

# PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT September 11, 2012

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

Board Members Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (12)*: Charlie Crawford, Rick Coble, Howard Goodwin, Bob McIntyre, I.D. Jackson, Mike Deaton, Gary Jarabek, Bill Zawacki, Paul Rankin, Peter Youngblood, Scott Chatfield, Joe Sullivan

Absent (2): Walt Liles, David Gelmini

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (16)*: Ed Laity, Bill Eilo, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, Bob Wood, Perry Lamb, Ken Raymond, John Travis, Jim Wolfe, James Bando, Sally Bando, Greg Williams, Doug Alexander, Norm Lundin, Scott Povlot, John Stevens

## **Officer and Director Reports**

### ***Administration—Rick Coble***

Coble is working on transition items for the next Director of administration. He would like all committee chairs to report changes in committee staff by the end of December.

Peter Youngblood motioned to accept the minutes of the August 2012 meeting. Second by Gary Jarabek. Motion passed.

### ***Finance—I.D. Jackson***

Treasurer Jackson distributed a financial report spreadsheet prior to the meeting. Peter Youngblood motioned to accept the August 2012 Financial report. Seconded by Joe Sullivan. Motion passed.

### ***Operations—Howard Goodwin***

Here we are into September and it is still HOT! Leaves are starting to fall and it's time to break out the rakes and leaf bags and time to start thinking about getting back in the basement and doing some modeling and preparing for the Pilgrimage. It will be here before we realize it!

This month in store for us is a fine clinic by Doug Alexander on how to superdetail a PFM Brass Southern Ps4 steam loco. You won't want to miss this as it applies to just about any superdetailing project for a steam loco. Our home layout offerings will be in Murphy NC, just up the road a piece with several layouts being open for your viewing pleasure. Chuck and Mary Ann Hoesch will be on tour as well as Ernie Kuno who has a nice O scale layout. Spend a nice leisurely Sunday and go up the road to see all of the really nice work Chuck and Mary Ann have done on their layout. I was there recently, after the Gatlinburg convention and it was really nice. I hadn't seen the layout in quite a while and a lot of progress has been made. Thomas Lloyd and his dad have been doing some work on the layout with Chuck.

The theme this month is Railroad Books. Bring your favorite and tell us about it. I'll see you at the meeting. Until next time, may all your signals be green.

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***Personnel/Membership - Paul Rankin***

Paul sent the regular attendance spreadsheet, showing information for the past several years. We had 96 people at the August meeting, which is pretty consistent with what we've been having for the past several years. We had our membership booth at the North Atlanta show, and generated some interest and several likely new members, but no new signups there.

We'll have our booth at the Great Train Expo 2 day show, on Oct 27-28, so I will be asking for volunteers at the Sep and Oct meetings. I wonder how this interfaces with the Pilgrimage - it will probably generate some interest in the Pilgrimage, so I'll need a number of schedules available for the show.

**Committee Reports**

***Member Aid - Bob McIntyre***

No current requests

***Piedmont Pilgrimage - Bob McIntyre***

There have been a few adjustments to the layouts that are on tour. All of the advertisers are in place. The final income generator will be to auction off a Digitrax Zephyr System in October. We are still in need of operator assistants. We are expecting a big turnout as usual this year.

***Achievement Program – Bob McIntyre***

We had a successful Train in Camp at Hobbytown in Kennesaw. Peter Youngblood led a complete review through the Achievement Program Certificates to about six attendees. There was also a good exchange of ideas with all attendees. MMR's Peter Youngblood, Charlie Millar, and Bill Zawacki. We have just received an application from Milt Burge for Volunteer. We are looking for a successful model contest in October. We will continue to advertise the outhouse contest. This should help bring new modelers into the contest.

***2013 National Convention – Bob McIntyre***

There has been a transition with the NMRA Convention Coordinator. Bob Amsler will move to his original position of Legal Counsel. James "Lumpy" Lumpfer will be assuming the position. He is planning on coming to Atlanta to meet with the Atlanta Convention Team September 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. We have a number of key issues that need to be resolved. One is the NMRA wants to renegotiate a new contract. They have submitted it to us but we have not signed it. There are many things the NMRA is supposed to do but they still want us to take a 50/50 split. We want to improve the split. This is needed because the NMRA still wants us to provide them with \$12.00 per head to cover the cost of entering the Train show. They have eliminated the 6% return to us from the Train show profits. Other than the percentage split and the contract our committee heads are getting the jobs done. We have Scott Chatfield working on getting bus contract bids. This is beginning to help us price out the tours.

