

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the HO Committee Meeting of May 17, 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, Dan Egy, Jake Forbes, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Chuck Larnerd, Collin Martinko, Don McPherson, Len Nieman, John Spach, and Bob Witwer.

3. Review and Discussion of HO Layout Related Items

- a. Laminated instructions for the use of the HO layout are posted. Please share with new folks.
- b. The Yellow Book is now out of service except for the Track Change Submission form.
- c. Green Book is done essentially non-functional with the advent of computer generated maps for the layout. Track problem forms should be submitted to Chuck.
- d. Thanks to Jake Forbes for acting as Dispatcher at our May 02 Open House.
- e. We need to know who has access to Groups io. It was suggested that an email be sent to Groups io from John Spach to see if we can get the desired information. This discussion was started by Collin Martinko and Chuck Larnerd. Colin has volunteered to find out about using the format and would act as an administrator.
- f. Chuck Larnerd will investigate adding two temporary switches to the control panel to allow operation of the reversing loop. Paul Lebedinski is constructing a second panel so that the loop can be operated from either side of the layout.
- g. Main 1 setup yard is complete under the mountain. Power is routed by switches.
- h. There is now a DC bus available for lighting.
- i. Chuck Larnerd suggested a card be prepared and installed to identify the wires for both the AC and DC busses.
- j. The plan for connecting the interior yard to Main 4 is priority number two.
- k. Len Nieman noted that the plan as approved for the Yard on Module 9 will not fit in the yard. Len offered four different solutions to the problem. The favorite solution is to add a 1x4 to the inside of the existing yard. This will give the space needed to maintain the desired two inch spacing between tracks. The committee approved adding the 1x4.

4. Committee Chairman

Ken Howard stated that we need a new committee chairman, as his time will be taken up in his new role as president of the Club. Chuck Larnerd volunteered to chair the HO committee.

5. Communication

A discussion was held to determine the best way to communicate what is happening with the HO layout. It was suggested to post both the minutes and the diagram of the layout.

It was decided that the existing white board will become the focal point for HO group. The Module 9 and interior yard as well as the entire layout diagram will be displayed adjacent to the white board.

We also need suggestions for the area on Mains 1 and 2 where the two-stall engine house used to be.

6. On30

Len Nieman noted that even though On30 runs on HO gauge track, our layout does not have the clearances required for that scale of equipment. As a result of this information, the committee decided that On30 equipment cannot be run on our HO layout.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HO committee will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.