

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of September 15, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clif Kelly.

2. Roll Call of Members in Attendance and on Zoom

Members attending in person were Wayne Aiken, Tim Covell, Dan Ege, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, John Spach, John Wallis, Don Weaver, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom were Richard Calfee, Jerry Davis, Pete Denofrio, Ralph James, and Tom Magnani.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Cedar Johnston attended by Zoom. This is his second meeting.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

John Wallis made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted. It was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. The Magic Jack account has been renewed for three years.

George Lasley reminded Mike that the Post Office box rent is due in November.

Mike also reported that he has met with the accountant to work on the income taxes.

They are due by the end of October.

John Wallis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

6. Communications with the Club

Mike Keelean reported that we have an N scale donation in progress and there is an O scale donation being brought into the Clubhouse.

Ken Howard has been talking to a person about where to sell a train set and referred them to our website to learn about the Club.

George Lasley reported that in October we will be receiving a large donation from Ken Ross consisting of HO, Lionel, and S scale with buildings and rolling stock. The collection is packed in 150 orange boxes and will need to be picked up by the Club. We are shooting for October 5 or the next Wednesday to pick up this donation.

Richard Calfee has been talking to a Pat Browning who is having trouble getting some street vehicles working as outlined in the book O-Gauge Street Vehicles by H. Lee Willis.

John Spach gave a report on the success of our Facebook page. Items from other groups have been copied to our page where they are receiving many likes. Members are encouraged to copy items of interest to our page.

Wayne Aiken is in contact with the Carolina Model Railroad (NRHS) in Greensboro about a potential magazine swap.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Cedar Johnston attended his second meeting tonight. George Lasley made a motion that we suspend the rules and accept Cedar for membership by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

b. Ways and Means Committee

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities Committee

Mike Keelean thanked Bob Witwer for taking the trimmings from the shrubs to the dump.

He also proposed that we add a shelf to the wall to display the wooden passenger car that has been donated to the Club.

Finally, Mike reported that we have about 20 parking stickers left. If anyone needs one see a Board member.

John Spach led a discussion about parking for the Open House. Members were encouraged to carpool to save parking spaces.

Mike Keelean suggested that we update the equipment used on the G scale layout so that we have a better display. We are looking for a donation of G scale equipment if possible.

8. Old Business

a. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported new main one on the HO layout expansion has been installed and is operable for the Open House.

Many thanks to those who worked to make this happen including Bob Witwer and Ralph James who worked to extend and improve the power feeds to the line.

Mainline three is being considered as the DC/DCC capable loop.

The next meeting of the HO Committee is set for Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 pm.

b. Updates on Fall Show

George Lasley reported that we are sold out of tables. We need everyone's help to make the show a success.

The schedule of events for the Fall Show is as follows:

Load out of materials at the Clubhouse on Thursday night.

Members should be at the Graham Building on Friday between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

Be sure and wear comfortable shoes, bring pliers and gloves.

The dealers will begin to arrive around Noon on Friday.

The building will close Friday night at 8:00 pm.

Saturday morning the doors will open for vendors at 7:00 am and the show opens to the public at 9:00 am. The show closes at 5:00 pm. We should be out of the building by 5:30 pm.

Sunday the building opens at 8:00 am for the vendors and again at 9:00 am for the public. The show will close at 5:00 pm and the breakdown and loading of items will begin. It is predicted that the building will be turned back over to the Fairgrounds staff between 8:30 and 9:00 pm.

George Lasley is making a table available for members to place items they have for sale. See George for specific details.

9. New Business

None.

10. Program

This month John Wallis presented a program on JMRI. John's presentation has been placed on our website and can be found at this link:

<https://nrvclub.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/NRV-DCC-Monitoring-Using-JMRI.pdf>

11. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Garren and seconded by George Lasley. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.