

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of May 19th, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members in Attendance and on Zoom

Members attending in person were Wayne Aiken, Randy Foulke, Ken Howard, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, Larry Pearlman, John Spach, John Wallis, Ron Wertenberg, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom were Tom Charnley, Jerry Davis, Pete Donofrio, Tom Garren, and Tom Magnani.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Mike Garver attended in person. This is his second meeting.
Alexander Wang attended by Zoom. 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 John Wallis and passed unanimously.

5. Communications with the Club

There were no communications with the Club to discuss at this meeting.

6. Committee Reports – as needed

a. Membership

A motion was made by George Lasley and seconded by Randy Foulke to suspend the rules and accept Michael Garver into the Club as a Senior member.

b. Ways and Means

i. George Lasley reported that dues will remain the same for fiscal year 2022-2023.

ii. John Spach gave a review of our membership and encouraged all of us to continue to help grow the membership of the Club.

iii. Election of officers for 2022/23 fiscal year

Since there was no opposition for any office in the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee, George Lasley moved to accept the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously.

The officers elected for Fiscal Year 2022-23 will be
President – John Spach
Vice President – Wayne Aiken
Secretary – Tom Garren
Treasurer – Mike Keelean
At Large Board Member – Bob Witwer

c. House

- i. Following a Sunday session, the Club was found on Monday with door unlocked and lights on. This cannot happen again.

A discussion was held where many ideas were offered. These included installing a keypad lock and installing web cameras so we can check the Clubhouse remotely. In the end, it was determined that we need to police ourselves more actively. Tom Garren was asked to prepare a sign to be put on the inside of the front door to remind people of the things to check before leaving if they are the last person.

- ii. Landscape plan for easier maintenance
John Spach shared that we will be installing the roll of rubber material outside to reduce the weeds near the building. Wayne Aiken will work with Mike Keelean on this project.

7. Show and Tell

- a. John Spach presented a New York Central wrench that he will use as a gavel.
- b. He also showed cordless finger nail tool than works well for cleaning wheels on locomotives. Search on Amazon for nail decorators.

8. Old Business

- a. Spring show final report and Fall show update as needed
George Lasley reported that the Spring Show was a success. We were well attended, made some money and had happy vendors. It was the easiest show setup we have ever had.

Bob Witwer made a motion to close the Spring 2022 show. It was seconded by Mike Marsh and passed unanimously.

Tom Garren made a motion to open the Fall 2022 show. It was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously.

George hopes to get the vendor letters out in June. Red flyers have already been printed and are available for distribution.

- b. HO Committee Update

Ken Howard reported that two modules have been removed from the layout. The layout is operational on the mains. There are some sidings that need some work to get back in service.

The modules from Bob Witwer's storage unit have either been moved to the Clubhouse or have been scrapped. Some Club members have inquired about the availability of the removed modules for sale. The HO committee will make a recommendation about these modules. Board approval will be required if the suggestion is to sell the modules.

John Spach reported that the programming track has been disabled on the HO layout. Locomotives should now be programmed in the shop on the test track.

c. **Shirt Order**

John Spach reported that tonight is the last chance to sign up for Club shirts. The order will be processed after the meeting tonight.

d. **Open House Scheduled for June 4th from 10:00 – 4:00**

We need everyone possible to cover the Open House. Please wear your Club shirt and name badge if you have them. Be prepared to show our guests around in the hopes of getting new members.

e. **Additional Old Business**

Randy Foulke announced a trip to, and tour of, the Tichy Train Group in Burlington. The proposed date is July 9th. We will need to determine how many people plan on attending so our hosts can make plans. Look for a future communication about this trip.

9. **New Business**

a. **Club visit by the CPD13 group is planned on June 18th at 11 AM. Anticipate 10-12 guests**

Randy Foulke and John Wallis will become our social committee to coordinate folks coming in to visit the Club as well as coordinating trips for our Club members.

b. **Additional new business as needed**

Don Weaver asked for the difference between Associate and Senior members. Basically, an Associate is a non-voting member.

Wayne Aiken reported that the Circus restaurant is closing.

10. **Program**

This month our program was "Speed Matching Locomotives" by John Wallis. If you missed the presentation, be sure to check out the slides on our website.

11. **Adjournment of Meeting**

Tom Magnani made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by George Lasley and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.