

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of February 19th, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm by Ken Howard. Members in attendance included Peter Donofrio, Ken Howard, Tom Tieman, and Bob Witwer.

2. Review of Progress to date:

Main Line #1 has been operational for over a month and is being successfully used to make up and to run trains.

Construction of Main Line #2 is underway with partial operation to be completed during February. Tom Tieman has donated a wye switch that the Club didn't have. The following tasks have been completed:

- Construction of foam gradients from table level up to the foam deck.
- Installing switch and two crossings on module 2 to bring Main Line #2 onto the layout extension.
- Cutting the and reinstalling the Main Line #1 siding on module 11 and installing a switch and crossing to enable Main Line #2 extension onto the new layout.

Tasks remaining include finishing laying track and roadbed for the outer loop, wye, and reversing loop. A wiring plan has been completed and is underway thanks to Ralph James.

3. Problems Discussed

The major purposes of the meeting were:

- to review the supply of buildings available for use on the extension,
- to select the buildings that will be used,
- to consign buildings that will not be used to Club sales, and
- to layout buildings on the layout in a potential position for construction of a town, industrial area, and engine service facility.

The Club has most of the buildings that will be used for the industrial area. There are also a number of buildings available for the town site and residential area that will service the industries and engine maintenance. Buildings for the engine service facility are fewer in number but include a two stall engine house, water tower, crew service facility, a coal tipple and small outbuildings.

Members can view the tentative location of the buildings selected and their location on the extension.

4. Future Work Sessions

Work sessions to complete Main Line #2 will be held on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Task diagrams for Main Line #4 extension will also be posted.

Construction of sidings to service the industrial sidings and the engine facility can now be planned and built.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for March 19th at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned @ 2:15 pm.