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LIBRARIAN/HISTORIAN REPORT

There has been no activity to report since the BOD meeting. In the three years that I've held the title of Librarian, one DVD was borrowed. The question that begs to be asked is "Why are we maintaining a library which is of no interest to our membership?" Or is it that it is just too expensive to borrow items from our library given the postage, handling and deposit fees? I think there are some interesting items in the library but if it is going to be utilized we need to find a way to make it more accessible to our members. I looked into the possibility of transferring the materials in the library to our website but due to space limitations and copyright considerations this would not be a feasible solution. As an alternative, what I've come up with is that we should turn the library into a mobile unit which travels to a new participating region every time we hold an AGM or a BOD meeting. The regional association in possession of the library could notify its membership of the library's visit to their area and distribute a list of available items to delegates from each club in the region. Each participating region would be required to appoint a delegate who would assume the responsibilities of librarian while the unit was in their area and ensure that all resources were returned to the library before it was transferred to the next region. It would take three years for the library to make the circuit, but I think it would be the least expensive way to go and in the end we'd see much better use of our library.

Respectfully,
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