

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
March 13, 2012**

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Old Hickory House, Tucker, GA by Charlie Crawford, Superintendent.

Board Members Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (13): Charlie Crawford, Rick Coble, Bob McIntyre, Peter Youngblood, Howard Goodwin, Joe Sullivan, David Gelmini, Bill Zawacki, Gary Jarabek, Walt Liles, I.D. Jackson, Paul Rankin, Mike Deaton

Absent (1): Scott Chatfield

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (19): Perry Lamb, Randall Watson, Doug Alexander, Paul Voelker, Norman Lundin, James Bando, Sally Bando, Joe Gelmini, Ed Laity, Joe Nichols, Sr., Mary Jackson, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, Ron Gough, James Wolfe, James Travis, Bill Raymond, Tom Banks, Bill Smith

Officer and Director Reports

Administration—Rick Coble

A motion was made by Howard Goodwin to approve the February 2011 minutes. Seconded by Peter Youngblood. Motion passed.

Finance—I.D. Jackson

Treasurer Jackson distributed a revised financial report, replacing an earlier report distributed via email.

Revenue and Expenses for February:

- Income was received and expenses paid for the train show.
- Additional revenue was received for division apparel,
- Expenses were paid for the Timetable, web site, and storage room rental.

Treasurer Jackson will present a quarterly expense spreadsheet and train show numbers at the April meeting.

A motion was made by Howard Goodwin to approve the February 2011 Financial report, as revised. Seconded by Bob McIntyre. Motion passed.

Operations—Howard Goodwin

Things are starting to fall in line for your new DoO boy (Director of Operations). My main emphasis has been to continue filling out the operations schedule for 2012. In the process of gathering clinicians, I have lined up Thomas Yorke of Hydrocal kit fame to do a talk on a relatively new modeling product, Balsa Foam. This clinic will be in June. Later on in the year, Brent Lambert, from the NMRA home office in Chattanooga will come down and tell us about the wonderful resource we have in the library there.

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Operations (cont.)

The home layout program is shaping up nicely as well. The goal is to try and have two layouts available each month that more of the membership can take advantage of. A departure from that will come in

September when the group in Murphy NC, headed up by Chuck and Mary Ann Hoesch will open their layouts on the following Sunday for an all day tour of those layouts in the northern reaches of our Division. While admittedly a way to travel, it will be very worthwhile to see what these folks are doing and enjoy their efforts. There will be at least three layouts open thus far. Grab a friend, load up the car and let's go see them!

In my article for the second quarter Timetable, I've asked for those who are interested in continuing the modular operating group to contact me so we can get it fired up again. I've received inquiries from several members who were involved before so I think it is time to get it started again. Along those lines, if someone would like to help me and assist in developing this group, let me know. Some of the modules have already been built. We have a place to meet and work on them already lined up.

Once again the Annual Train Show will soon be upon us. Once again we can use your help if you have a few hours you can spare over that weekend. It gets you free admission to the show for both days, plus some nice AP volunteer points to go along with it. I'm excited about this year's show as it should be well attended. The staff, headed up by Joe Gelmini has worked tirelessly to provide us with some of the most notable vendors on the circuit. We treat them right and they come back! What a concept!

More information on what is going on will be covered in other reports. Boy Scout Merit Badge class in Duluth at SERM is the next big one. See you there.

Personnel/Membership - Paul Rankin

We had 95 attendees at our February meeting in Marietta, of which 10 were visitors, and 33 of whom have attended 3 or fewer meetings in the last 12 months. About 10 hadn't attended in the past year, and 2 or 3 implied they'd never been to a Division Meeting. I plan to continue taking roll and noting demographic info through June, and will generate a report in July depicting what we learn. Also, we gained 6 new members, while 5 members haven't renewed their memberships yet. This statistic can be misleading, I think, because I was one of the members who hadn't renewed by his anniversary date the previous month. I called National about that, because I never received a renewal notice, but they said they'd sent it out. I took care of it over the phone, but if they miss notifying me, they might miss notifying others....

We'll have the membership booth at the Division train show next weekend, so we'll probably get lots of action there!

Committee Reports

Peachtree Express— Bob McIntyre

The next meeting will be in Marietta on March 28th. We had a good meeting last month with the primary emphasis on the budget. We have requested that all committees submit their budget needs so this can be finalized. We are getting close to completing our work on the Convention Cars. Most of the slots have been filled for the SIG events. We are still working to finalize the banquet events. Our AV needs are being

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Peachtree Express (cont.)

evaluated and where to procure the equipment. Work on the tours is continuing. We are excited with the clinician prospects. Howard Goodwin continues to work on the list. We have finalized the advertising budget and where we will place our ads.

