

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of November 17, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 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, Darrell Dennis, Dan Egy, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Spach, John Wallis, Don Weaver, and Ken Wesp.

Members attending by Zoom were Liam Bryant, Tim Covell, Jerry Davis, Tom Garren, Tom Magnani, and Ron Wertenberg.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Guests attending in person were Kelly Darden, Alan Servas, Adam Servas and Terry Luft. This is Kelly's second meeting, and the third meeting for Alan and Adam Servas. This is Terry Luft's first meeting

No guests attended by Zoom at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. It looks like we had a successful show. All the bills for the show have been paid.

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

6. Communications with the Club

Randy Foulke talked to a lady about the possibility of us providing a train to run through a gingerbread village. This will be part of a Ukrainian celebration at the Holshouser Building at the State Fair Grounds on December 09-10. After a great deal of discussion, it was determined that we have no one willing to take on this event. Randy will let the requestor know that we cannot take on this project. He will also check with Steve Wills to see if he would like to do the Lego layout.

Ken Howard raised a question about the source of a four by six HO layout that has shown up at the Clubhouse. John Spach reported that he had taken the donation form Margaret Ross.

Another question was raised about the status of the Ken Ross donation. George Lasley reported that at some point between Thanksgiving and the end of the year we will make the final pick up run for that donation.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Guests attending in person tonight were Kelly Darden, Alan Servas, Adam Servas and Terry Luft.

This is Kelly's second meeting, and the third meeting for Alan and Adam Servas. As such these three people are eligible to be voted on for membership. George Lasley made a motion that we suspend the rules and accept Kelly, Alan and Adam for membership by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously. Welcome to our new members.

This is Terry Luft's first meeting. Terry lives in Wake Forest and moved here from California. He has been model railroading since 1953 and has worked on some seventeen HO and N layouts over the year. He currently has a scale three-rail layout.

b. Ways and Means Committee

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities Committee

Mike Keelean reported that our facilities are running well. We had a successful visit from the Senior Living facility in Chapel Hill. All layouts worked and the guests enjoyed their visit

John Spach reviewed the new parking procedure for the benefit of our new members. He also reminded everyone to keep the Clubhouse neat and clean. Be sure and recycle your drink containers and throw away your food wrappers.

Wayne Aiken reported the need to rework the floor pads in the shop. They are beginning to come up. Mike Keelean suggested that we find something more durable for the future.

Mike Keelean also reminded everyone about the black box in the Library that is used to place payments for items purchased from the Club. He also mentioned that members can also use the credit card machine.

8. Show and Tell

George Lasley brought several items.

An O scale C&O flatcar kit from the nineteen fifties.

A straightedge with a handle to reduce the chance of cutting yourself.

A sponge brick to give to our landlord.

A Star Trek tablecloth with the original cast.

Jake Forbes stated that he has procured an undecorated 2-8-4 locomotive that he wants to letter for NRV.

Ken Wesp shared that a great way to go from Seattle, WA to Vancouver, BC is to go by train and take business class. This will give the rider a quick way through customs.

Mike Keelean noted that we need to add a first aid kit to our show supplies in case someone needs a band aid or other first aid.

Tom Garren presented a trivia question for John Spach. What was the inaugural date for the New York Central's Empire State Express? The answer is December 7, 1941.

9. Old Business

a. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported the next HO committee meeting is set for Sunday, November 20 at 1:00 pm. At the meeting planning will start on getting back to work on the HO expansion.

Ken also reminded everyone of the proper procedures for reporting needed repairs in both rolling stock and trackwork. Members are encouraged to use the new log book and procedures to ensure the needed repairs are made.

An upcoming work session needs to be scheduled to both fix and clean the Club's rolling stock. Watch for the date.

Members are reminded that Club cars can be easily identified because they have an inventory number on them.

Finally, if you find a problem, be sure and report it and let Ken know so he can direct a correct repair.

Don Weaver noted that we still need a lost and found box to be established at the Club.

b. Updates on Fall Show

George Lasley gave a big Thank You to all who helped make the Fall show an outstanding success. Increased ticket sales, added tables, great sales at the Club table and a successful raffle helped make the show a success.

Mike Keelean made a motion to close the books on the Fall 2022 show and open the books on the Spring 2023 show. The motion was seconded by Ken Wesp and passed unanimously.

Randy Foulke noted that this would be a good time to appoint a Poobah in Training to give us continuity at the Club shows.

Mike Keelean noted that now would be a good time for the various layout committees to make capital requests to the Board. John Spach used new throttles for the HO layout as a example of expenditure requests.

10. New Business

None

11. Program

This month Randy Foulke presented a program on Krauss-Maffei diesel hydraulic locomotives. Look for this presentation to be on the website soon.

Randy also reminded everyone that we need volunteers to provide programs at our monthly membership meetings.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Garren and seconded by Randy Foulke. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.