

**First State Model Railroad Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**December 9, 2014**

December's business meeting was held at the Jarrell Clubhouse. The meeting was called to order by Club President Jim Valle at 7:30pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by club Secretary Henry Kramer. Upon a motion by Gary Bryant, seconded by Dick Lush, the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Richard Stockslager. He noted an opening balance of \$1,199.40 in the club's account. Receipts totaled \$730.00 and disbursements amounted to \$340.83; leaving a closing balance of \$1,588.57. The Agricultural Museum fund is now down to \$38.04 and included in the club's balance. Paul Roy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Thompson and was accepted.

Jim Thompson presented Les Souder a plaque to Les Souder for all the years he served as Vice President.

**Presidential Remarks:**

- Jim Valle reported that the Magnolia NJ Train Show went well with \$100.00 going into the club treasury.
- Jim also reported that the Laurel Train Show also went well, once we figured out how to fit the layout in the area provided for us. \$150.00 went into the club's treasury.
- Member attendance for both shows turned out strong.
- Jim Thompson and Jim Valle ran trains for the Farmer's Christmas on the layout at the Agricultural Museum. Visitors were pleased with the farms that were finished.

Paul Buckley reported that he spoke to the director of the Agricultural Museum and took some of the locomotives and rolling stock home to bring them up to better standards and will return them so they will run better.

Jim Thompson reported that he got wheels and bearings for the John Deere lawn mower and had the bearing pressed in.

Jim Valle reported that the Agricultural Museum layout is really taking shape. He thanked all of the members who have been working on this project and asked to get it finished.

Richard Stockslager reported that the Agricultural Museum has the plexiglass to go around the layout to protect it.

Jim Thompson reported that the club's Christmas Party will be held at Roma Restaurant at Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:30pm.

**Upcoming Trips and Events:**

- January 23-25, 2015 will be the annual Springfield, MA trip. Paul Roy reported that he has made reservations Schermerhorn's Seafood Restaurant in Holyoke, MA (their website is [www.schermhornseafood.com](http://www.schermhornseafood.com)) for 6:30pm Saturday night. Members will order from the menu.
- Richard Stockslager reported that the Seaside G Scale Club has setup at the Air Force Museum in Dover for the Christmas holidays.

Kurt Schwaninger reported on a restaurant in an old train station where 2 mainlines cross each other at the station. Plans were made to have Friday night's dinner at this restaurant.

Jeff Shockley reported that P.J. Madison, President of the NMRA, sent a certificate of appreciation for our 10 years with the merit badge program and 318 merit badges certified.

At 8:30pm Paul Roy made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Bryant and the meeting was ended.

Respectively submitted,  
Kevin Herrmann, Secretary