

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting of February 16, 2023**

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, Tom Charnley, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Terry Luft, Alan Servas, Adam Servas, John Spach, John Wallis, Don Weaver, Ken Wesp, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom were Ed Bottum, Tim Covel, Liam Bryant, Kelly Darden, Jerry Davis, Pete Donofrio, Tom Magnani, Larry Pearlman.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Guests attending in person included Alan Bradley. This is Alan's second meeting. He also turned in a completed application for membership tonight.

Guests attending by Zoom were Gary Martin, Dillon Martin, Quentin Erb, and Alex McCullen. This is Alex's second meeting.

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 Ken Wesp and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report.

As approved by the Board, Mike has moved some of our money to a CD at Truist and some to our Edward Jones account.

Bob Witwer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously.

Mike Keelean also reported that our most economical way to add a second credit card machine for our shows is to rent one from Truist before each show. Plans now are to try this at both of our 2023 shows.

6. Communications with the Club

Bob Witwer reported that we have received a donation of a nice Marklin set.

Wayne Aiken reported that we have received another donation of magazines.

John Spach shared the contents of a letter he has written on behalf of the Club to the family of Mike Mitricska. He has sent the letter to the funeral home to be forwarded to Mike's family.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. Membership Committee

Tonight we have three people eligible to be voted into the Club, Alan Bradley as a Senior member, Jimmy Hall as an associate member, and Alex McCullen as a Junior member.

George Lasley made a motion to accept them as members by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by John Spach to accept Joe Scales as an honorary member of the Club. This is based on his continued support of our Club and members although he lives quite a distance away. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

### b. Ways and Means had nothing to report this month.

### c. Facilities Committee

Mike Keelean will confer with Scott Hall before ordering our new soldering stations for the shop.

## 8. Show and Tell

John Spach showed a pair of lighted magnifying glasses called Mighty Sight. They are available at Amazon for about \$18.00.

George Lasley passed around an example of bad wiring for a model railroad switch.

Mike Keelean provided a group of photos taken by his neighbor at Thomasville. This led to an overall report of the Thomasville show. In short, it was a tremendous success for our Club. Sales exceeded expectations, and we were able to promote the Club and our shows with a number of people.

## 9. Old Business

### a. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported that main 2 is under construction. The grades and roadbed are in. Ralph James has designed the wiring plan for the loop and the wye. Construction should be complete on the expansion of main 2 in the next couple of weeks.

HO Committee meeting this weekend will be used to identify which buildings we want to use on the layout expansion.

We have several Club engines that have been returned to service.

John Spach said that we have an issue running DC locomotives on the layout. We will need some diagnosis to determine the cause of the problem.

b. Spring Show

George Lasley reported that the show is now sold out. Also, the contract and the deposit have been delivered to the State Fairgrounds office.

We are planning to have layouts from North Raleigh, Lego, the Atlantic Coast S gaugers and the East Carolina O gauge layout.

Randy Foulke reported that we will have advertising in Model Railroader, the NMRA magazine, and White River Publications.

- c. Randy Foulke presented a report on the upcoming trip to Spencer on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 18 confirmed to go on the trip. Train fare is expected to be \$36.00 round trip. The train will leave from Cary at 6:42 am and return at 6:09 pm.

It is proposed that we use a limo service in Salisbury to get from the station to the museum and back. Estimated cost is approximately \$15.00 per person.

Admission to the museum will be \$4.50 for seniors and military. The train ride is an additional \$4.50 and to ride the turntable is \$1.00.

If you have questions or want to signup, please contact Randy Foulke at [randy.railfan@gmail.com](mailto:randy.railfan@gmail.com).

10. New Business

John Spach reminded everyone of our new policy of no food and drink in the layout rooms. He shared a recent experience of a parent dropping a cup of coffee on the floor of the HO room. Luckily there was no damage.

Another observation was of a senior member getting a youth guest started with a train then leaving him. If you get a guest youth started, please stay with him.

Ken Howard mentioned the upcoming two-day show in Greensboro on March 25-26. More investigation will be conducted to determine if we want to get tables at this show.

11. Program

Randy Foulke presented a program on Lima-Hamilton diesel locomotives.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made by Bob Witwer to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by George Lasley and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.