

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of January 2nd, 2023

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, Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, and John Spach.

Bob Witwer attended by Zoom.

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

Members attending in person were, Randy Foulke, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, and Don Weaver.

Members attending by Zoom were Ed Bottum, Liam Bryant, Tim Covell, and John Mezera.

Two guests attended tonight by Zoom. Gary Martin and Dillon Martin. This was the Martin's third meeting. They have not yet applied for membership.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave a Treasurer's report.

John Spach suggested that we investigate funds or CDs that pay more interest than regular bank accounts and move some of our funds into those vehicles. Mike will investigate options and report back at the next Board meeting.

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

5. Communications with the Club

Wayne Aiken said he is getting requests for the dates of the May show. The Spring show will be May 6-7. Tom Garren stated that the dates for both 2023 shows have been added to the website.

Ted Kunstling reported that some people on Facebook have wanted to know when we will get back to model railroading. They are less interested in prototype railroading.

Randy Foulke reported that we have received a thank you letter from Natalie Valslinko for the train provided at the Ukrainian show in December. They were very pleased and will be making a donation to the Club.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

Tom Garren reminded the Board that Travis Daniel is eligible to be voted in as a member at the January Membership meeting.

John Spach reported that Ron Abraham has decided to drop out of the Club at the end of this fiscal year.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. House

Mike Keelean reported that he is still hunting an additional power pack for the G scale layout.

Mike Keelean also reported that the trees and bushes have been trimmed. We need someone to take the trimmings to the dump.

7. Old Business

a. George Lasley reported he has picked up the final 20 boxes that he will store for Ken Ross.

Mike Keelean reported that the O gauge engines from the Ross donation run pretty well with the exception of one. Two others need to be disassembled, cleaned and lubed.

A request was made to keep track of sales made at the Clubhouse versus sales made at the shows.

b. HO Layout Committee Progress Report

John Spach reported that the main loop of track one now functions.

Work is proceeding to add staging tracks so trains can be made up off of the main lines.

Ken Howard reported the January HO committee meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday January 15th at 1:00 pm.

Bob Witwer wants to talk to Ralph James to begin planning the electrical separation of tracks three and four.

John Spach also noted that we need to get Ralph to rework a couple of the drops on main one.

c. Spring Show 2023 Update

George Lasley reported that the vendor database will be updated soon by himself and Tom Garren.

The flyers and letters will be printed soon. We are planning a stuffing party at a breakfast toward the end of January to get the information out to the vendors.

George is also looking at ways to change the floorplan and add another row of tables to the show.

8. New Business

- a. Mike Marsh reported that plans he had for the G scale layout he bought from the Club did not work out. As a result, he is willing to donate the layout back to the Club. It was suggested that he contact Alan and Adam Servas to see if they had any interest in the layout. If they are not interested, the layout should be stripped down and used for parts.
- b. Randy Foulke gave a report on pricing he had found from three different vendors for the new throttles wanted for the HO layout. After discussion it was determined to have Randy proceed with the purchase.

Tom Garren made a motion to authorize Randy to purchase the throttles for a price not to exceed \$1,200.00. The motion was seconded by John Spach and passed unanimously.

- c. Mike Keelean announced that Mike's Trains in Thomasville is having a one-day show on February 11th. He is planning on taking the O gauge layout. Ken Howard requested that we purchase two tables for the show and take some of our merchandise to sell and advertise the Club.
- d. John Spach announced an upcoming work session where we will repair rolling stock and locomotives from recent donations. An email will be sent in advance of the session telling members the tools they should bring. The date will be set later, but will most likely will be mid to late February. John Spach will provide lunch.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

- a. Richard Calfee asked if anyone has an update on Mike Mitricska. He has not been seen since our Open House in September. Since no one has been in contact with Mike, we are asking someone in the Club to make contact and learn how he is doing.
- b. Don Weaver inquired where to get price tags to use on equipment we have for sale. Staples was suggested

10. Adjournment of the Public Portion of the Board Meeting

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.