

## **PIEDMONT DIVISION**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Tuesday May 8, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Walt Liles, Superintendent, 6:02 PM at Holy Innocents

Board Members in attendance: Walt Liles, Mike Fleming, Howard Goodwin, Jim Travis, Sally Bando, Douglas Alexander, Diane Marti, Bob Kelshaw, Royal Bruce

Other Members present: Gary Jarabek, David Gelmini, Jim Datka, Martin Guldner, Del Kittendorf, Joe Sullivan, Alan Mole, Tyler Gelmini, Chuck Hoesch

### **Officer and Director Reports**

Administration- Mike Fleming -Minutes from April 2018 reviewed. Move for approval by Jim Travis and seconded by Howard Goodwin. Approved.

Finance – Diane Martin Financial statements for the month ending on March 3 and the month ending on April 30 were submitted. The April statement also included a detailed statement of Activity by Program and details of the Budget versus actual expenses by program. Net Revenue, after the Train Show, is \$12,103.36. Total Assets are \$98,218.30. Move to Approve by Mike Fleming, seconded by Howard Goodwin. Approved. Full report available on website.

\$11,000 is in a low interest checking account and move to a higher yielding account is recommended. Migration of accounts to the new system has been accomplished and tax returns will be filed by May 15. Application for 5013C is complicated by the amount of assets. The IR will require justification for this. A viable plan for a Building for the group would be one way of demonstrating intent for the money. Move that these actions be approved by Doug Alexander with second by Howard Goodwin. Approved.

Operations – Sally Bando- Tony Koester is our Guest Speaker tonight. Dr Joe Nichols, Jr. will have an Open House this Saturday. SER meet will be the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> this month. National Garden Railway meet in Atlanta June 4 to 9.

Personnel/Membership- Mike Cummings-Report sent. Graph of members at meeting per month will be prepared. 2 members joined at the Swap Meet at Blue Ox Trains.

### **Committee Reports**

Apparel- Gary Jarabek (Report sent)

AP Program – Charlie Mason: Winners of April Model contest will be given certificates at tonight's meeting

2018 Model Train Show- David Gelmini: The Financials are complete. \$14,166.21 revenue over expenses. \$16,000 in reserve for next year's event. Present plan is to return to the Galleria. Other options are not viable. The parking has been a major problem. Lanier parking was hired by Cobb County to run the parking in the area. The Galleria is having problems with them and has promised to work this out before next year's event.

BSA- Howard Goodwin: \$150.00 will be contributed to the church where the clinics are held.

Marketing- Sally Bando: Georgia EMC Magazine will have an article about model railroading in the Piedmont Division

Timetable-Jim Datka (Report sent)

Train-N Camp- Perry Lamb: Perry was in Hong Kong and had a dislocation of his lens implant. He will be having a surgical repair when he returns.

Good & Welfare – Chuck and Mary Ann Hoesch (Report Sent)

Peter Youngblood- Report Sent

Audio Visual- Ovidiu-NTR

James Bando-Nametag and Badges -Report Sent

Log Range Planning & Development-Jim Travis /Alan Mole -NTR See Diane Martin's comment about 5013c status. Jim and Allen will work on preliminary plans.

2020 SER Convention- Walt Liles-NTR

## **Old Business**

Facebook Market Place and Train Estates to be discussed at next meeting.

Jim Datka and James Bando will learn how to judge Photo Contests from Paul Volker for future events. One will become chair and the other will chair the SER contest.

Facebook photo contest for prototype and model photos ends on May 12.

## **New Business**

### **Stem Education in Cobb Cunt Schools**

The program is designed to encourage student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with the associated learning and thinking processes. David Rever is ivolunteering at an elementary

school. The Division would like to encourage further participation. Model railroading is a natural fit to help encourage learning in these disciplines.

### **Continuing Learning for Seniors, Del Kittendorf**

An eight week course in Railroads and Model Railroading would be desirable. Walt Liles and Sally Bando will look into this.

**Adjournment 6:31 PM** Moved by Howard Goodwin and seconded by Jim Travis

**Michael T Fleming, MD**

**Director of Administration**