

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of August 1, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Wayne Aiken

Board members present were Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, and Mike Keelean.

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

Additional members attending in person include Randy Foulke, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley and Mike Marsh.

Members attending by Zoom were Tim Covel, Scott Hall, and Tom Magnani.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mike Keelean made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted. It was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. At this time, we have monies from both membership dues and table rentals for the Fall show. This income stream will slow down soon as the dues are paid, and the tables are rented. Mike also requested permission to move \$3,000.00 from the checking account to the Edwards Jones account.

Tom Garren made a motion to approve Mike moving \$3,000.00 from checking to the Edwards Jones account. The motion was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously.

Wayne Aiken made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

5. Communications with the Club

- a. Ted Kunstling requested permission to extend an invitation to members of the Wake County Medical Society and their families to attend our Open House planned for September 17th. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.
- b. Tom Garren reported that he had called Keith Galloway. Keith had sent us an email wanting to know if he could come by the Club during the weekend of July 16-17. He was encouraged to come to see us the next time he is in Raleigh, which should be next year.
- c. Tom Magnani asked George Lasley if someone he referred to Nick's Trains had indeed come by and visited with George. George seemed to recall the person.
- d. Wayne Aiken has worked with Tony Galioni to receive a donation of 320 issues of Continental Modeler magazine. The Library's magazine collection now numbers 10,573 magazines.
- e. David Tomlin visited the Club early this evening trying to determine how he can best liquidate his father's HO trains and layout. We suggest that he should consider renting a table at the Fall show.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

Wayne Aiken reported that we have received an application for membership from Jimmy Hall.

It was also commented that Lee Willis has applied but did not attend tonight's meeting.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. House

A session is planned for August 13th or 14th to dismantle and pick up a layout donation in New Hill.

Mike Keelean reported that he has determined the layout he had previously agreed to store for the Club is too big to fit in his storage unit. He suggests we fix up that layout instead and sell it at the Club table at the Fall show. George Lasley suggested that we only do minimal repairs to get it running dependably and leave the addition of scenery to the buyer.

Mike Keelean noted that the A/C unit in the HO layout room has been relocated as requested.

d. Engineering

Nothing to report.

7. Old Business.

a. HO Committee Report

Randy Foulke presented a report from July 24th meeting of the HO committee.

The HO committee has determined to keep the foam covering the new modules at the same level as the top of the existing module.

The maximum grade on the expansion will be held to 3%.

Access will be improved around the expansion by cutting off one corner and expanding the aisleway.

Peter Ring will prepare a CAD drawing of the new plan.

The proposed turntable will not be big enough to turn a Big Boy but should turn a pair of diesels.

The proposed wye should handle turning large steam engines.

The committee would like to see the trackwork finished in time for the September 17th open house.

The next meeting of the HO committee is scheduled for August 21st.

b. Update on Fall Show

George Lasley reported that we have 12-14 tables remaining available.

There are 100-110 reserved tables for which we are still awaiting payment.

There has been no word from the State Fair office on the status of us moving to the Expo building for the 2023 Spring show.

George is going ahead with the advertising plan submitted by WRAL.

8. New Business

a. Development Committee Report

Ted Kunstling gave a report from the new Development committee.

The various layout groups have been polled to determine their current situation and future needs.

Four people support the N scale layout. They would like a bigger layout.

S scale is currently being supported by Ken Wesp with no significant expansion plans.

The HO layout is being expanded and seems to be OK at this time.

O scale is desired, but space considerations make it a lower priority.

The Library needs more room.

Members should let Ted know if they have additional comments or concerns.

b. Wayne Aiken would like to see more use of our internet connection. A discussion ensued that mentioned using a Club computer to access YouTube or other services and use the TV as a large monitor.

c. Scott Hall suggested that if we decide to discard the printer that sits beside the router to consider donation it to Triangle Ecycling in Durham. They will make use of the components if they cannot use the printer.

d. Randy Foulke shared a proposal to advertise the Club in the NMRA publication. This will be free advertising on a space available basis. Randy was encouraged to pursue this ad.

e. Tom Garren reminded everyone that the September Board meeting falls on Labor Day. In the past we have moved the meeting off of the holiday. Tom suggested that we reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, September 6th. This will be decided when we can talk to the entire Board, with a decision being made in the next couple of weeks.

f. Mike Keelean stated that he would like to see the Club invite representatives from the Wake County Public Library to see our collection of railroad related material. This suggestion was received favorably but needs to be a future project.

g. George Lasley reported that there is nothing further to report on the parking situation at this time.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

Wayne Aiken inquired as to how the soft drink money situation is doing. Mike Keelean reported that more members are paying for their drinks, and we are now breaking even.

10. Motion for Adjournment

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. It was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.