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## ***Timetable - Doug Alexander***

Next issue is due in the mail NLT October 1. The submission deadline is August 28.

## ***Website - Scott Povlot***

Scott distributed a report prior to the meeting summarizing August 2012 website activity.

## ***Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek***

### **Advertising:**

#### Monthly Meetings

NMRA submitted through December 2012 Issue

Railroad Model Craftsman submitted through December 2012 Issue.

Trains.com submitted through December 2012

#### Piedmont Pilgrimage:

NMRA submitted for October and November

Railroad Model Craftsman Submitted for October and November

### **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.

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

A few are in stock for future requests (denim and canvas)

An order has been placed to fill in sizes for blue polo shirts and denim aprons.

## ***Good and Welfare –Joe Gelmini***

Charlie Crawford's son, Tim, needed several major surgeries following a motorcycle accident in Virginia. He is currently in rehab and Charlie and Karen expect to bring him back to Georgia for home rehab at their house.

## ***Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini***

I have a copy of the Exhibitor package for the 2013 National Train Show and have forwarded it to several vendors/exhibitors that have expressed interest in attending the show

## ***Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth) - John Stevens***

The next Boy Scout Merit Badge Program will be held at the Southeastern Railway Museum on September 22. We have 34 scouts currently signed up with about 2 more pending.

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## ***Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Kennesaw) - Bill Ello***

Bill distributed a report of the August 18 Kennesaw session. The program also welcomed two new instructors, Pete Silcox and Pete Holland.

## ***Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood, MMR***

Since the last Division meeting, Norman Lundin and I have been on assignment videotaping in High Definition and sound, thirteen Atlanta area tour layouts selected for YouTube PE 2013 promotion trailers linked to the [nmra2013.org](http://nmra2013.org) web site. We are currently completing editing the layouts to DVD at an approximate 3 to 4 minute length each. This marketing assignment will be ready for YouTube distribution by early October.

The Piedmont Division's A/V Committee has acknowledged Division #9 Superintendent Steve Prevette's request to use one of our projectors and laptops for clinics at the Sept. 29th Mini-meet in Aiken, SC.

## ***Name Badges - James Bando***

James made one badge since the last meeting.

## ***Division Video Library - David Gelmini***

David continues to work on video conversion to DVD.

## ***Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon***

Last month 6 books were returned, seven books were loaned, and four books were donated to the library. Circulating books remain in neighborhood of 60.

## ***Volunteer Coordinator - Walt Liles***

## **Old Business**

### ***Operations Jamboree - Howard Goodwin***

The jamboree will be held September 22 and September 29, 2012.

### ***Storage Unit - Charlie Crawford***

Rental on the storage unit near the Elk's Lodge in Tucker has increased from \$55 to \$70 per month. Based on Charlie Crawford's and John Stevens' review of storage space at the museum, it was decided that the layout would be moved and placed in the storage unit September 22. The division plans on ending rental 9/30/12.

### ***Strategic Planning Meeting - Charlie Crawford***

Charlie Crawford scheduled the Strategic Planning Meeting December 2, 2012 after the 2012 elections so newly elected BOD members may attend.

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**New Business**

***2013 Convention Clinic - Howard Goodwin***

I got an email from Leslie Eaton and she would like to design a circuit for a small electronic circuit for our convention and would like some ideas about what we might like to have her make for us. Howard would like ideas sent to him.

***Contributions to NMRA for Sacramento Museum – Charlie Crawford***

The NMRA has received a matching funds donation of \$250,000 for the NMRA museum in California. The match expires at the end of 2012. Charlie Crawford led a brief discussion of a possible donation from the division. He did not ask the Board to vote on a donation at this time, but would like to discuss this topic at the October meeting. Crawford will also discuss this at the SER BOD meeting on September 29, 2012.

Gary Jarabek motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by I.D. Jackson. Motion passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Coble, Director of Administration