

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of September 11, 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, Richard Calfee, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, and John Spach. Tom Garren and Bob Witwer attended by Zoom.

2. Recognition of Additional Members and Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Additional members attending in person were George Lasley, Larry Martin, John Mezera, Don Weaver, and Ron Wertenberg.

Additional members attending by Zoom included Milo Poulin and John Wallis.

One guest, Brad Bough, attended in person tonight. This is Brad's first meeting.

Guests tonight that attended by Zoom and included Alex Dayton and Robert Milbak. Alex has applied for membership. Robert is the leader of a new T-trak group in Durham.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Bob Witwer made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted. It was seconded by Richard Calfee and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. Deposits continue to be made as a result of payments received for show tables. Mike has also paid our insurance bill.

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

5. Show and Tell

a. Three boxes of match box like cars have shown up at the Clubhouse. How did they get here?

b. We have received a donation of N scale rolling stock and track.

c. Milo Poulin left a car he had purchased at the Club. It was found and is being held for him to pick up next time he is at the Club.

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership

Tom Garren reported that we should have five or six new members to be voted on at the September meeting.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities

Mike Keelean reported we are doing well with facilities with very little activity at this time.

John Spach mentioned that we have a new parts storage container in the Shop. We are not certain who donated it.

Wayne Aiken commented that when paint is used in the Shop, be sure to replace the lids.

Mike Keelean reported that a new shelf has been installed to hold a laptop running JMRI over the test track in the Shop. This laptop is now in place.

7. Communications with the Club

a. Richard Calfee reported that Barbara Tate has requested to bring assisted living residents to visit the Club on September 26 at 10:30 am. This is the group from Chapel Hill that has visited us before.

b. Richard Calfee has also spoken to Aaron Parker from Wake Forest. This person has a table approximately eight feet by three feet to donate. At this time we have nowhere to store such a donation. Calfee was advised to tell Mr. Parker we are not interested.

c. Richard Calfee also asked the Board if we should consider removing the German town from the legacy HO layout. John Spach and Ken Howard suggested that this is an item to be considered by the HO committee. This item will be considered as plans are created for updating the legacy layout.

d. Ken Howard reported that he and Tom Garren had picked up a donation of books and magazines from Kay Moore. There are also three modules that will be picked up in the next few days. As for the additional equipment in the collection, Kay is determining if she wants to donate or sell the trains herself.

e. Ken Howard also reported that we received two additional donations including HO and S gauge over the past weekend.

f. Mike Keelean reported that we received a donation of O gauge equipment from Ron Wertenberg and Larry Martin.

8. Old Business

a. Fall Show

George Lasley reported that at this point we have 19 tables on the main floor available for sale. Most of the money for tables has been collected with a few vendors paying at the show.

The TCA room has 21 additional tables available, with expectations that the TCA will take the majority of these tables.

Mike Keelean will get the second credit card machine for use at the show table.

Bob Witwer and John Mezera will take the responsibility of getting the truck before the show.

John Spach mentioned that the HO raffle layout is approximately four by eight and may require local area delivery.

Advance ticket sales have been investigated. Tickets would be \$13.00 including the service fee. After discussion, it was determined to not sell advance tickets for the Fall show. The concept is still on the table for future consideration.

b. HO Layout

Ken Howard reported much progress on the expansion. Most noticeably the mountain under construction by Bob Witwer. Concern was expressed over the height of the mountain. This will be discussed further at the HO committee meeting.

There has been a donation of ten switch machines which will be very helpful on Main 4.

Ken also complimented the work being done on the expansion by several of our younger members. They are contributing much to the efforts of completing the HO expansion.

This Saturday, September 16, will be a workshop on making trees. These trees will be used on the HO layout. This workshop will begin at Noon.

This Sunday, September 17 will be the next meeting of the HO committee, beginning at 1:00 pm. The topic will be planning work needed to complete the expansion. Plans for the renewal of the legacy layout will happen in the future.

c. Rules Committee

John Spach reminded members who have an assignment for the Rules committee, please get them to Randy Foulke prior to the September 21 Membership meeting.

Ken Howard noted that revised closing procedures have been submitted to Randy and have been posted at the Club. Last Senior member out on any given day is expected to follow these procedures.

d. Open House

Members are reminded that we have an Open House scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. We need all members to help out if possible. Also, try to carpool to save parking spaces at the Club. Ken Howard will offer a carpool from the parking lot at Barry's Café.

e. Shirts

John Mezera reported that work continues with the new shirt vendor. Hope to have shirts available soon.

f. Aberdeen and Hamlet Trip

John Spach reported that we had a very successful trip to Aberdeen and Hamlet recently. We picked up some good ideas and made some new friends. The Sandhills Central club is planning a visit to see us in January.

9. New Business

Mike Keelean reported that we have received a donation of an S scale engine that is in need of repair. The engine is a passenger engine that came with the entire passenger train, making it more desirable to repair and run as a complete train. John Spach suggested that we go ahead and convert this engine to DC while having the repair made. A motion was made by Mike Keelean to authorize \$200.00 for the repair of this engine. The motion was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously. John Kuchnia will follow up on this action.

10. Good and Welfare of the Club

We are pleased to report that Mike Johns is recovering well from his surgery.

11. Adjournment

Richard Calfee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Wayne Aiken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.