

Revised per March 14, 2017 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present : Walt Liles, Mike Cummings, Mike Fleming, Alan Mole, Joe Sullivan, Perry Lamb, David Gelmini, Steve Funsten, Brian Sandberg, John Falk, Norman Lunden

Board members absent :Jim Travis

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* : Howard Goodwin, Chuck Hoesch, Joe Gelmini, James Bando, Sally Bando, Rick Coble. Del Kittendorf,,Paul Voelker, Gary Jarabek, Dottie Maiuro, Joe Maiuro, Jim Hobbs, Randall Watson.

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Mike Fleming : The minutes of January 2016 were approved by Alan Mole and seconded by David Gelmini with one change that Regis Brooks was in attendance with unanimous approval

Finance – Joe Sullivan : Financials were presented for the year ending December 31, 2016 and the month of January 2017. Approved by Alan Mole and seconde by Perry Lamb with unanimous approval.

Operations— Royal Bruce: Thank you to last month's presenter and a request to think about a topic for presentation. Layout visits for the membership would like to be resumed after the Train Show.

Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings 88 people were at last months meeting with two new members introduced. Total membership is 466.

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot : NTR

*Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek –
The Insurance issue for the Pilgrimage will be discussed under Old Business.*

Achievement Program – Randall Watson A certificate for MMR for one of the members is pending for next month.

Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch – NTR

2017 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini, MMR

Tables are oversold. The National NMRA will have a table at the show.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR NTR

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando – Two new Badges made

Division Video Library - David Gelmini – New DVDs are presently on hold until after the train show. Videos will be available at tonight's meeting. A suggestion was made to highlight one or two of the videos in the announcement for the upcoming meeting.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon – NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu – NTR

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb : The camp was very successful with 22 participants and four instructors. Thanks to all who helped. The camp next year may highlight more advanced techniques such as scenery.

Outreach - Brain Sandberg – NTR

Acceptance of the Committee reports was moved by Alan Mole and seconded by Joe Gelmini .

Old Business

- **501©3 designation was discussed by Alan Mole. Each Division has its own designation and not every division has it. The application for Piedmont is in process.**
- **Insurance coverage for the Pilgrimage presented by Gary Jarabek**
- **There is a Certificate of Liability Insurance through the NMRA for the Southeastern Region. The wording of the coverage is ambiguous but the most likely interpretation is that if a suit was filed, that NMRA members would be covered but non NMRA members would not. There were nine non members on the Pilgrimage last year out of ninety hosts. A separate policy to cover them would be a minimum of \$500. Clubs that are 100% NMRA would be covered. The Duluth Museum has its own coverage. The coverage for the Live Steamers and several other host clubs is uncertain. Gary Jarabek will look further into their coverage and liability.**
- **A motion was approved by Alan Mole and seconded by Joe Sullivan that we accept the Insurance Policy as is and that we cannot have a non NMRA members layout on the tour. The Club issue will be determined later.**

New Business :

- ***Clinic Coordinator for the 2018 Garden Society of G Scalers National Convention. The convention would like to have three to four local clinics about Modeling or Railroad topics that do not have to be specific to G scale. James Bando noted that there are only 50 active G scale modelers in the area and they will need the support of the rest of the membership.***

- **Volunteer to coordinate layout and museum visit (Duluth ?) for the Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians visiting for the National Convention at the WCC in Atlanta June 12,13 and 14. Contact person is Bill Reinhardt 651-714-4656 reinco1@comcast.net. They expect twenty people to sign up for this part of the Rotary convention. This may be an informal tour with several layouts available as open houses.**
- **Establish Task Team for possible SER Convention 2018 or 2019**
- **Discuss joint venture meet with Chattanooga HQ Div after Dalton Train Show in late Feb or March 2018**
- **BBQ to include clinics, Railfanning, Prototype models. Scale Trains will assist. Possible RMC and Trains coverage.**
- **Walt Liles will head up a steering committee and needs volunteers.**

The above activities are pending and will require volunteers from the membership.

Any Other Business - There was no other business.

Meeting Adjournment was moved by Alan Mole and seconded by Joe Sullivan and approved by acclamation at 6:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fleming, Director of Administration