

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 8, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., virtually, via WebEx by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

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

Board members absent: John Faulk, Peter Youngblood

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Hank Primas, Conrad Mora, Mike Deaton, Chuck Hoesch, Rick Coble, Charlie Mason, Jim Datka, John Stevens

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent – Walt Liles: Walt provided comments regarding the current situation and restructure to move ahead. Hopefully we'll know something by the December planning meeting.

Administration – Perry Lamb: Minutes from the August meeting. Motion to approve Bob Kelshaw, Second Alan Mole, Approved

Finance – Jim Foley: Report submitted. Taxes need to be submitted. 2019 taxes are almost ready. Loss for the Canceled 2020 train show will be about \$10,000.00. Motion to approve Joe Sullivan, Second Alan Mole, Approved

Operations – Sally Bando: Starting to put a calendar together for next year in hopes of meeting, in person, again. The church is still not booking meetings for most of the rest of the year. There is an O-Scale open house in February 2021. The Live Steam Group should resume operations in November. There may be a Christmas event in Cartersville at the Convention Center in November. Walt got the President's award from the SER. Scott Pavlot received the Chairman's award.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: Updated via phone call – About 25 members have rolled off the roles. Howard has contacted each person individually. We need to encourage our members to participate in the Covid environment. All we can do is try to bring meetings to our members.

Committee Reports

Website – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: Update needed for changes. They are keeping things moving and caught up. We need to renew the Domain registration. We may move our servers from one set of servers to another. Motion to approve \$500 for the Division Domain Name, Joe Sullivan, Second Perry Lamb Approved.

Pilgrimage – Mike Deaton: Report sent – Highlights covered in report. 80% of the videos are recorded and of those, about 40% are completely finished. The commercial for Scale Trains is in the works.

Piedmont Company Store –: NTR

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Have submitted the start of a plan for a Virtual Photo Contest. Details are in the works. There will not a Fall model contest. Will work on a model contest in early 2021. If we can't have one physically, it will be a "drive up" contest and participants will drive up to a location for judging.

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

2021 Model Train Show – Hank Primas: Do have a venue and date. March 13 and 14 at The Clarence Brown Convention Center in Cartersville. We will have the entire center. Adverting material is in the works to make sure it is widely announced. We are already contacting vendors and some have already signed up.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Members on FaceBook need to share our posts. We need to promote our events there. We will spend money to boost our posts. Our big event currently will be our virtual Pilgrimage. We will continue to maintain the name, The Model Train Show. Change in Logo?

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: No Meeting

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 Sent. Will have new members after this.

Old Business

Election Nominations Eblast went out- Chuck Hoesch for update nominees. – Please notify Chuck if you want to run.

MEETING THROUGH DECMBER 2020 -ALL VIRTUAL-Will hopefully have update by Nov for 2021.

Still verifying Toys-For-Tots program for Christmas- Different info on website- Not sure- Will have a plan for donations before Holiday Virtual gathering – Still looking at it.

2021 Planning & Budget- Scheduled for Saturday Dec 5th-9-11am

New Business

Will be submitting request to SER for funds to support Train N Camp coming up.

Will be working on a grant for the BSA scout troop to fund a Merit Badge Clinic. Waiting on a Financial Request

Request also for BSA Troop to donate cars originally purchased for the program before the directive from NMRA National came down. Would like approval to donate to the classes on a need basis for their program. Howard motion to donate 24 cars to the Scouts. Jim Foley – Second – Approved.

NMRAx Ask the MMR-Sat Sept 12th 6pm

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment;

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb
Director of Administration