

Three Lakes Model Railroad Club: Purpose, Mission and By Laws

Purpose: This club is a non-profit educational association to promote the hobby of model railroading. To that end all members are encouraged to build rolling stock, structures, scenery and layouts in any gauge and share the cost and enjoy the pleasures of a portable module (or modules) in one or more gauges.

Mission Statement: Our goal is to encourage new model railroaders to partake of the hobby and membership either this or other railroad clubs. It is to encourage members to partake of the Master Model Railroader program of NMRA and to members thereof.

By Laws

Section 1.

The name of the club shall be Three Lakes Model Railroad Club.

The club shall have a logo described as follows: (later)

All members of this club, as a condition of membership, shall maintain membership in the National Model Railroad Association.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall serve without pay and consist as a minimum of two and maximum of six members and be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News-Letter Editor, & Webmaster person. Any member in good standing is eligible to serve as a Director. Required positions are underlined.

Board Members will normally serve three years beginning with a staggered start with two members serving one year each, one serving two years, and one serving three years. Vacancies due to illness or termination shall be filled by direction of the remaining Directors. Board Members who are absent three consecutive meetings shall normally be terminated unless properly excused by the President. Members on the Board of Directors shall serve until their replacement is trained.

Section 3

Duties of the President shall be to chair all Board Meetings, Introduce Hosts and Speakers and arrange for the proper management and business of the club.

The Vice President shall construct a monthly schedule to include: speakers, host layout locations, projects, and notices to members of the programs of the club. The Secretary shall keep records of all business of the club, all publications of the club, all meeting notes of the Board of Directors, and a list of members and background sheets on all members to include their home address, email, business, and personal telephones.

The Treasurer, will collect funds from the membership as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors and disburse funds as directed by the Board of Directors.

The News-letter Editor & Webmaster persons will keep the membership advised of the programs organized by the Vice President, publish layout information of the members, and serve as a conduit of information for the membership by publishing a monthly update at least 9 times per year.

Section IV

Committees may be formed from the membership as the Board of Directors finds necessary.

Section V

Regular meetings shall be held either at the home of members or other suitable places in or near the town of Three Lakes, WI.

The Secretary shall in cooperation with members keep a list of NMRA points for the hosts and authors as they pertain to MMR.

Board of Directors meetings will take place normally during regular meetings of the club. Thus, all members are encouraged to participate in any decision-making process.

Two Board Members present or in communication during voting constitutes a quorum. Without a quorum no action of the club takes place.

This club will use Skype as a normal communication method: Directors or members are thus effectively present if he or she is in communication during voting on Skype.

Members are encouraged to equip their homes with a wireless base-station of the current class

Any newsletters will be published to the website one week prior to the meeting date or an Internet notice will be sent to the members.

There will be no paper copies made other than those kept by the Secretary.

The newsletter will be four pages as a minimum and contain, a calendar of events, a President's Column, a Vice President's announcement for the next meeting, and articles (clinics) written by the members and such news the News-Letter Editor deems worthy of publication.

Newsletters may be replaced with Web based information distribution as the Internet improves and all members are linked via the Internet.

Section VI

The business year of this club shall be Jan 1 through Dec 31 annually.

Section VII

The By Laws of this club may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting provided a quorum is present. One-week notification of such change must be published in the News-Letter.

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Signed:

Paul A Wussow, President

Witness:

Roger G Blocks, Treasurer