

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Peter Youngblood, MMR, Superintendent. Peter welcomed all officers, board members, committee heads and other Division members.

Board Members Present (9): Peter Youngblood, MMR, Royal Bruce, Jim Travis, Perry Lamb, Joe Maiuro, Charlie Crawford MMR, John Falk, Walt Liles, and Alan Mole.

Board members absent (5): Chris White, Joe Sullivan, David Gelmini, Norm Lundin, and Brian Sandberg.

**Quorum Present**

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (11)*: Rick Coble, Howard Goodwin MMR, Gary Jarabek, Chuck Hoesch, Dottie Maiuro, Steve Funsten, Scott Povlot, Del Kittendorf, Mike Cummings, and Martin Guldner.

**Officer and Director Reports**

**Administration - Chris White (not in attendance)** The May 2016 Minutes were approved following a motion by Alan Mole and seconded by Jim Travis.

**Finance – Gary Jarabek for Joe Sullivan (not in attendance)** Joe sent the May financial reports by email and was not present at the meeting. In his place, Gary Jarabek reported that the transfer of \$12,000 from the Train Show is complete. The May financial report was approved following a motion by Jim Travis and seconded by Royal Bruce.

**Operations—Walt Liles** Walt sent a report by email and he reviewed the major portions of his report at the meeting. Clinics are scheduled through August and Walt is finalizing clinics for September and October, and working on a November clinic.

**Personnel/Membership - Royal Bruce** Royal sent a report by email. There were 92 members at the May meeting. The 12-month rolling average attendance is 104. Royal also presented to the Board a list of members who had not yet renewed their NMRA membership.

**Committee Reports** These reports had been emailed to all Board members. These committee reports were accepted on a motion by Perry Lamb and seconded by Jim Travis.

**Website - Scott Povlot** – Scott sent a report by email. There were 797 visits and 1869 page views on the Division website during May. The June meeting notice open rate was 48.8%.

**Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek** - Gary sent reports by email. Gary briefed the board on the status of the 2016 Piedmont Pilgrimage. Schedules have been sent to 84 layout owners. Gary anticipates 80 layouts this year. The Pilgrimage committee will focus on the schedule and advertising deadlines.

**Achievement Program – Randall Watson** Randall sent a report by email. April contest awards and one certificate will be presented at the general meeting.

**Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch** – Chuck sent a report by email. No letters were sent during May.

**2016 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini, MMR** Joe sent a report by email. As agreed in the May 2016 BOD meeting, \$12,000 was transferred to the Piedmont Division account. Joe anticipates that the balance of the train show account should be sufficient to cover remaining costs for the 2017 show.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR** Plans for the upcoming Scout program in Marietta are proceeding. This is the first Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge program to be held at the new location, Covenant Presbyterian Church. The class is nearly full at this point. Again, volunteers are needed to help with the switching layouts in addition to the regularly assigned counselors.

**Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood, MMR** Peter submitted a report by email. Piedmont Division A-V projectors and audio system components were borrowed by SER Regional Convention host Mid-South Division for clinic and banquet use.

**Name Badges & Photography - James Bando** – James sent a report by email. He made one Division name badge during May.

**Division Video Library - David Gelmini** – David sent a report by email. He reported that there were no changes to the video library.

**Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon** – Nothing to report.

**Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu** – Nothing to report.

**Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb** - Perry submitted a report by email. The Weathering with PanPastels clinic that he and Peter held at Hobbytown USA on May 21 was well received with 10 attending. PanPastels and DCC clinics are popular and are likely to be a subject of one or more clinics in 2017. The Q3 Train'in Camp will be the annual Achievement Program class conducted by Peter Youngblood, MMR and Randall Watson.

**Outreach - Brian Sandberg** - Brian sent a report by email. Brian and Jim Travis represented the Piedmont Division at Chatsworth Depart Days on June 11 and estimated 100 visitors enjoyed Walt Liles portable HO scale layout.

### **Old Business**

**2016 Action List - Peter Youngblood, MMR** - Peter distributed a revised Action List for 2016. He noted a tentative presentation at the Woodstock Optimists Club on July 20. Walt Liles has volunteered to assist. He inquired about the status of a possible auction on September 20. Howard briefed the board with an update. Peter has not heard back about a potential visit to the CSX Training facility on September 20. He has not received information on the September RPM meet and will discuss with Doug Alexander.

**IRS Tax designation from 501 (c) 4 to 501 (c) 3 - Peter Youngblood.** Alan Mole reported that he is waiting on updated corporate documents from Joe Sullivan so he can proceed.

**PayPal account for the Piedmont Division - Peter Youngblood** Scott Povlot reports that the PayPal account has been set up. He will discuss using PayPal for Boy Scout registration with Howard Goodwin.

**Test Track- Peter Youngblood, MMR** - Peter reported that Brian Glock had completed construction of the multi-scale test track. A Digitrax Zephyr command station donated by Thomas Roskelly has been received. The test track will be set up at the division booth during train shows, which will increase traffic to the booth.

Division Survey - Joe Sullivan - Joe was not in attendance. Joe will be asked to report on the status in July.

### **New Business**

**SER Convention - Peter Youngblood, MMR** - Peter reported on the 2016 SER convention, held June 10-11 in Huntsville, AL. 160-165 members registered. Alan Mole was installed as SER President. Rick Coble was the Recipient of the President's Award. Peter also recognized division members who gave clinics at the convention.

**Recruitment Tri-fold - Peter Youngblood** - Peter reported that he distributed the NMRA Retention & Recruitment tri-fold to other division superintendents at the SER convention. The tri-fold was well received.

**Any Other Business** - There was no other business.

**Meeting Adjournment** Perry Lamb proposed and Jim Travis seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Confirmed by acclamation and the **Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Rick Coble, on behalf of Chris White, Director of Administration**