

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of November 7th, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order by President John Spach at 6:58 pm.

Board members in attendance in person were Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, John Spach, and Bob Witwer.

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

Members attending in person were Bill Ferguson, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Mezera, and Don Weaver.

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

One guest attended tonight in person, Travis Daniels. James Carpenter attended by Zoom. This was Travis Daniels' first meeting. He is applying for Senior membership.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave a preliminary Treasurer's report. The final report will be given at the Membership meeting after the bills for the show have been received and processed. Since there was no official report, no motion to accept was required.

5. Communications with the Club

Richard Calfee reported that he has spoken with two people wanting to sell trains. He referred them to Nick's Trains.

Ted Kunstling reported that he had answered numerous questions and received many positive comments on Facebook from our show and the event listing. We had over 20,000 views. We also got the show listed on the Raleigh Events calendar.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

Two guests attended tonight.
James Carpenter models HO.

Travis Daniels models the UP in the late 50's and early 60's in HO. He has applied for Senior membership. This is his first meeting.

b. House

Mike Keelean reported that we need to unpack and put away the materials that have been returned to the Clubhouse from the show. This will probably take a week or two.

7. Old Business

a. HO Layout Committee Progress Report

Ken Howard reported that the next HO Committee meeting will be on Sunday, November 20th at 1:00 pm. At this meeting, planning will begin for the installation of the second main on the HO expansion.

b. Fall Show 2022 Update

George Lasley said Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to all who helped make the show a success. He heard no complaints from any of the vendors. The biggest complaint to the Fairgrounds was the food service.

George has some ideas to improve the space utilization by adding tables to the show and still have the layouts present. More on this later.

We lost a Train Show banner from the fence near gate eleven.

We also had a sign weight can run over. Both are the result of a night football game.

Tom Garren reported that we need to add at least three more small sandwich signs to make the path clearer. We are also thinking about adding two large sandwich signs to be used at the Trinity Road gate.

Another suggestion was made to include a small scale map on our website to help people navigate the Fairgrounds and locate our shows. This will be explored.

A study will be conducted on advertising for our future shows to assure we are getting the best value for our money.

It was decided that going forward any honorarium gifts will be determined by the Board after the show and then be mailed to the recipients.

The dates for the next two shows have been announced. They are:

May 6-7, 2023

November 4-5, 2023

Please mark your calendars.

c. Development Committee

Bob Witwer reported that he is continuing to work with a realtor. He will next pursue buildings that may be available in the government sector.

8. New Business

None

9. 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 Mike Keelean and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.