

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of October 4th, 2021

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach.

Board members attending in person included Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, John Spach, and Bob Witwer.

2. Recognition of Additional Members and Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Additional members attending in person included Mike Johns, and George Lasley.

Additional members attending by Zoom included Scott Hall, Ted Kunstling, Tom Magnani, and Steve Wills.

Also attending by Zoom was Luke Tomberlin. This was Luke's first meeting. He is a perspective Youth member who likes HO and N scale and the Cass Scenic Railroad.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Ken Howard made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published. It was seconded by Mike Keelean and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean presented the Treasurer's report.

Mike also presented the completed tax documents for the year which have been filed.

Finally, Mike gave the final report on the LED lighting conversion at the Clubhouse.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tom Garren, seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.

5. Communications with the Club

a. Phone, Mail, Email

i. Calfee reported that we have received a donation from William Bolen of Youngsville of 39 pieces of rolling stock.

ii. Several other calls have been taken from people wanting to sell their trains.

iii. Ken Howard followed up by phone with Mike Gardner who had requested information about us putting a helicopter on one of our layouts. He is also working on a possible HO donation.

iv. George Lasley reported that he has followed up with a couple of other calls. In each case the ball is in their court as to whether they want to donate or sell.

v. Wayne Aiken reported a phone call from a lady in Wake Forest with a bunch of VHS tapes she wanted to sell. They include both prototype and model railroading. If you are interested see Wayne for the phone number.

6. Committee Reports – as needed

a. Membership

i. Past due dues notices have been sent.

ii. As a result, a few members have now paid their dues.

- iii. One member has withdrawn for now.
- iv. Those not responding will be dropped from the roll as of December 1st.

b. Ways and Means

- i. Need to perform the annual review of the books.
- ii. George Lasley suggested the review be performed during the show or after the show in November.

c. House

Nothing to report.

d. Engineering

Next Wednesday, October 13th, John Wallis will make an inventory of our existing DCC equipment on the HO layout and make suggestions for improvement of our system.

7. Old Business

a. Fall Show 2021 Update

- i. George Lasley provided an updated floor plan showing the tables that have been sold and those that are still available.
- ii. Currently there are 30 tables still available with several of these pending receipt of the paperwork and payment. This means we have several less than 30 tables remaining for sale.
- iii. Our show is back on the State Fair calendar.
- iv. George will contact the food vendor to discuss the particulars of the show.
- v. We will require masks or face shields be worn again this year.
- vi. The truck and trailer have been lined up so we can take the Club items to the show. The load date is yet to be determined but will most likely be sometime Thursday November 4th.
- vii. George reported that we will not use the N&O for advertising this year. It was decided to advertise in a small regional paper that we used last year once again.
- viii. Ted Kunstling requested any videos or pictures we have from the 2020 show to be used on our Facebook page.
- ix. He also suggested we consider a small add in *Our State* magazine in future years.

b. October Work Session Saturday October 9th 10 am Scheduled Start

- i. The lockers near the HO layout will be moved to the closet off the main meeting room.
- ii. The large metal storage cabinet near the HO layout will be moved to one of the rest rooms and used to store rest room and cleaning supplies.
- iii. We will also organize the materials to be used at the November show.
- iv. John Spach will provide hot dogs and chips provided for lunch break - you provide your own beverage.

c. Member shirts sign up - list posted on layout room door

- i. Prices are being finalized with the vendor by Doug Alumbaugh.

- ii. There may be some supply issues for some sizes of shirts.
- iii. Estimated prices for long-sleeve denim shirts are S-XL31, XX 33, XXX 34
- iv. Estimated prices for short-sleeve denim shirts are S-XL 23, XX 25, XXX 26
- v. Polo shirts are estimated to be S-XL 25, XX 27, XXX 29
- vi. Names can be added to the shirts for \$2.00.
- vii. Caps will be 17.00 each.
- viii. The Club will order a few extras for Club inventory.
- ix. Please go ahead and sign up.
- x. The official prices will be sent out once they are received.

d. Club Layout Inventories Updated for Taxes and Insurance

- i. Work is underway to update and complete the HO layout inventory.
- ii. The modules have been inventoried showing all track and structures.
- iii. There will be a separate inventory for engines and rolling stock.
- iv. Calfee has followed up with several members to verify that the structures are the property of the Club.
- v. There is a large amount of HO materials under the layout that needs to be sorted out prior to the show, with the potential to sell some of the items not needed.
- vi. Thanks to Ken Howard, Bob Witwer and Richard Calfee for their work on this improved inventory.

8. New Business

a. Visit to Member's Layout

John Spach reported that Phil Michaud is planning an open house for Club members to see both his N and HO scale layouts. After some discussion it was decided to try for October 23rd. More information will be provided once the details are verified.

b. DCC Decoder Work Session

A discussion was held about the possibility of having a work session to teach members how to install DCC decoders. There are several DC only Club locomotives that need decoders. The proposal is to purchase and install a very rudimentary decoder giving cab number and lights. Stay tuned for more details on this work session as they become available.

c. Report on Brick Universe

Steve Wills thanked all members that helped with the Lego layout at Brick Universe. Crowds at the show were two deep as usual. Members who participated included Ron Abraham, Preston Cudd, Dan Egy, Randy Foulke, and Mike Mitricska.

d. Additional New Business

George Lasley reported that Kim Parker is open this week for inventory reduction. It is suggested that you call before you go to be sure he there.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

- a. John Spach extended condolences from the Club for the death of Mike Johns' grandson.
- b. George Sawyer reported that he has had no luck getting the new printer at the Clubhouse to work.

10. Adjournment of Public portion of Meeting

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Keelean and seconded by Bob Witwer. It passed unanimously. The Public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

11. Executive Session

An executive session was held.

12. Motion for adjournment of Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.