

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of August 17, 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, Alan Bradley, Bernie Dawson, Dan Egy, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Haydon Harrison, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Terry Luft, Mike Marsh, Don McPherson, Adam Servas, Alan Servas, John Spach, John Wallis, and Don Weaver.

Members attending by Zoom included Ed Bottum, Kelly Darden, Jerry Davis, Pete Donofrio, Scott Hall, Ralph James, Collin Martinko, Mike Poulin, George Sawyer, Tom Tiemann, and Bob Witwer.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Two guests attended in person, Jimmy Dawson and his dad James Dawson.

Guests attending by Zoom were Logan James and Alicia Moore, Alex London, Dillon Martin and Dan Peele.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

John Wallis made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by George Lasley and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. He stated that dues and payments for tables at the Fall show are coming in well. George Sawyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously.

6. Communications with the Club

Ted Kunstling made contact with Alicia Moore through our Facebook page. She and her son attended tonight's meeting and she will help him fill out an application for membership.

Wayne Aiken noted that he had met with Tony Galioni and received a donation of twelve books and seventy magazines.

7. Show and Tell

Tonight we had several items for Show and Tell.

a. Tom Garren showed his DL109 in HO.

b. Tom Garren also used several Club cars to make the point to put equipment back in the proper shelves to make things easier for the next person wishing to run either passenger or freight cars. A little care makes the Club more fun for all.

- c. Ted Kunstling showed the new commemorative postage stamp set showing famous US passenger stations.
- d. Randy Foulke showed several 3D printed loads for HO flat cars. These products are made by Multiscale Digital. These items can be printed in either plastic or metal depending on the choice of the customer.

8. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Tom Tiemann announced that tonight we have two people eligible for membership in the Club.

Jimmy Dawson - Youth member

Alex London - Junior member

George Lasley made a motion to suspend the rules and accept these new members by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Randy Foulke and passed unanimously.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities

Mike Keelean noted there are no outstanding projects for facilities.

John Spach announced that he has created the Ten Commandments for the Shop. These are now posted on the Shop door and expected to be followed by those that use that facility. Here are the commandments:

1. Thou shall not make a mess and not clean it up.
2. Thou shall return any and all tools used to their rightful storage place.
3. Thou shall turn off all power tools and strips when finished using them.
4. Thou shalt not remove any tools from the clubhouse without permission of the Board.
5. Thou shall not leave unfinished projects on the work bench area.
6. Thou must be at least 18 to use power tools in the shop.
7. Thou shall use appropriate eye and ear protection when using power tools.
8. Thou shall respect the rights of any and all others who use the shop.
9. Thou shall replace any and all parts used on personal equipment and any tools damaged.
10. If thou can't adhere to and follow these commandments, thou shall not have rights to access and use the Shop.

John Spach also announced that progress has been made in the Shop that includes patching up the floor tiles, moving the soldering station, general cleanup and continuing organizing of tools and materials.

John Spach also told the members that the Shop has recently received two donations. A "how to" book for model railroaders donated by George Lasley and a Dremel drill press donated by Erik Dyke.

9. Old Business

a. Fall Show

George Lasley reported that we now have only twelve to fifteen tables left for the show. All of these tables are in the little room where TCA will be located. Money is coming in from vendors for their tables. We have two more large signs to purchase for use at the show.

Randy Foulke stated that he has posted an ad for our show in the NMRA magazine. Ads have also been placed in Model Railroader and in Railroad Model Craftsman. Randy also requested that any member trying to do online advertising should check with himself and Ted Kunstling to make sure it compliments work already being done.

b. HO Committee Report

Ken Howard reported that next HO committee meeting will take place at the Clubhouse on Sunday, August 20th at 1:00 pm. The major focus of the meeting will be to discuss design proposals for the Main four extension. Scenery is being done all over the layout. There is a need to conduct a training session on scenery for members.

When equipment is put back on the shelves please make sure the equipment is stored in the proper area, either Club or members areas. If you find a car that does not have an inventory number on it, please do not run it as it is the property of someone else. It should be placed back on the members equipment shelves.

Another point, we have replaced a lot of coupler springs recently. It is suspected that the problem results from coupling at high speeds. Please operate with care and do not damage the equipment. Treat the Club equipment as if it were your own.

George reported that he had received a call from Dan Egy earlier in the week. Found that switches had been randomly thrown on the previous day. This is a dangerous situation that could lead to equipment damage. Please be careful. Rules are coming to hopefully address this and other problems.

c. Rules Committee Report

Randy Foulke reported that the outline for the rules book has been presented to the Board and approved. The next tasks are to develop the details that will make up the document.

The first sections that must be completed are the orientation for new members that will be developed by the Membership committee and the Open House rules that will be needed for our October Open House. The Open House rules will be developed by people other than the Membership committee.

The sections are to be developed and back to the Rules committee by September 21st.

John Spach asked everyone that works on this project to make rules that work.

d. Excursion to Aberdeen and Hamlet

Randy Foulke gave a report and the details of the trip to Aberdeen and Hamlet on Saturday, August 19th.

Members wishing to participate in the trip should meet at either the Clubhouse or the parking lot at Barry's Café and carpool from there. We need to arrive at the Aberdeen station museum around 10:30 am. We will be greeted by the mayor, enjoy coffee and doughnuts, and see the layout of the Sandhills Central Model Railroad Club. There will also be some locomotives from the Aberdeen, Carolina and Western available for viewing. We also plan to view the Aberdeen and Rockfish shops from outside the fence.

The second leg of the trip is to arrive at the station in Hamlet around 1:30 pm. There we will have special guides to show us the museum including some model railroad layouts.

e. Shirts

Collin Martinko gave a report on our new shirt vendor and our upcoming order. Things are going along well at this time. We should be in a position to have new shirts by mid-October.

10. New Business

a. Emergency Contact List

Tom Garen reported that we are working on populating our new Emergency Contact sheet. Members are asked to provide at least one emergency contact person and phone number. A copy of this list will be stored at the Club, and copies will be taken along on outings should they be needed. This is one set of data that we hope is never needed.

Ted Kunstling suggested that we also have the numbers for emergency agencies should a situation arise where they are needed.

b. John Spach announced that the September Board meeting has been moved to September 11th due to Labor Day.

11. Program

Mike Keelean presented a program about his home layout.

12. Good and Welfare of the Club

It was announced that Mike Johns has been sick, and we hope to see him back in action again soon.

13. Adjournment

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.