

- Minutes -
BEMRC Business Meeting
December 13, 2018

12 members present

Heat: Leave heat on downstairs. Heat upstairs only as needed.

Electrical: We need help in this department. Any members who indicated an interest in electrical work on their membership forms are being contacted.

Track: Trackwork issues are being fixed as they come up.

Backdrop Photos: The passenger area is complete. Winthrop West is in work.

Storage: We are getting to the point of having to throw stuff out or otherwise getting rid of it. We have run out of space to just stuff everything away and deal with it later.

Library: The library committee will be coming in to look at the library area and figure out where to put everything that is already there. Much of it is scenery materials.

Decoder Pro: We need to decide which CV's need to be set and lock them down.

Membership: 51 members! We have two new members this month: Colin Kikawa and Caleb Lundeen. Welcome! This puts us close to the membership levels we had before Boeing gave up our space at the Kent Rec Center and had to tear down our old layout and increase our dues from \$15/year (\$5 for retirees). The good news is that between construction of the new layout and the new HO modules we have more members actively participating than ever.

Mega Donation in our Trailer: The boxes in the trailer have been identified as keep/sell/don't know. We will look at selling some of it to the Electric Train Shop in Burien. We need to decide about the Lionel stuff before Monroe. Most of the HO stuff was sold at our swap meet last month. There is a potential of more donations to come.

Operating Session Schedule:	<u>Sunday at 1:30 PM</u>	<u>Friday at 7 PM</u>
	January 13	January 25
	February 10	none February
	TBD	March 29

No operating sessions for December as we will either be setting up or running the Xmas show at the Washington State Historical museum. The last operation session had only 5 people. Our layout can handle 10-15. We will wait until after the new year to start "Run What You Brung" sessions. Byron Osborn is working on documentation for how to work the layout. It is a lot of work to prepare for an operating session. It would be good if more people showed up. No operating session on the last Friday in February as we will be setting up for the Monroe show. Questions were raised whether to invite outside (guest) operators or hold fewer Sunday sessions.

Shirts: Snappy and stylish S&NC shirts have been delivered to Bill Messecar for distribution to those who ordered them.

Family Visit: Some members of Robin Carrera's family came to visit our layout and were very pleased and moved to see the memorial park we have built to honor their father. Robin Carrera had a layout in Sequim custom designed for him by John Armstrong. When he passed away the family donated many of the structures and other

items to us. These structures were beautifully done and can be seen in many areas on our layout.

Budget: The budget was reviewed with the members present. The budget is on track for the year so far. We know more money than that has been spent but the expenses have not yet been submitted. There is one week left to submit reimbursement forms for 2018.

Swap Meet: Lessons learned from this year's swap meet were reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
John Shields, Secretary