

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of February 17th, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clif Kelly

2. Roll Call of Members in attendance and on Zoom
Members attending in person were Wayne Aiken, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Mezera, Dr. Lou Monville, John Spach, John Wallis, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom were Jerry Davis, Peter Donofrio, Dan Egy, Bill Hanses, Owen Maddux, Tom Magnani, Ethan Quiram, and Ron Wertenberg.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom
Guests attending in person were Stephan Dalhem, Jr. and Tim Covell.

Guests attending by Zoom were Tom Charnley and Jim Nelson.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting
George Lasley made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted.
The motion was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Summary Report – motion to accept
Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer’s report.
George Lasley asked Mike to verify that we have paid our annual insurance bill.
A motion was made by John Wallis and seconded by Dr. Lou Monville to accept the Treasurer’s report. It passed unanimously.

6. Communications with the Club
 - a. Bob Witwer reported a phone call from Youth member Cameron Davis. He is asking for help from anyone that may have experience installing a sound decoder in an Athearn GP 38. If you can help, please let a member of the Board know so we can get you the contact information.

 - b. Ted Kunstling stated that he has been in touch with someone named Adams on Facebook. Ted provided time and location information so Adams can come and visit the Club.

 - c. Wayne Aiken took a call from Elmer Pearsol from Aberdeen. He is the past president of the Aberdeen club. He invited us down to visit their club any time.

7. Membership Committee
This month we have four applications for membership that are eligible to be voted into the Club. All four have met the two-meeting requirement.

- a. Tom Charnley applied to be a Junior member. He models HO and likes CSX predecessors and Southern Railway.
- b. Tim Covell applied to be a Senior member. He models O and likes Southern Railway.
- c. Stephen Dalhem, Jr. applied for Senior membership. He models O and S scales and likes B&O.
- d. Jim Nelson applied for Senior membership. He models HO and likes New York Central.

George Lasley made a motion to suspend the rules and accept all four people as members by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Ted Kunstling and passed unanimously. Welcome to our new members.

8. Show and Tell

- a. John Spach brought a New York Central watering can.
- b. John Mezera brought in three DVDs and donated them to the Club. They are on rotary snow plows on Donner Pass, one on installing DCC, and one on scenery.
- c. Tom Garren brought a Hamilton pocket watch once owned by his grandfather.

9. Old Business

- a. Bob Witwer provided an update on the module and equipment donation from Greenville. We received approximately 40 HO modules, 20 some switches, track and some structures.

Bob brought in two examples of the modules to give an idea of the nature of the donation. The modules may be seen at the storage facility in Clayton where Bob has them stored temporarily. One showing took place today, Thursday, February 17th with a second showing on Monday, February 21st at 1:00 pm. Contact Bob Witwer if you need directions or need to arrange a different time to see the modules.

We ultimately want to determine which ones can be used as part of the HO expansion, which modules can be sold to Club members, and which ones can be parted out and which ones will be scrapped.

Owen Maddux has already purchased two of the smaller modules. Ken Howard has also expressed interest in some of the modules.

- b. Ken Howard provided a review of the latest HO Committee meeting and plans going forward. The meeting was held on Sunday, February 13th at the Clubhouse. There were 19 members in attendance. There was much discussion and several decisions were made. These included leaving the layout at its current height and creating a better system for reporting track problems on the layout.

The track planning subcommittee is to bring a strawman to the next committee meeting for discussion. It should address the issue of access to all areas of the layout.

On Saturday, February 19th at 9:45 am we are meeting to move the N scale layout to its new location. This will be prior to our scheduled work session.

The next HO committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

- c. Updates on Spring Show - as needed
George Lasley reported that the Spring show is sold, out and we have created a waiting list.
WRAL has been told to proceed with the proposed advertising package.
- d. Review Plans for Saturday Work Session
Wayne Aiken reported that he has obtained the decoders needed for installation in Club locomotives at the work session this Saturday. This work will follow the move of the N scale layout. Wayne expects to have several soldering stations available at the session. John Spach will provide lunch for all participants. Bring your own drink.
- e. Additional Old Business as Needed
Mike Keelean asked about the status of our shirt order. This is especially important with the addition of several new members over the last few months. Randy Foulke is investigating a vendor that can allow us to order shirts one at a time if needed.
John Spach will work with Doug Alumbaugh to verify pricing from our old vendor.
If any member is aware of other possible vendors, please let us know.
Look for an email from John Spach in the near future to summarize the shirt ordering process along with sizes and pricing.

10. New Business

- a. Ted Kunstling reminded everyone that the front door has a film on it to block the sun. We need to be very careful when attaching signage to the door with tape to prevent damage to the film.
- b. Clif Kelly has agreed to serve on the Audit Committee.

11. Program

- a. This month we had a Double Header
 - i. First Tom Garren presented "What is it – Where is it?" A short presentation of slides from the mid-1970s of the remains of an old Fairbanks Morse Automatic coaling station that stood on the Durham and Southern Railway in Apex for many years.
 - ii. Randy Foulke presented the first installment of a detailed series on diesel electric locomotives. Since this is the 100th year of EMD, this presentation featured facts about their products.
We look forward to more in this series. Good job Randy!!

12. Adjournment of Meeting

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.