room up behind the clubrooms as the Council is trying to remove all portables from Council land. There is a possibility that we could extend this building in keeping with the heritage overlay, as an alternative.

A financial report of what we made at the exhibition has still not been finalised, but we did take approximately \$6,800

And we made a profit of approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Peter to follow up why our signage was not erected at the entrances to the city.

Andrew and Peter to follow up on our proposed web site.

Meeting closed. 8:45 pm.

## What projects have you been working on?



Some of my projects are – top coal pockets for my home layout, above – coal platform for Hancock, the new Sn3 layout. Loco on right is a scratch built critter in On3 and loco below is a kit bashed HO to On30 Heisler. The 2 photos below are from our exhibition.

O tram on Alistair's layout and a view on the Sunbury Club layout. **.Do you have any Photos of your current project? How about sharing with the members! Paul R.**

