

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of April 21, 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Ken Howard.

2. Roll Call of Members in Attendance

Members attending were William Allen, Alan Bradley, Richard Calfee, Jake Forbes, Randy Foulke, Ken Howard, Clif Kelly, Paul Lebie dzinski, Collin Martinko, and Bob Witwer.

3. General Discussions

Use of track other than Code 100: Because of the construction of the new staging yard, discussion was held about whether it would appear more realistic to use Code 83 rail as well as N-scale cork roadbed. Problems with mixing Code 83 with Code 100 were discussed, and the members ultimately decided to use Code 100 exclusively.

Switches: The members discussed our exclusive use of Peco switches in view of a large donation of Atlas nickel silver switches. Because of the cost savings available by using the Atlas switches rather than purchasing hundreds of dollars in Pecos, it was decided to use the Atlas switches in construction of the Lumber Camp.

Switch motors: Because many of the Atlas switches have attached surface mounted switch motors, the members discussed the merits of using these motors versus Tortoises. We have most of the necessary Tortoises in stock, so the decision was mad to continue to use them in the new construction.

4. Project Assignments

Milo Poulin has been working on the quarry and needs to acquire a #6 right switch,

Pete Donofrio is taking care of the extension up to the lumber facility.

Bob Witwer is taking care of the mine spur and is installing the trestle.

Collin Martinko is working on the industrial area and needs a #4 right switch.

Paul Lebie dzinski is rebuilding the framework under the mountain.

5. New Shelving

Discussions were held about the new shelving for Club equipment. How to use the new storage capacity was discussed, but decisions were tabled until the installation is complete and painted. The old center shelf needs to be leveled and painted. Richard Calfee has volunteered to do the painting.

6. Important Dates

Ken Howard reminded everyone that all hands are needed for the “Spring into Trains” Show on May 3-5.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.