

# CMSM Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2013

The meeting started at 6:37pm.

**Attendance:** The attendance sheet was passed out and 10 members were present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club account currently has a balance of \$1205. There are currently 14 paid members (only paid members can vote for club offices). Additional information was provided regarding the TigerCon account. The TigerCon balance is \$476. Members were also reminded that it is club dues time. Club dues are \$15 for the year payable to Central Missouri Scale Modelers.

**February Club Meeting:** It was noted that the February club meeting, as scheduled, will fall on the Valentine's Holiday. Since many members of the club are married, it was decided that most would be otherwise busy on that date. The calendar was consulted and discussion by the attending members suggested a few dates as alternate meeting dates. The club unanimously agreed to move the February meeting to the 3rd Thursday ( February 21st ).

**Election of Club Officers for 2013 :** Elections had previously been in December for club officers. However the position of Club President had not been filled. The matter was brought before the club again, and after much discussion, Jack Andrewson accepted and was confirmed as club president.

Results of the club officers election :

President	- Jack Andrewson
Treasurer	- Scott Adams
Secretary	- T.Mike Curry
TigerCon Coordinator	- Colin Smialek
Public Outreach Officer	- Brian Lloyd
Head Judge	- Rusty Ratliff
Club Meeting Skill Topic Coordinator	- Jack Andrewson

**Improving the Club Meetings:** The club discussed at length how to keep the monthly meeting interesting for members. Previously discussion was held regarding this topic and members had decided to cogitate on the matter and resume the discussion at the January meeting. It was noted that a number of people had shown up last year to one or two meetings and then not returned. It was also noted that some members felt certain meetings had become “lengthy administrative discussions”. Prominent items discussed and ideas for the club meeting were as follows:

- Seeing the models fellow members have built is really fun.
- Seeing and discussing models fellow members are currently building is really fun.
- Keeping the business portion of the meeting short(er) is preferred.
- Having a monthly model raffle to improve interest in attendance was not favored. Members discussed instead having a model exchange which would be of more interest (Bring a model you have but are not so interested in building anymore, to possibly exchange with someone else).
- The Model-in-a-Month is fun but members often are not able to complete the model in a month. It is more a “Model-in-a-Couple-o-Months”.
- A suggestion was made to match the Model-in-a-Couple-o-Months to an upcoming event at which the club is showing models.
- A suggestion was made to consider having the business portion of the monthly meeting either in the middle or at the end of the meeting. Perhaps the monthly topic presentation, model exchange, and/or Model-in-a-Couple-o-Months, could be done before the club business.

**How to Increase Youth Interest :** Discussion was held on the topic of increasing youth interest in scale modeling. It was noted that youth “these days” are more interested in electronics and “short time to reward” type activities. Several ideas were offered, but the popular Make-n-Take events were noted as perhaps being a significant avenue of outreach. It was agreed by the members present that the DBRL Make-n-Take event be repeated this year (perhaps several times?) Also recommended and agreed was that the TigerCon event should definitely continue to have a Make-n-Take portion. Lastly it was suggested that one or several of the Make-n-Take models be completed for display at the Make-n-Take event table; one would simply be the “stock” model completed, but another (or two?) be done really well (painted, detailed, weathered, etc.) Overcoming the short-time-to-reward issue was seen as the issue to overcome when trying to interest today’s youth.

**Ideas for Events to Participate in This Year :** An ongoing topic from last month, members discussed and suggested events for the club to participate in this year. Events suggested and preferred were as follows:

- Car Shows ( “Old Wheels” and the Mustang Club )
- DBRL Make-n-Take (like last year; maybe two this year?)
- DBRL Cabinet Display (the one on the 3rd floor; what are their themes this year?)
- Pinewood Derby at Parkade Plaza

- Mid-Mo Farm Toy
- Salute to Veterans
- TigerCon “theme category” matching a tie-in event (example: “50 Years of Mustang Cars”)

Other items discussed included inviting the media (local TV primarily) to club events and looking for opportunities to combine with other related organizations for events (Farm Toy + scale models, for example?)

**Member Models :** For the January meeting, members were invited to bring their latest “work-in-progress” to show other club members. Several members brought their current works-in-progress to show the attending members and discuss their model.

**Adjournment:** Chairs and tables were put away and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.