

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2017

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

Board Members Present : Walt Liles, Michael Fleming, Joe Sullivan, Mike Cummings, Jim Travis, Alan Mole, Perry Lamb, Royal Bruce, Peter Youngblood, Norman Lundin, Steve Funstin, John Falk

Board members absent : none

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* Joe Gelmini, Martin Guldner, Ranadall Watson, Raymond Teal, Jim Hobbs, Joe Maiuro, Dottie Maiuro, Sally Bando, James Bando, William Smith, Joe Nichols, Sr., Del Kittendorf

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Mike Fleming : Meeting notes from February were presented. The names of members approving and seconding are required,. These will be placed into the record and the meeting notes are approved once this is done. Moved by Perry Lamb and seconded by David Gelmini with and approved by acclamation.

Finance – Joe Sullivan :

- Financial report for February was presented
- PIEDMONT DIVISION, INC. ANNUAL REGISTRATION approved by the Secretary of State 3/6/17
- 501©3is pending and further action moved to May.

Alan Mole moved and Mike Cummings seconded the acceptance of these reports. Approved by acclamation.

Operations— Royal Bruce:

Clinicians and weekend layout tours are needed for July and August.

Next meeting is April 18, the THIRD Tuesday of the month. This is also the opening nigh for the Braves. Plan travel accordingly.

Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings

Present membership is 475, 9 more than February. Attendance at last meeting was 98.

The Piedmont Booth is staffed for this weekend's train show but extra help would be appreciated.

Committee Reports

Timetable- Doug Alexander. Timetable is expected to be out by April 1

Website - Scott Povlot: See reports. There has been a substantial increase in traffic on the website and the Train Show website during the last week in February.

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek – See report. Discussion of Insurance issue below.

Achievement Program – Randall Watson The MMR certificate has not arrived from Natiopnal.

Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch – NTR

*2017 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini, MMR
All is looking well for this weekend. Tables have all been sold.*

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

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee- NTR

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando – 2 new Badges

Division Video Library - David Gelmini – NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon – NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu – NTR

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb

Camp 102 will be held May 6 covering basic scenery.

Mike Cummings suggested the possibility of camps for more advanced participants. Peter Youngblood suggested a session about track laying using the Fast Track System. These suggestions will be considered at a later date.

Outreach – Brian Sandberg – NTR

Del Kittendorf talked about ELM, Enrichment of Life, program which provides one hour programs over eight weeks to seniors on various topics. A program similar to the Scout merit badge program might be a useful model. Del will investigate interest and report back.

Marketing- Sally Bando

Face Book page for the Division is being updated.

Howard Goodwin would like to get new bags to hand out at various events. The national convention bags are almost depleted.

There is a Boy Scout Troop who wishes to build a layout. Howard Goodwin is in contact with them.

Walt has submitted a photo to Ford truck owners magazine of him delivering the raffle layout from last year.

Walt has business cards available for the Piedmont Division with website and facebook address and also including that of the NMRA and SER. Very eye catching design and a good way of establishing the Division identity.

Old Business

INSURANCE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

The decision from last month's meeting is that no individual can participate as a host unless they are an NMRA member.

An extensive discussion ensued about the unresolved issue of Insurance for clubs and museums. The Division needs clarification of the legal and insurance aspects from the NMRA directly. Dan Mason, a lawyer from the SER, was not sufficiently clear. It was pointed out that the national NMRA meeting have individual, club and museum tours and we need to know their policies and

have ours in conformance with them. A Mr. Ansler is the attorney for the national NMRA. Gary Jarabek with the assistance of Alan Mole will investigate this further.

National Rotary Meeting June 13 and 14 in Atlanta

There are approximately 20 members who would like to see the Train Museum in Duluth and several layouts. They will provide their own transportation. Peter Youngblood will coordinate this.

New Business :

The Crossville Tennessee Model Railroad Club has extended an invitation for an operating session. Details have not been finalized.

Kennesaw University is a possible outreach for a railroad club.

Any Other Business - There was no other business.

Meeting Adjournment at 6:57 after moved by Alan Mole and seconded by Perry Lamb by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fleming, Director of Administration