

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Jim Travis, Joe Sullivan, Steve Funsten, Walt Liles, Howard Goodwin, Jim Hobbs, Doug Alexander, Royal Bruce, Alan Mole, Peter Youngblood, Bob Kelshaw, Sally Bando

Board members absent: John Falk

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Paul Volker, Charlie Mason, Tom Banks, Regis Brooks, James Bando, Hank Primus, Tyler Gelmini, David Gelmini

Walt Liles took a few moments at the start of the meeting in remembrance of fellow member Gary Jarabek. Walt also prayed for Gary's family. Gary will be missed.

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Perry Lamb: Minutes submitted. Motion Doug Alexander, Second Jim Travis, Approved

Finance – Jim Travis: Reports are not available yet. All bills have been paid. Current account balances: \$24,000 – Train Show, \$27,000 – Division, \$20,000 – CDs, \$700 – Trax to Max2

All of our account information is in QuickBooks. Diane has been removed from the bank accounts. The Division is working with new checks. Walt and Jim will be picking up additional material from Dianne.

501c3 paperwork is in hand and will be submitted after being updated.

Motion by Jim Travis to spend \$450 to purchase a new Director of Finance laptop and Office 360 Second Perry Lamb, Approved.

Operations – Sally Bando: Report submitted. Marietta Daily Journal wrote an article that listed all the Marietta-area layouts on tour for the Piedmont Pilgrimage. There are plenty of 2020 Train Show fliers.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: 100 attended the September meeting. Two meetings in a row have had at least 100 in attendance. There are train shows in December and January.

The roof for the Division Shed at the SERM needs to be replaced.

If we return to hosting the Railroading Merit Badge program at the Southern Museum, the Scouts will not be paying an entry fee.

Motion by Howard Goodwin to send \$150 to the SERM for hosting Piedmont Division events, Second Doug Alexander, Approved

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot: Report submitted

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel – Charlie Mason: There are 74 layouts on tour. Packets are going out tonight. Please send attendance reports to Charlie Mason.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Model contest was held. Charlie Crawford managed the model contest and Jim Datka managed the photo contest.

Good and Welfare – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch: Report submitted

2019 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: First mailing has gone out. We may need to purchase an outside insurance policy for about \$250. 32% of the tables have already been sold.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: Date has been set in January for the first Program of the year. See other notes under the Personnel listing.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Report submitted.

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: Report submitted.

Division Video Library - Royal Bruce: NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train 'N Camp - Perry Lamb: Report submitted. We will be hosting Model Railroading 101 early in the year. The other three will be a series building a complete module.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: Planning is continuing. Attendees are starting to register.

Old Business

Piedmont Division N-scale display layout. Progress has been made.

Joe Sullivan has been talking to the State of Georgia regarding sales tax.

Trains, Trains, Trains is expecting us to set up on Friday afternoon. We will be presenting the N-scale layout, two switching module layouts and the 2020 Raffle layout. We will have our own room.

Elections are at the November meeting.

The Division had a display at the 2019 Christmas Village in Cartersville.

New Business

A committee was formed to discuss remembering members who have passed away. Perry Lamb, Howard Goodwin and Peter Youngblood.

December 7, 2019 will be the 2020 Division Planning meeting.

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment, 6:54 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb
Director of Administration