

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting of November 16, 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, Brad Bouch, Alan Bradley, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Terry Luft, Mike Marsh, Collin Martinko, Don McPherson, Adam Servas, Alan Servas, Jim Smith, John Spach, John Wallis, and Bob Witwer.

Members attending by Zoom included Ed Bottum, Tim Covel, Jerry Davis, Pete Donofrio, Mike Keelean, George List, Gordon Lucas, Milo Poulin, and Don Weaver.

3. Recognition of Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

There were no guests in attendance in person. Three guests attended by Zoom. They were Harrison Bui, Dillon Martin, and Bob Milbak. This is Harrison's second meeting.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Bob Witwer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jake Forbes and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. It appears that we did well on the Fall show. Mike will order the second credit card machine from Truist after the first of the year. This will give us two identical credit card machines. It will also allow us to sell the Clover machine.

George Lasley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by John Wallis and passed unanimously.

6. Show and Tell

- a. Alan Bradley showed a new Rapido RS11 diesel locomotive.
- b. Jake Forbes showed an N&W dynamometer car.
- c. Adam Servas showed a Wheeler Trains box car with loads.

7. Communications with the Club

- a. Tom Garren reported taking a phone call from Denise Caparatta. She will be donating some of Paul's train items to the Club in January.
- b. John Spach reported that Don Robak of CPD13 has asked for final wording for the tour scheduled at the Club during next year's convention by the end of November. Randy Foulke agreed to follow up on this item.
- c. Ted Kunstling stated that the new Walthers catalog is now available.

8. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Tom Garren reported that Harrison Bui has now attended two meetings. Once we have a completed application in hand, he can be voted into membership at the next Membership meeting.

b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

c. Facilities

Nothing to report

9. Old Business

a. Fall Show

George Lasley thanked everyone for helping to make the show a success.

Randy Foulke made a motion to close the books on the Fall show. It was seconded by Mike Marsh and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alan Bradley to open the books for the Spring show. It was seconded by Ken Howard and passed unanimously.

George Lasley announced that the Spring show will be moving to the Expo building where we will have approximately 50,000 square feet. The show dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

John Spach reminded everyone that there will be a meeting of the Show committee on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Tom Garren will send out a meeting notice to the committee members.

b. Shirts

Collin Martinko reported that distribution of the shirts at the show went well. He will plan on having future orders prior to Club shows. He will also investigate other order opportunities since we are adding new members regularly. Collin will get more information compiled and supplied to Ken Howard for an upcoming issue of the Whistle Post. One other item, a design for a tee shirt is being developed.

c. HO Committee

Ken Howard reported that work has slowed down recently due to everyone working on the show. A work session is planned for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to sort, organize, and store all the materials currently stored under the HO layout. The session will begin at 10:00 am. After the work session is completed, we can go back to construction of the expansion.

Ken also reported that he and Tom and Daphne Garren have been meeting to sort and price rolling stock from the Ken Ross donation. Approximately 800 cars have been evaluated so far in this activity.

d. Social Committee

Randy Foulke reported that a dinner is being planned for January that will include wives and significant others. Look for more information on this event at a later date.

The Social committee is also working to arrange some layout tours to other clubs in the area.

Volunteers for programs are needed from April on in 2024.

e. Rules Committee

Randy Foulke reported that the procedures for Open Houses and other special Club events as well as the Closing Procedures have been approved and implemented.

John Spach suggested an additional rule. When the Club is having a Board or Membership meeting, the layout rooms will be closed.

Randy Foulke also stated that he would like color renditions of the official Club paint schemes for locomotives. He suggested this could be done by someone using Trainiac software.

10. New Business

a. Spring Open House

After some discussion it was decided to hold an Open House on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As usual, the hours will be from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. To make this official, Ken Howard offered a motion to this effect. It was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.

b. Upcoming Shows

There are two upcoming shows in which the Club will have sales tables:

Mike's Trains Trainside Train Day in Thomasville on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Annual Train Show and Sale in Mebane on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

We participated in both of these shows last year and did quite well.

c. Missing Vacuum Cleaner

Ted Kunstling stated that he cannot find the vacuum cleaner used to keep our carpet clean. Bob Witwer said it is under the HO layout.

d. Cork Roadbed

George Lasley reported there is a shortage of cork roadbed. He suggested that if anyone needs any in the near future they should try to get it now before the existing supplies are exhausted.

11. Program

Randy Foulke presented a program on the General Electric U boat Locomotives.

12. Good and Welfare of the Club

Nothing to Report

13. Adjournment

John Wallis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jake Forbes and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.