Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club
Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of March 15, 2026

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, Ken Howard, Don McPherson, Len Nieman, Greg Severson, Jim Smith, and Bob Witwer.

3. Updates
   The Club acquired 5 used tortoise switch machines at the Mebane Train Show.

   Damaged cars are being placed back on the shelf for use. Please put damaged cars on the bad order shelf with documentation describing what is wrong with the car.

   Members are requested to leave the thermostat in the building alone.

   Senior members should make sure they are not the last Senior member leaving the Club. We recently had a Junior member and a guest abandoned in the building.

   Len Nieman presented a change to the plan for the internal yard. This change includes one added switch and one crossover. This makes for improved trackwork and makes the yard more functional.

   If you are looking for something to do, plaster can now be applied directly to the screen on Mt. Witwer.

   Mike Hinman is working on a new control panel for the tracks under the mountain.

   A question was asked about budget for new switches. Ken Howard stated that we cannot get those switches at the moment. We will need switches first for the yard improvements proposed by Len Nieman.

   The next construction project will be work on the inside yard adjacent to Module 2. Work can begin on taking up the scenery on Module 2.

4. Upcoming Projects
   Ken Howard stated that we now have an open area where the two-stall engine house used to be located. We need ideas on best ways to complete the scenery for this area. Please take a track diagram and sketch your ideas. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

   Len Nieman suggested that we make the two siding tracks on Module 4 into a team track with an overhead crane kit he is donating. This suggestion was adopted by acclimation.

   The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.