

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting of December 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, Darrell Dennis, Dan Egy, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Ted Kunstling, Alan Servas, John Spach, and John Wallis.

Members attending by Zoom were Ed Bottum, Liam Bryant, Kelly Darden, Jerry Davis, Pete Donofrio, Tom Garren, Michael Garver, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Tom Magnani, John Mezera, Adam Servas, and Bob Witwer.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

One guest attended in person, Terry Luft. This is Terry's second meeting.

Guests attending by Zoom were James Carpenter, Gary Martin, and Dillon Martin.

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 Jake Forbes and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report

Since we had many members out tonight, Mike suggested that we extend the collection of funds for the charitable donation through the January membership meeting.

Mike Keelean made a motion for the Club to match member's donations up to \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

Ted Kunstling made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Pete Donofrio and passed unanimously.

6. Communications with the Club

Randy Foulke gave a report on the Lego layout at the Ukrainians of the Carolinas celebration at the Holshouser Building at the State Fair Grounds. The show was well attended, and the trains fit in well as part of the display.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

One guest attended in person tonight, Terry Luft. This is Terry's second meeting, As such, Terry is eligible to be voted on for membership.

Tom Garren made a motion that we suspend the rules and accept Terry Luft as an Associate member. The motion was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously. Welcome to our new member.

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 years. He currently has a scale three-rail layout.

b. Ways and Means Committee  
Nothing to report.

c. Facilities Committee  
Mike Keelean reported that new shelves for the Library are in the planning stages. He also reported that he is still looking for a large scale power pack for the G scale layout.

Work has been done to improve the situation with the rubber mats in the shop. After some discussion, it was suggested to take up the mats and just go with the carpet that is already installed on the floor of the shop. This will be discussed further at the January Board meeting.

8. Show and Tell

Ted Kunstling showed a whiskey decanter made to look like Illinois Central 382, its tender and a caboose.

John Spach shared an economical cordless Dremel tool that can be found at Aldi for \$29.00. Great way to get a cordless Dremel.

John Spach also mentioned the tools members should bring to participate in the upcoming January work sessions. These include a set of small pliers and a modeling kit that includes an Xacto knife and a set of small screwdrivers.

9. Old Business

a. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported the next HO work sessions are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 – 2:00. The goal is to install the tracks that let members make up their trains before bringing them out on the main. We will also begin work on a mainline connection for track two.

Ken also reported that Ralph James and Bob Witwer are working to clean up the wiring on mainline two. In the future they will figure out how to electrically separate the wiring on tracks three and four.

b. Virtual Railfan

Wayne Aiken reported a BNSF derailment in Kansas City, MO. If you would like to see the footage you can Google Santa Fe derailment in Kansas City, or go to [www.virtualrailfan.com](http://www.virtualrailfan.com) to see that and more.

## 10. New Business

- a. Ken Howard reported that a special on the Nevada Northern Railroad was on PBS tonight at 8:30.
- b. Randy Foulke discussed seeing the testimony of the UP CEO. One question he was asked was why cut employees when you have record profits.

## 11. Program

The planned program for this meeting was canceled due to illness. John Spach took the opportunity to ask the membership what they would like to see as programs and events in the next year.

Several suggestions were made that can be grouped into these classifications:

- a. Have some group outings to visit other model railroad clubs.
- b. Have some specific train trips such as going to Burlington visit the hot dog restaurant or to Salisbury to visit the North Carolina Transportation Museum
- c. Have more how-to sessions for the membership.
- d. Set up a tour of the Raleigh area to see railroad points of interest.

Jake Forbes asked about the availability of NRV decals for locomotives. He was referred to George Lasley.

## 12. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Garren and seconded by John Wallis. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.