

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of October 19, 2025

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 who attended were Wayne Aiken, Tom Garren, Mike Hinman, Ken Howard, Chuck Larnerd, Paul Lebiedenski, Collin Martinko, Don McPherson, Phil Michaud, Greg Rehe, John Spach, and Bob Witwer.

One guest, Kyle Bollacker, was also in attendance.

3. Updates

Ken listed the pending items for the HO layout.

The backdrops for the HO layout are on hold for now.

Additional Plexiglas: Mike Hinman stated that we need new Plexi as the material currently in stock is scratched. Mike will work with Richard Calfee to obtain the correct size strips for our needs.

The switch machines on Module 2 are currently on hold until we can obtain the correct Peco switches to complete track modifications.

A suggestion was made to change the new short alarms to give a different sound for each track on which a short occurs. Mike Hinman will continue to investigate this item.

Switch pins with numbers will be used to number the turnouts on the layout. This will make both operations and maintenance easier. John Spach has the pins when we are ready to install them.

The switches on the legacy layout are aging. We need a work session to clean the track and the switches. It was determined to hold this session on November 16th immediately after the HO committee meeting, around 2:00 pm.

Tom Garren requested shelves be created attached to the layout to better facilitate staging. Once a member's equipment has been placed on the layout, the containers used to transport the equipment can be placed on existing shelves or under the table behind the mountain. Members were asked to develop plans for how to facilitate these staging shelves.

Ken Howard reported that we have lost a box car from inventory due to the car being dropped on the floor. Ken noted that the car had been picked up and placed on the bad order track.

Chuck Larnerd requested four switches to fix Main 2 and then pull the crossovers there. He noted that Main 2 will most likely be down for two to three days while this work is being done. He needs Peco Streamlined switches as follows:

2 Left curved, large radius

1 Right curved, large radius

1 Streamlined Wye

Ken Howard will put out a request for these switches on Groups.io

This meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Track committee to discuss removal of excess crossovers from the legacy layout.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.