

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of August 21st, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Ken Howard. Members in attendance included Brock Bowden, Peter Denofrio, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Ken Howard, Clif Kelly, Phil Michaud, Ethan Quiram, John Spach, Tom Tiemann, Don Weaver, and Bob Witwer.

2. Review of Progress for July

- a. Two 30" by 48" modules are available to members, as they will not be used in construction.
- b. Dowel risers with casters have been inserted into the folding metal legs of the modules.
- c. Cork road bed, flex track and switches have been assembled for use and stored under the layout. Sufficient materials are available to complete the first loop on the expansion.
- d. Final assembly of the modules is almost completed. Bolting of units into larger sections has begun.
- e. Track plans are still evolving, but plans for extension of main line one are final and construction can begin as soon as bench work is completed.
- f. The Nelson Norden layout was disassembled, picked up, and transported. It is now in storage at the Club.

3. Problems Discussed

Discussions were held about construction and track plans and availability of materials to complete the first phase of the expansion.

The following items remain to be purchased:

- Five 4x8 foot, 1" thick fire retardant foam sheets to cover the bench work
- A case of glue to cement the foam to the decking
- Bolts to complete assembly of the modules

Randy Foulke will purchase the foam and glue. Ken Howard will supply bolts.

Discussions were held about the minimum radius curves that were desired by the members. It was decided that 24" was the minimum radius to be used on the expansion, and that the first main would have a 30" minimum.

Discussions were held about the proposed engine terminal. The Club has a very nice 5-stall roundhouse in stock, but does not yet have a turntable. Peter Denofrio has a 13" turntable that he is willing to donate and will look into the costs and availability of turntables with a 90 foot scale length.

Ken Howard will prepare a task list for completion of the first phase of construction and post it on the easel in the HO layout room. There will be a space for members to enter the completion date as each task is finalized.

4. Future Work Sessions

Our short term goal is to have at least Main line 1 operational for the Open House on September 17th. To accomplish this goal, the following work sessions were scheduled:

Saturday, August 27th at 10:00 am

Sunday, August 28th at 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 3rd at 10:00 am

Sunday, September 4th at 1:00 pm

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be September 18th at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.