Piedmont Pilgrimage - Bob McIntyre

No current activity. Last month 2011 was wrapped up by handing and mailing out the certificates, medallions, and letters.

Member Aid— Bob McIntyre

No requests. However, I want to let everyone know that construction has started on the new SV&S railroad.

Achievement Program-Bob McIntyre

I have three Chief Dispatcher Certificates to hand out this month. It is for Perry Lamb, Bob Wood, and David Gelmini. The Electrical Engineer Certificate for Perry Lamb has been approved and submitted. I have received and approved the Chief Dispatcher application for Bill Raymond. The Golden Spike award for Ray White will be handed out tonight.

There is our March Model Contest tonight. We are hoping for a good turnout. The theme is farm buildings and maintenance of way cars.

Timetable - Doug Alexander

Alexander sent a reminder of the Q2 Timetable deadline of March 12.

He is continuing forward with advertising opportunities for the Timetable. He received the first member layout ads for the Timetable.

Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek

Advertising:

Monthly Meetings

NMRA submitted through June 2012 Issue

Railroad Model Craftsman submitted through June 2012 Issue.

Trains.com submitted through June 2012

The April and June meeting notices reflect the Marietta location.

Train Show

NMRA submitted for March

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Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel - (cont.)

Company Store:

There are only med and XL of old style short sleeve polo shirts left to sell. These will be sold at \$28.00.

Putty polo shirts only 2XL remain at the price of \$33.00.

Blue polo shirts are in stock. Complete size range (med to 3XL).

Med to 2XL available in long sleeve denim shirts. .

Caps are also in stock.

Mugs will be distributed to new NMRA members.

Aprons

Some of the aprons that have been ordered in the past have not been picked up. I will keep a few in stock for future requests.

Model Train Show (2012) –Joe Gelmini

- The show is 100% sold out on vendor/exhibitor space. I have a wait list for tables if someone cancels last minute.
- Post card mailings complete
- All licensing for show and raffle complete.
- Insurance, table vendor and EMT services complete.
- A final committee meeting was held March 13 to review last minute details.

Good and Welfare –Joe Gelmini

- Sympathy card to Sally Bando (death of mother)
- Get well card to Stephen Leydon (broken collarbone)

Website - Scott Povlot

The division website had 6,556 page requests in February 2012.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth) - John Stevens

John has opened registration for the April 21, 2012 merit badge session at the Southeastern Railway Museum. He expects all 30 slots to be filled by the March meeting.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Kennesaw) - Bill Eilo

Have forwarded the contract to Charlie for his review and comments.

Working to set up a meeting with museum to discuss next program--hopefully Charlie can be in attendance.

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Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood

On February 28th, the A/V Committee accompanied by Joe Gelmini, I.D. and Mary Jackson, met at the Waverly Hotel to look at the PE 2013 Habersham Banquet room and the Kennesaw Room to assess A/V requirements and other miscellaneous matters. Also assessed were A/V clinic room needs at the Cobb Galleria Centre. A determination will now be made by the A/V Committee as to what Piedmont Division equipment, supplemented by best cost-effective outside contracted or rental equipment sources, will be required to satisfy PE 2013 A/V requirements

Name Badges - James Bando

James reports one name badge since February 2012.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon

No changes.

Division Video Library - David Gelmini

No changes.

Volunteer Coordinator - Walt Liles

No changes.

Old Business

Operations Jamboree (Howard Goodwin)

Howard Goodwin is in the process of planning Operations Jamboree for 2012. Milt Burge will assist with this program. Dates are to be determined.

Raffle Layout

The layout is complete and is currently stored in Bob McIntyre's basement. Free advertising for community service was not available. Peter Youngblood placed layout information on the WXIA community bulletin board.

New Business

Model Contest (Bob McIntyre)

AP Chair Bob McIntyre reminded everyone of the model and photography contests at the general meeting.

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Trains, Trains, and More Trains (Del Kittendorf)

Del Kittendorf has information concerning *Trains, Trains, and More Trains*, a National Park Service Junior Ranger program to be held at Kennesaw Mountain Park on April 28th. Del will forward information to Howard Goodwin.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Coble, Director of Administration