

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of September 6th, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Tom Garren at 7:06 pm.

Board members in attendance were Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, and Bob Witwer.

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

Members attending in person were Bernie Dawson, George Lasley, and Don Weaver.

Members attending by Zoom were Jerry Davis, and Tom Magnani.

One guest attended tonight by Zoom. This was Cedar Johnston's first meeting. He is applying for Youth membership.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Bob Witwer made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. It was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasure's report.

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

5. Communications with the Club

It was reported that the Club phone is working again. We have renewed with Magic Jack for three more years.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

One guest tonight, Cedar Johnston, has applied for Youth membership. This was his first meeting.

He likes CSX and NS.

b. House

Mike Keelean reported that the shrubs around the Clubhouse have been trimmed.

The trimmings have been piled up and we need someone with a truck to take them to the dump. Bob Witwer volunteered to take care of removing the trimmings.

7. Old Business

a. HO Layout Committee Progress Report

Ken Howard reported that the goal to have an operating mainline loop on the new HO layout expansion has been met. This will be operable for our upcoming Open House.

Mike Keelean suggested that painting needs to be done on some of the expansion module sides.

Additionally, some wires need to be soldered from the rails on the expansion to the feeder wires underneath the layout before the track is permanently attached to the modules.

Note: This work is now underway.

As soon as the Open House is completed, we need to work on both the HO and N scale layouts that we plan on selling at the Fall show.

- b. Spring Show 2022 Update
George Lasley reported that we are now sold out of tables.
George is still rebuilding his contacts after the email/contact problem he had recently.
 - c. Dues Collection
As of September 01, any member that has not paid their dues is no longer in good standing. Mike Keelean reported that one such member has submitted a check. After some discussion, it was decided to talk to these members. If this fails to produce results, they will receive an email informing them of their situation.
8. New Business
- a. Bernie Dawson brought forth a request from the N scale layout team. They are requesting funds to buy two AB sets of F3 units from Broadway Limited with DCC and sound. These locos will be painted and lettered for NRV in the mid-fifties lettering style. To assure that we have the funds for this project, Bob Wither made a motion to allocate up to \$600.00 to buy these locomotives. The motion was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously.
 - b. Mike Keelean reminded the membership that it is time for him to prepare our taxes. Each layout is requested to provide an inventory with a valuation of their equipment. Similar information is also needed from the Library. This information is requested by the end of next week.
 - c. Vacuums: Ken Howard reported that the Club still has nine vacuum cleaners. It was decided that surplus units will be offered for sale at the Fall show. Those that do not sell will be donated to charity.
 - d. Open House will be discussed at the Membership meeting.
9. Adjournment of Board Meeting
- As no executive session was required this month, Bob Witwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.