

PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:58 PM by Superintendent Perry Lamb virtually via Webex.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Alexander, Sally Bando, Jim Datka, Gary Fish, Jim Foley, Steve Funsten, Jim Hobbs, Bob Kelshaw, Perry Lamb, Walt Lilies, Hank Primas, Raymond Stewart, Peter Thomas - **QUORUM PRESENT**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Travis

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIVISION MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT: Rick Coble, Mike Deaton, Chuck Hoesch, Steve Leydon, Charlie Mason MMR, John Stevens, Peter Youngblood MMR

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT – Perry Lamb: Picnic is confirmed for Saturday, July 17th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Dallas Landing Park Pavilion, 5120 Allatoona Dr, Acworth, GA 30101. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Division. Please bring your favorite NON-alcoholic beverage and a side dish to share.

Holy Innocent's Church will not schedule any gatherings—even church events—for the foreseeable future. A clinic has been added for July (see below.) This will be an IN-PERSON meeting to be held Tuesday, July 13th at the Governors Gun Club at 1005 Cobb Place Blvd. Kennesaw, GA 30144. Their Banquet Hall accommodates up to 300 guests and offers full tech support. A meal service is available prior to our board meeting through their Copper Jacket Restaurant & Lounge.

This space will cost \$600 for this meeting, roughly twice the cost of the church. Walt has generously offered to pay the difference for this one event. If the decision is made to continue at this location, we may be able to negotiate a lower price for regular monthly meetings. Their kitchen could provide entrees for our Holiday Party as well as refreshments and tableware.

ADMINISTRATION – Jim Datka: MINUTES from the May 11, 2021 submitted. Motion to approve Bob Kelshaw; Seconded by Walt Liles. Approved.

FINANCE – Jim Foley: Report sent. Payment was made for the Fast Tracks turnout template. Motion to approve Jim Foley; Seconded by Bob Kelshaw. Approved.

OPERATIONS – Sally Bando: Report sent. A new contact for Holy Innocent's Church, Bianca, is looking into when the Piedmont Division can return to meeting face-to-face. Upcoming clinics and events:

NEW: July 13—Piedmont Division IN-PERSON Meeting and Clinic: John Lees, HOW HE ACQUIRED AND MOVED A CABOOSE TO HIS BACKYARD

July 17—Piedmont Division Picnic: Dallas Landing Park Pavilion, 5120 Allatoona Dr, Acworth

July 31—Virtual TRAIN 'N CAMP: BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT

August 6-8—TRAINS, TRUCKS AND TRACTORS at the Southeastern Museum in Duluth

August 10—Piedmont Division Clinic: Possible Father Tim clinic

August 28—GOLDEN SPIKE at Infinity Energy Center in Duluth

September 9-13—SER CONVENTION "Swamp Rabbit Express" in Greenville, SC

September 11—MODEL TRAIN EXPO at Chatsworth Depot

September 14—Piedmont Division Clinic: Mac McCann, MODELERS DP AIRBRUSH PAINT BY MODELERS DECALS AND PAINT LLC

September 16-18—L&N CONVENTION at Hilton Garden Inn in Cartersville

September 25—LIVE! TRAIN 'N CAMP: SCENERY CONSTRUCTION

September 25—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

October 2—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

October 2-3—PIEDMONT TRAIN SHOW in Cartersville

October 2-3—Possible train show in Asheville or Fletcher, NC

October 12—Piedmont Division Clinic: John Bost, WEATHERING

NEW: October 24—Open Streets Emory Village

November 9—Piedmont Division Clinic: Pete Silcox video, CLINCHFIELD RIGHT OF WAY

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November 20—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

December 4—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

NEW: December 11-12—FESTIVAL OF TRAINS at Tellus Museum, Cartersville

December 14—Piedmont Division HOLIDAY PARTY

PERSONNEL/MEMBERSHIP – Gary Fish: National is updating their membership record keeping. Letter to be sent to 26 currently in arrears with follow-up phone calls later. Eight members coming due next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBSITE – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: Requirements for the Train Show website have been sent to Canadian vendor and will be discussed by phone tomorrow. Pilgrimage may next site to be done. **Need to discuss Company Store at July Board meeting.**

PILGRIMAGE – Mike Deaton: Report sent. A hybrid virtual/in-person Pilgrimage is planned. Charlie Mason and Joe Sullivan will contact past participants about their interest in an in-person open house. There will not be a booklet this year. This means we need to clearly communicate the schedule and which are in-person or virtual on the website and promotional materials. Advertising and sponsorships were discussed.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – Charlie Mason: The Fast Tracks jig for use in achieving the AP Civil Engineering certificate have arrived. Charlie will develop the policy and procedures for its use. Holding a personal check as a security deposit was discussed—amount to be decided. Users will be charged for the replacement of rail, ties and other materials used.

GOOD AND WELFARE – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch: NTR.

2021 MODEL TRAIN SHOW – Hank Primas: TRAIN SHOW has sold 78 of the 146 tables available primarily to small vendors with just a few tables each. ScaleTrains.com has said they will not attend. Vendors requesting electrical hookups will bring in an additional \$60 at no cost to us.

MARKETING – Sally Bando: Report sent. Georgia magazine wants pictures of kids at past Train Shows for their promotion of our October show—please send any you have to Sally. An additional printing of flyers for the August Golden Spike show will be needed.

TRAIN 'N CAMP - Perry Lamb: WEATHERING WITH WASHES AND PANPASTELS was successful. The July 31st BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT will be held virtually and conducted by Bar Mills staff. This clinic sold out last time it was offered and holding it virtually allows for unlimited attendance. Kit yet to be decided (probably a station) and will be available through Blue Ox.

TIMETABLE – Jim Datka: Submissions for the Q3 Timetable are due by Wednesday June 16th.

NAME BADGES & PHOTOGRAPHY - James Bando: NTR

DIVISION VIDEO LIBRARY – Jack Spangler: NTR

DIVISION BOOK LIBRARY - Stephen Leydon: NTR

MODEL RAILROAD & DIVISION HELP – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

OLD BUSINESS

Creating a policy on donations of hobby items to the Division is moved to next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Kelshaw moved to adjourn, seconded by Hank Primas.

Meeting Adjournment at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Datka

Director of Administration