

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of June 06, 2022**

### 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 were Wayne Aiken, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, John Spach and Bob Witwer.

Board member Richard Calfee attended by Zoom

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

Attending in person were Dan Egy, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, and Mike Marsh.

Attending by Zoom were George Sawyer, Tom Magnani and Robert Wilson.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted was made by Mike Keelean and seconded by Bob Witwer. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. He also reported that we have already collected dues from 20% of the membership. He hopes to have collected 75% by the end of the membership meeting later this month.

Mike noted that if a member pays by credit card they should always print a receipt, make a copy of the receipt and put it in the Treasurer's box on the Library.

Tom Garren made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously.

### 5. Communications with the Club

#### a. Phone, mail, email

Wayne Aiken noted that we have received several donations recently.

Ted Kunstling asked if anyone came by on June 4<sup>th</sup> that may not have been aware that we postponed the Open House. It was noted that there were a couple of people that stopped by on Saturday.

### 6. Committee Reports

#### a. Membership

Calfee noted that he still trying to get information on a new youth member named Grayson. He has left messages with both the grandfather and father and is awaiting a follow up call from one of them.

George Sawyer stated that he gave an application to a person on Saturday. The person is from Buffalo originally and now lives in Chapel Hill.

Ralph James will be eligible for membership at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting.

b. Ways and Means  
Nothing to report.

c. House  
Mike Keelean stated that he will need help installing the rubber material as landscaping paper outside of the Clubhouse. Once Mike determines a schedule for this work session a note will be sent to the members asking them to help.

Mike Keelean will get the carpet cleaned in the Clubhouse soon. After some discussion it was decided that Mike will also request the carpet cleaners to clean the floors in the rest rooms too.

d. Engineering  
Nothing to report.

## 7. Old Business

a. Fall show 2022 update

George Lasley reported that we expect to get the database updated soon and send out the vendor letters in late June or early July. George has already received 15 or so vendor applications for the Fall show.

He further reported that he has an inquiry in with the State Fair office to determine the possibility of moving the Spring show to the Expo building. He is awaiting a response on this request.

b. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported that half of the modules from the Greenville donation that are planned for use on the expansion have been stripped down and are ready to have foam applied to them. This leaves the other half needing the same treatment. Another work session will be scheduled for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> to accomplish this work.

The casters needed for these modules will have to be ordered as Ken has been unable to find them in stock locally. The casters needed have 2 inch Zolo wheels with a 3/8 inch shaft.

The next upcoming work session after the module preparation is complete will be to connect these modules together and get them ready to install.

Ken also reported that several members have requested to buy the two modules we removed from the existing HO layout. These are numbers one and ten. We currently have more requests than we have modules for sale.

After some discussion it was decided that we will sell these modules by sealed-bid auction. This includes only the modules, track work, legs and casters. It will not include any structures.

Bidding will start at \$200.00 per module. If a member wants to bid on both modules they should submit separate bids on each module. The bids should be placed in an envelope and left in the Treasurer's box in the Library. Note on the envelope that it is a module bid.

The bids will be opened at the Board meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> and the winners announced that same evening. It is expected that the modules will be picked up by July 10<sup>th</sup>, or the Sunday following the July Board meeting.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a coin flip.


c. Open House

Ted Kunstling asked about the new date for an Open House and if we will reopen the Club to the public on June 10<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion it was decided to reopen the Club to the public on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It was further decided to schedule an Open House on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will make Mike Johns aware of the new date and the signs will be updated.

d. Other Old Business

George Sawyer requested reimbursement in the amount of \$79.35 for monies spent to upgrade the O gauge layout to accommodate both DCS and Lionel Command Control. Mike Keelean made a motion to approve the reimbursement. It was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Mike Keelean requested that the Secretary send a note to the membership reminding them that we have started a new fiscal year and it is time to pay dues.
- b. George Lasley led a discussion on the parking situation that will arise when the new gym opens next door. He will have some signs made up that say, "*No gym parking in this area* ". These signs will be put up in our parking area. He has talked to our neighbor will also have some signs made up for him too. Our neighbor will also put up signs on the street at the main driveway entrance stating that this is not a gym entrance.

George has also investigated the Ace towing website. Of their two methods of service, we will prefer the call method. Once someone is towed, it will cost them \$200.00 to get their car back.

We further discussed how we know our cars. After some discussion, Bob Witwer volunteered to get some stickers made with our logo on them for members to put on their cars. Bob also agreed to put together a plan on how to distribute the stickers.

- c. Tom Garren brought up an item about the possibility of having a table available at the shows for Club members to sell their personal items. This created a discussion where several good points were made. Concern was expressed about the possibility of taking staff away from the show, and how to make this available to members in such a way that does not violate the rules or the 501c-3.

George stated that we could set aside tables and let the members share in the cost. One person would be in charge of the table and let the others work the show as usual. George also asked for a blurb in the newsletter to determine how much interest there is in this process.

More discussion will be held on this topic as we gain more knowledge.

#### 11. Adjournment of Meeting

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mike Keelean and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.