

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of July 3, 2023**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach.

Board members in attendance in person were Wayne Aiken, 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

Additional members attending in person were Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Don McPherson, John Wallis, and Don Weaver.

Additional members attending by Zoom included Ed Bottum and Tom Magnani.

One guest, Steve Delgrosso, attended in person. This is Steve's second meeting. Several guests attended by Zoom. These were James Carpenter, Steve Chiavetta (first meeting), Gary and Dillon Martin, Dan Peele (first meeting), Jack Rouviere (first meeting), and Caleb Taylor (second meeting).

3. Communications with the Club

Ken Howard reported that the completion of the donation from Leonard Nieman is on hold for now. This will occur later.

John Spach is still working on obtaining a donation from the Pittsboro area. He will call again on this project after the Fourth.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report and reported that dues continue to come in. Mike also reported that the annual audit of the financial records is underway and should be completed soon.

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

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

Tom Garren reported that we have three applicants for membership who have attended two meetings and are eligible to be voted into the Club at the July Membership meeting. These are Steve Delgrosso, Caleb Taylor, and Luciano Barillas. Jack Rouviere has attended one meeting and could also be voted on if he attends the July 20 meeting.

- b. Ways and Means  
Nothing to report.
  - c. Facilities  
Mike Keelean reported that landscaping improvements are complete and the carpet in the Clubhouse has been cleaned.
7. Old Business.
- a. G scale track cleaner  
Mike Keelean reported that the new G scale track cleaner is working great. We need one more pass on the inner track to have the G scale running as desired.
  - b. HO Committee  
Ken Howard gave a report on the progress of the HO committee. There have been two work sessions to change out plastic wheels to metal wheels on the HO freight cars. There has also been a work session to clean the metal wheels on existing freight equipment. This required four people with Dremel tools and one with solvent and paper towels. The entire freight collection is now clean. We still have the passenger cars to go. The next thing is to clean the wheels on the engines. John Spach has provided a Tidy Track wheel cleaner for engines.  
  
Car repair is going well. There is a shortage of box car doors. Anyone who may have any extra HO car doors, please donate them to the Club.  
  
Ralph James has completed separating the mains. Work is underway to taking Main 4 out to the expansion. Kelly Darden and Ken did some of this trackwork on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
  
There was a discussion about how to keep equipment with dirty wheels off the track. This is hard to police with people bringing in personal equipment to run.
  - c. Fall Show  
George Lasley reported that the first vendor check arrived today. Table sales are going well. George will personally contact Don Tichy to see if he would consider having a table at our show.  
We will have a new HO layout displayed by a group from Durham.
8. New Business
- George Lasley raised the possibility of having a roster available to members. This should include name, phone number and email at a minimum.
- John Spach mentioned the need for emergency contact information as well.
- John Wallis shared that the North Raleigh N scale club publishes a roster twice a year. This information is not for commercial use.
- Dan Peele stated that in some organizations to which he has belonged, the officers have full contact information, but not the members.
- It was decided that a list will be compiled showing the information to be shared, and this list will be voted on by the membership.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

It was reported that Darrell Dennis has progressed in his treatment and is awaiting his next appointment to begin the next phase of his medical procedures.

10. Adjournment

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.