

CIGRS Annual Election-Change is in the Air

Joe Godfroy called the meeting to order at the Durham School Services Bus Barn in Ankeny. Our thanks to **John Olson** for securing the location for our use.

Old Business

John Olson shared the results of the membership survey that was distributed in the last two months. Members reviewed the feedback and discussed ways to make CIGRS more valuable for members new and old while promoting G-scale railroading.

Fairground Set-up Spring of 2016

Lewis Miner has volunteered to organize the event. The plan will be to use our existing floor plan but to orient the display in a different direction to better highlight different aspects of the display.

With the return of the track that had been used at the botanical center, members were in favor of creating an additional run on the floor.

The organizing committee will identify resources for putting together the foundation of the layout.

We will need volunteers for the build up and to staff the display and hand out club brochures and fliers for the June tour.

The cost to the club was \$237.00 for mulch and electricity. This has proven to be an inexpensive venue to promote Garden Railroading and the Tour.

New Business

Treasure's report--**Howard Hoy** provided Highlights of the October expenses. Ending balance is \$4,630.68.

Secretary's report--**Ben Hancock** distributed the minutes from the October meeting.

President--**Joe Godfroy** indicated his intent to step down from the role. We thank **Joe** for his service this past year.

Election of Officers

President—John Olson was elected to the position of President.

Vice President—Mike Kidman was unable to attend the meeting but was elected to another term as Vice President.

Secretary—Ben Hancock continues as Secretary.

Treasurer—Howard Hoy continues as Treasurer.

Board Member at Large—Gene Elphic

Beth Potter will continue to publish the newsletter.

Karla Gunzenhauser and **Jane Moser** accepted the responsibility to serve as Historians. Note: At the meeting, **Bill Joy** donated historical information which **Karla** placed in a notebook. The book records the beginning of the club.

Friendship Committee—we have a vacancy for this role. If you are available to assist, please contact **John Olson**.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

Strategic Planning for 2016

John Olson presented a proposal for revised CIGRS Calendar of Activities and Events. A copy is being included with this month's Telegraph.

Annual Dues are not sufficient to cover the basic expense of the organization. Following a motion, a second, and discussion, members approved increasing annual dues to \$20.00 beginning in January 2016. Name Badges will be available for members to purchase.

As a reminder, dues are due in January. In order to verify and update our member information, please complete the renewal form included with this newsletter. And return to:

Howard Hoy
615 S. Marshall St
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The Telegraph will be expanded to include member equipment for sale along with pictures and notices regarding train shows, member profiles, promotions of train events and CIGRS events. Send information about your items to sell with a picture to:

bethrichardcigrs@gmail.com.



Not all of the CIGRS officers were present but our thanks go out to all.



Except for this issue most of the photos appearing in the Telegraph are taken by Ron Mash.

The editorial staff would like to say THANK-YOU for some great pictures.

Ring In the New Year

January is traditionally a time for new beginnings. Our new President, **John Olson** asks that members review the proposed Calendar of Activities and Events and provide feedback at the January meeting.

With Christmas and New Year's Day just around the corner, **Lewis** calls all members to assist with planning for the March Home and Garden Show. The Home and Garden Show is a great opportunity to promote CIGRS and the annual tour.

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

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| Paul Schaefer | 11-1 |
| Dick Isard | 11-14 |
| Julie Nelson | 11-16 |
| Cindi Hancock | 11-17 |

DECEMBER

Birthdays

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| Ethel Herrig | 12-1 |
| Peter Paeth | 12-7 |
| Karl Swessinger | 12-13 |
| Susan Tinder | 12-15 |
| Dave Dunn | 12-27 |
| Connie Burgett | 12-28 |
| Marilyn Magnuson | 12-31 |

Anniversaries

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| Richard & Beth Potter | 12-22 |
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January 17, 2016
Meeting starts at 1:30
Durham School Services Bus
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2017 SE Oak Dr
Ankeny, IA 50021



The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meeting at which we discuss one another's current project, hobby news, and the latest products on the market.

Programs are presented at some meetings, either by one of our members, or by someone brought in from outside the organization. The programs generally cover some element of the hobby, from the history of local and other Railroads, to rolling stock to track work, to locomotive, includes electric operation, batter-powered and trains that actually run on live steam.

Most of our members have, or hope to have, gauge G, or gauge 1 railways in their gardens or back yards.

Meetings are generally held on the third Sunday of each month. Specific dates and times, as well as program topics, are announced in the CIGRS Telegraph. Club members are encouraged to involve themselves in any of a variety of functions, including special model railway exhibitions that are staged in the area.

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