

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of April 20, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 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, Alan Bradley, Tim Covel, Darrell Dennis, Dan Egy, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Mike Marsh, Colin Martinko, John Mezera, Alan Servas, Adam Servas, John Spach, John Wallis, Don Weaver, Ron Wertenberg, Ken Wesp, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom were Jerry Davis and Pete Donofrio.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Guests attending in person included Craig Doggett and Larry Martin. This is their second meeting.

Daniel Chou and Tyler Cotterell attended by Zoom. This is their first 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 Ron Wertenberg and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report.

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

6. Communications with the Club

a. The Club received a thank you card from Phil M

b. We have received four or five emails inquiring about advance tickets for the Spring show.

c. John Spach reminded the membership about a donation we should receive sometime next month from a person in Pittsboro. Ken Howard reported two contacts. One on Tuesday that resulted in a donation of four boxes of HO and a little bit of O equipment.

d. Ken Howard reported that he and Randy Foulke have picked up the first load of a donation from Leonard Nieman.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Tonight we had two people eligible to be voted into the Club; Craig Doggett and Larry Martin have both applied to be Associate members.

Randy Foulke made a motion to accept each as a member by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.

b. Ways and Means

Dues for Fiscal 2023 – 2024 will remain the same as they have been for the last two years.

c. Facilities Committee

Mike Keelean requested that everyone help keep the Clubhouse clean through the Open House.

d. Social Committee

Randy Foulke reviewed the details of the upcoming trip to the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

John Wallis reported that we have programs scheduled through the August meeting.

He asked for volunteers for future meetings.

Colin Martinko volunteered to do the program for the September meeting.

John Mezera agreed to do the program for the October meeting.

8. Old Business

a. Spring Show

Tom Garren went over the timetable of events for the Spring show. This begins on Thursday, May 4th with loading the truck and goes through Sunday, May 7th with show teardown. Tom will send a detailed schedule email to the members.

It was also noted by John Spach that we are working to complete the work on the N scale layout that will be raffled at the Spring show. We need help to complete the work.

b. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported that the HO committee met last Sunday, on April 16th. Members were charged to submit plans for the industrial area including track layout and building placement.

It was also noted that the wye now works but cannot turn a train powered by a DC locomotive.

Club members were reminded to put cars needing repairs on the bad order track with a bad order card describing the problem. Also, members were reminded to log track problems in the green notebook so they can be prioritized and repaired.

Randy Foulke noted that we are still having trouble with people following the approved rules for use of Club throttles.

c. Open House

Our next Open House will be on Saturday April 22nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We need all members possible to attend and show off our layouts and facilities. We also need drinks, snacks, coolers, and ice. Members are advised to carpool when possible to leave more parking spaces for our guests.

d. Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee reported their suggestions for the 2023-2024 officers.

They are:

President – John Spach

Vice President – Wayne Aiken

Secretary – Tom Garren

Treasurer – Mike Keelean

At Large Board member – Ken Howard

Being that there were no more nominations from the floor, Bob Witwer made a motion that the nominations be closed. It was seconded by Ron Wertenberg and passed unanimously.

John Wallis made a motion to accept the slate of officers as suggested by the Nominating committee. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously.

The officers new term begins on June 1, 2023.

9. New Business

There was no new business tonight.

10. Show and Tell

John Mezera showed a series of framed mechanical drawings he had been given by his son.

Tom Garren showed a set of O scale Seaboard E7s he had recently acquired. The units are painted in the Citrus paint scheme. Darrell Dennis, from whom Tom bought the engines, shared stories of these units with the Club.

11. Program

Ken Howard presented a program on the Tourist Railroads in the Northeast.

12. Adjournment

Ken Wesp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.