

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of October 3rd, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

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

Board members in attendance in person were Wayne Aiken, Ken Howard, and John Spach.

Attending by Zoom was Tom Garren.

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

Members attending in person were Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, and Don Weaver.

One member attending by Zoom was John Mezera.

One guest attended tonight in person, Ed Bottum. This is Ed's second meeting. Also, second guest attended tonight by Zoom. This was Liam Bryant. This was Liam's first meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean was not present to give the Treasure's report. Per comments from Mike, the numbers are not substantially different from those at the time of the September Membership meeting.

5. Communications with the Club

- a. Ken Howard reported that Brookdale, a senior living facility in Chapel Hill, wants to bring a group over on a Tuesday to visit the Club. It was mentioned that this would be best if done after the Fall show. An alternative is the Tuesday before the membership meeting. Ken will check with Calfee to see who is following up with this person.

We actually prefer November but will follow up with the requestor to negotiate a date.

- b. Wayne Aiken is working with a Rich Fetterman for a donation in the Chapel Hill area. This will be the remains of two O gauge and on HO scale layouts.
- c. Tom Garren talked with Terry Luft from a note off of the Club email account. Terry is from Wake Forest. He has visited the Club and has submitted an application for membership. He is into three-rail O gauge.

- d. Don Weaver is working on a donation for after the first of the year that we will have to take apart.
- e. Ted Kunstling reported nothing new from our Facebook page.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

We had two guests tonight. First, Ed Bottum attended in person. This is Ed's second meeting. He has applied to be a Senior member.

Second, we had Liam Bryant attending by Zoom. Liam attended our Open House and filled out a request for Information sheet. He is a freshman in high school. He models in HO and likes Norfolk and Western and Norfolk Southern.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. House

Nothing to report.

7. Old Business

a. HO Layout Committee Progress Report

Ken Howard reported that he has nothing new to report as he has been out of town for several days.

b. Fall Show 2022 Update

George Lasley reported Joe Ray, one of our regular vendors, will not be able to attend this year due to health reasons. George has been able to resell the tables that Joe normally takes.

George also wants to get a check from Mike Keelean for WRAL as soon as Mike gets back in town.

George has not yet received word from the State Fairgrounds office on whether or not we can move to the Expo building for the Spring show.

John Spach reminded everyone that we need all hands available to staff the Fall show. There is a special concern for help to man Mike Keelean's O gauge layout.

John Spach requested that Tom Garren send out an email requesting help for the show with the schedule of hours when help is needed toward the end of this week. The email should be resent again after the Membership meeting.

George verified that there has been no request for a "learn to solder" table for the Fall show.

There was also a discussion about some unmanned tables being used by the Club for the display of magazines that are being given away. Ken Howard suggested

that we keep some magazines at the Club table for sale. Wayne Aiken noted that these magazines must be sorted and neatly displayed to attract interest.

John Spach noted that we need to fix up the HO layout that we want to sell at the show. It needs some carpentry work, track work etc. to make it complete.

We also have an N scale layout that has been fixed up and is ready to take to the show. A safe place is needed to store this layout until the time of the show.

George Lasley thinks that part of his basement could be available for that purpose.

George Lasley reported that he has a box of show flyers for Bill Ferguson to take to the Fair.

Don Weaver wondered if the new three-rail applicant could be a member by the time of the show.

John Spach reminded the membership that John Kuchnia could be a good three-rail resource for the show.

8. New Business

- a. Don Weaver asked if we could get Cedar to help some at the show.
- b. George Lasley asked if we want to move our annual charity donation up until now rather than waiting to Christmas. Several charities were suggested including the Baptist Men and the World Kitchen. After some discussion it was determined to leave the schedule for our annual gift until the Holiday season.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

- a. We need all hands available for the donation pick up on Wednesday after breakfast.
- b. John Spach reminded us that member Bill Hanses passed away recently.
- c. Also, George Sawyer's wife is ill. Please remember them both in your thoughts and prayers.

10. Adjournment of Board Meeting

As no executive session was required this month, Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.