

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of January 19, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Wayne Aiken.
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, Bernie Dawson, Darrell Dennis, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Terry Luft, Mike Marsh, John Mezera, John Wallis, and Don Weaver.

Members attending by Zoom were Ed Bottum, Liam Bryant, Richard Calfee, Jerry Davis, and Tom Magnani.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

One guest attended in person, Gene Dodd. This is Gene's first meeting.

Guests attending by Zoom were Travis Daniel, Gary Martin, Dillon Martin, Richard Milbock, and Alan Bradley.

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 George Lasley and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report.

Our annual charity donation campaign collection ended tonight. Mike will distribute checks to our recipients, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and the Helping Hand Mission, early next week.

Wayne Aiken articulated a request/suggestion that the stock of for sale items on the shelf be rotated. It appears that we are getting a good rotation through the sales and restocking we are currently experiencing, so no change is needed at this time.

Wayne Aiken made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

Mike Keelean also reminded everyone about the train show in Thomasville on February 11th. We are planning to have Mike's travelling O gauge layout there along with several tables for selling merchandise and advertising the Club.

6. Communications with the Club

Richard Calfee reported that we have had no communications of consequence in the last month.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

One guest that attended by Zoom tonight, Travis Daniel, is eligible to be voted on for membership. Travis models the UP in HO scale.

George Lasley made a motion to suspend the rules and accept Travis for membership by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously. Welcome to the Club, Travis.

b. Ways and Means Committee

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities Committee

Mike Keelean reported that bush and shrub trimmings had been taken to the dump by Bob Witwer.

Mike also reported that new shelves for the Library have been turned over to Richard Nyce for construction.

Thanks are given to Ken Wesp for repairing a vacuum cleaner for the Club.

Tom Garren suggested the parking sign in front of the building be moved back from the curb to keep it from being hit.

8. Show and Tell

Ted Kunstling mentioned the search for a new Club site. The buildings found to date are too expensive. The search may have to be expanded outside the beltline. A short discussion followed about the prospect of buying versus renting.

9. Old Business

a. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported that the most recent meeting of the HO committee was held on January 15th. Main one is now in good shape.

Tasks needed to be performed on Main two have been listed so that members know what needs to be done should they have time to lend a hand. All materials needed to complete the work on Main two are in stock and ready for use.

A portion of Main two will be elevated.

Plans are to make Legacy Main three available to run as DC or DCC.

What is finally to be done with Main 4 is still under discussion.

Ralph James is continuing to make improvements to the HO layout wiring.

Staging tracks for Main one will be hidden from view from the front and open on the back side for access.

Randy Foulke gave a report on the new controllers that have been purchased for the HO layout.

Four UT6D controllers have been acquired.

We also purchased one DT602D controller.

Additionally, we bought a new Zephyr for the test track. This should allow us to program sound decoders on the test track.

There was some discussion about where to create a charging station for the new controllers. That is still being analyzed, but it may be placed in the shop.

We also bought some new holders that fit both the old and new controllers. We realize we will need to purchase more. Liam Bryant volunteered to try to 3-D print a holder that will work. Thanks Liam.

b. Spring Show

George Lasley reported that the labels for the Spring Show mailing are underway by Tom Garren. We are planning on an envelope stuffing session at breakfast on January 25th.

The floorplan for the Scott Building has been reworked to increase the number of tables to 181-185, while still maintaining an eight foot aisle spacing.

We are reminded to be very careful attaching anything to the walls or doors of any building at the Fairgrounds. There is \$35.00 per hour charge for removal of tape left on the building.

10. New Business

- a. Don Weaver reminded everyone to look for parts on the floor that may have fallen off of cars and engines that have been run on the layouts. Please pick these parts up and put them in the shop so they can be reinstalled.
- b. Randy Foulke presented a report from the Social committee. He is investigating the possibility of a trip from Cary to Salisbury on the train featuring a day at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer.

Preliminary details were shared as follows:

- Leave Cary at 6:42 am on the Piedmont. The group ticket price will be \$36.00 round trip.
- Arrive in Salisbury at 8:53 am
- Use a transportation service to take us to and from the Museum
- Transportation Museum tickets for Senior groups are \$9.00. Train rides and turntable rides are additional charges.
- We will leave the Museum in time for a 3:56 pm departure of our train from Salisbury back to Cary.
- Train arrives at Cary at 6:08 pm.

Watch for an upcoming email with the final details of this outing.

11. Program

George Lasley presented a program on the differences between Standard gauge, O gauge, O27, scale 3-rail, and O scale 2-rail. His presentation cleared up a lot of questions.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made by Tom Garren to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by George Lasley and passed unanimously.