

## RE: Admin building mentioned in RLSD Town Hall meeting

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...Which is the main reason why not every dollar taken in by the club should be spent (on the current layouts). We should have a systematic way of diverting a portion of our income into a savings account we do not touch except for emergencies. At one time, I suggested we save at least half of every dollar we make off the showing of the traveling layout. We've had a few years of heavy expenses where we've depleted our treasury - It's time re-establish a large separate account. (It can be in our normal savings/checking account - on paper only.)

I think it would be wise to put at least half of every dollar earned by the show layout into this account. (We might even consider going 100% or 75% for a couple years to make up for the last two to three years where we've spent every penny.) The way I look at it is (this is my personal opinion - not part of our constitution, by-laws, or any suggested organization document):

- Dues income is each member's investment into being a part of the club and the club's activities. Hence, each member should see activities he/she can participate in resulting from their dues. Since we cannot predict either the club's longevity, or the individual's longevity in the club, it's best that dues are used to fund our day-to-day activities. Saving dues income long term only potentially takes away any one individual's return from their investment (if he/she leaves the club prior to the collected dues being spent).
- Income from the show layout (or any club income outside of dues) is a club earned income which should be spent at the discretion of the entire club. This is the income we should invest in the future of the club, hence my suggestion that we save a portion of this income.

Bottom line, we don't know if what Monty has picked up is simply talk or ideas being tossed around, or whether there may be some serious intentions being pushed. We could still be at Ross 10 years from now, or we could be homeless again in 6-12 months. We could see an announcement of the end of our stay at Ross 2 years prior to a move-out, or it could come a couple months prior. So we have to prepare ourselves for the worst case.

The last "eviction" notice we received came about 2 months prior to our expected departure. We were invited by management to discuss our benefits to the management and facility about two months prior to the notice (so we did see something coming around 4 months ahead). But we left with very little money in our savings, and a decreased membership roster, and nothing like the show layout that we could use to make a few extra bucks. We spent well over 10 years homeless, struggling to find a new home, struggling to find reasons for our existence, and watching our few remaining members - as hardcore as they were, gradually drift away - mostly

for health reasons. Had we found a potential home those first few years, we didn't have any money saved to be able to make an investment into the home. With limited membership (eventually around 8 members), dues income was very nominal. It took us better than 10 years to save up the roughly \$4,000 we had when we first started at Ross.

I was lucky (unlucky) enough to be president of this club from two years prior to the "eviction", to roughly around 2 or 3 years after we moved into Ross. So I took our situation very personally, and vowed that I would make sure we got out of our troubles. From my standpoint - I see us almost exactly where we were just prior to the last time we had to move out - we have a limited membership roster (we're roughly at 12 or 13 members right now - we were exactly the same back then), and less than \$1,000 in the treasury. The only difference is that we have the show layout that can travel with us (our one investment that will help us long term). Don't believe that anything on the room layout will make it to our next home - it won't! Even the rolling stock and locomotives from Winton House - a good portion were obsolete and were sold or replaced. Last move, we saved almost everything we could pull out of Winton House. Today, less than a handful of locos have survived, and probably less than 1/4 of the rolling stock we had at Winton House. And even though we saved almost every plastic structure, I don't think any are on our room layout today - a few are on the show layout. If what Monty picked up on happens tomorrow, we will be incapable of getting into a new home short term - we have no money and a limited roster.

So...It's now time to start the savings again so that we are better off than last time.

Thanks,  
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FYI, I just received a summary of a Town Hall meeting that was held by the Ross Local schools last week. Buried in it was this little tidbit:

Q: There have been rumors about tearing down the Administration building. Will this happen, and if so, when?

A: At this time, this is rumor. We are investigating the options of a public/private partnership with a medical group and possibly the YMCA. Within this investigation, we are discussing facility options.

Monty