

## **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Minutes of the Membership Meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Wayne Aiken.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clif Kelly
  
2. Roll Call of Members  
Members attending in person were Ron Abraham, Wayne Aiken, Bernie Dawson, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Wallis, and Bob Witwer.  
  
Members attending by Zoom were Jerry Davis, Peter Donofrio, Owen Maddux, Tom Magnani, John Mezera, and Jim Nelson.
  
3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom  
Guest attending in person was Don Weaver. He models in several scales. This is his first meeting.
  
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 Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.
  
5. Treasurer's Summary Report  
Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report.  
A motion was made by Tom Garren and seconded by Randy Foulke to accept the Treasurer's report. It passed unanimously.
  
6. Communications with the Club  
Wayne Aiken mentioned a couple of calls that were discussed in detail at the last Board meeting.
  
7. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership Committee - One guest tonight, Don Weaver. This is his first meeting.
  
  - b. Ways and Means – Nothing to report
  
  - c. House – Mike Keelean reported he will schedule a carpet cleaning for the Clubhouse after the Spring show.
  
  - d. Engineering – HO Committee covered in Old Business

## 8. Old Business

- a. George Lasley reported that the Spring show is sold out.

He has been able to accommodate all table requests.

If anyone else wants tables, they will get them only if someone else withdraws from the show.

Layouts for the show will be North Raleigh, Lego, Atlantic Coast S scale and the Club's travelling O gauge layout.

Unless something changes in COVID restrictions, we will not be using plexiglass on the ticket tables this year.

We will plan to have hand sanitizer stations.

Members are needed for setup at 10:00 am on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kerr Scott building.

Details for loading the trailer will come next month.

- b. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard provided an update on the activities of the HO Committee.

There are a number of layout designs on the flip chart stand for inspection.

The next meeting of the HO Committee will be Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Please try to attend if you have interest in the HO expansion.

There will also be a work session to salvage the modules received in the Greenville donation. This will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The location is Eagle Storage on Highway 42 on the west side of Clayton. Please contact Bob Witwer for information on gaining access to the facility.

Ted Kunstling has inventoried the stations and industries on the existing HO layout. This will be helpful in both the HO expansion and the upcoming inventory of Club assets.

- c. Review Plans for Saturday Work Session

Tom Garren reminded everyone that there will be a work session on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. The fun should start around 10:00 am. This session will be to fix up the former travelling N scale layout for sale to a Club member. If there are enough people present, we may also start work on a small layout that can be sold or raffled at the Spring show. John Spach will provide lunch for all participants. Bring your own drink.

## 9. New Business

- a. Charge the Nominating Committee

The three at large Board members make up the Nominating committee. They are to build a slate of nominations for the four officers and the one at-large Board seat that are up this year.

The committee will give their report to the membership at the April meeting, voting will occur during the next month, and election results will be announced at the May meeting.

- b. Randy Foulke announced that CPD 13 will have a regional NMRA convention in Raleigh in mid to late October of 2024. They would like to be able to visit our

Clubhouse. They are also looking for layouts to have open for tours. If you have any interest in have your layout available for a tour, please contact Randy Foulke.

c. Funeral of Pat Moore

George Lasley reported that the funeral for Pat Moore, our first elected president, was well attended by the Raleigh community. Several Club members were in attendance as well.

10. Show and Tell

- a. Randy Foulke brought three shovels he had received from his Father-in-law who had once been a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad in Indiana. The interesting fact is that a shovel was worn out in two weeks of firing duty.
- b. Bernie Dawson shared an HO model of a Norfolk and Western dynamometer car.
- d. Ted Kunstling shared a video of him as a child riding with the crew on a Chicago and Great Western switcher. This was about 70 years ago.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

George Lasley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

12. Ted Kunstling presented a program on Railroads of the Civil War, with emphasis on North Carolina.