

MINUTES – 2010 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

July 8th Shore Mall – 3:30pm

Attending: Anita Brown, Chair, Tom Brown, Al Schmidt, Fred Neal, Marilyn and Jim Fox, Tom Tomasello, Larry Paakh, Ed DeSipio, Wayne & Ken Richter. Absent, Bob & Judy Beare, Don McGahn

The Registration Form was discussed and changes made. In order to realize money to help pay for the convention, it was decided that we should charge non-members \$70 which includes a year's membership in the BTO. Wayne contacted Marshall Adams BTO pres. and they have decided we can send them \$30 instead of \$35 per membership. This will help SJGRS by leaving \$40/per for our expenditures. Anita stated that the registration form was due to Bob Somogy July 1st but we had a lee-way and could make the change before the BTO goes to print.

BTO sent concerns which are: They suggested that we not have an "Open to the Public" day because the insurance would be more than we need to pay. Also they had a concern about members using personal vans taking people to the Shore Mall on Saturday. Anita will contact Clarion and see if they would shuttle people over free. If this isn't the case, we will look into preparing a map to the mall and encouraging people to visit us.

Some of our concerns: Should there be a cut off for the number of vendor tables requesting them? We will take another look at how many tables the vendor hall can handle. We have been given space in the registration hall if there is an overflow. We should be so fortunate.

What we need from our club. (1) We will send a registration form out with the July newsletter to all members encouraging them to register early in order to begin getting funds into our bank account. (2) We need volunteers. It was suggested that if someone doesn't want to become a member of BTO (they can't attend the convention) we would ask them to do things to help us prepare for the convention and help clean up after the convention. Of course we hope all members or most will want to be a part of this adventure. Another suggestion: Give one year's dues to members who volunteer. We would have to build that expense into our budget though.

Assignments:

Convention car – Bob Beare – Several suggestions but most agreed that a Locomotive would be something different. Bob is checking it out.

Clinics – Fred Neal

Ads – Tom Brown

Entertainment Banquet – Tom Brown will contact our member who is a clown

Vendor Table labels – Tom Tomasello

Fill Goody bags – Brown's, Tomasello's, Fox's and anyone else who can be at the Brown's Tuesday before the convention.

Registration Table – Volunteers to come

Catalogs – Jim Fox Note: Jim has taken on getting Donations, goody bag items and has contacted 11 companies so far.

Inside Layouts – Larry Paakh with modules Ed DeSipio Thomas Table for kids

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Outside Train layout and running – Ken Richter

Budget/finances – Wayne Richter

Bus Tours – Bob & Judy Beare

Train tour – Dave Gairo

Lunches both tours – Brown's Richland House, Fox's catered box lunches

Brochure of Layouts – Al Schmidt – Also media

Name Tags/Print out for registration table, etc. Tee-shirts, etc. Anita