

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES June 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m., Virtually via WebEx by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Jim Travis, Howard Goodwin, Bob Kelshaw, Sally Bando, Steve Funsten, Walt Liles

Board members absent: John Falk, Jim Hobbs, Alan Mole, Joe Sullivan, Doug Alexander, Peter Youngblood

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Not recorded

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent - Walt Liles: Comments regarding current situation and restructure to move ahead. Church is closed for the summer. We will meet virtually for the rest of the summer. There will not be a July meeting. Still looking for a Director of Finance
Summer Situation and schedule

Administration – Perry Lamb: Minutes from the May meeting. Motion Jim Travis, Second Howard Goodwin - Approved

Finance – OPEN: Will need to appoint someone. Relook at budget amendment when we get back together or appoint new Director of Finance. No information is up yet. There was a transfer last month. Two larger deposits. Jim and Walt are now not paying the Church since we are not meeting. Motion we wave the reading of the financial report. Bob Kelshaw second. Approved. Walt was able to access our account with the State of Georgia. He reported on our lack of sales for the past time period.

Operations – Sally Bando: Report Sent

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: No Report - Follow up membership List? - Howard will make contact with new members who have expired this month. Several have responded that they had expired and didn't know. It is important for us to reach out and contact these folks so we don't lose them.

Committee Reports

Apparel - Walt Liles: NTR

Website – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: Things are being changed rapidly to prepare for new way of operations virtually. – We are good. The guys have done a great job keeping things up to date in this trying time!

Pilgrimage – Mike Deaton, Charlie Mason : Report Sent- Discussion on new platform. There is nothing new from the report. Good turnout for the Virtual Pilgrimage. Will need to film about 35 layouts and edit for the Pilgrimage. Tom Gordon will work to coordinate getting the videos produced. It appears there is a good plan that came up to speed quickly for this year's Pilgrimage.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: May Contest Cancelled) There was a discussion of model judging via electronic media during NMRA X Virtual FB clinics. This needs to be considered. Charlie believes that it is possible to get a group together for judging if necessary. It may be that folks are working on their layouts and not working on AP certificate projects. Will have to try for a contest in the Fall, if possible.

Good and Welfare – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch: Report Sent.

2021 Model Train Show – Hank Primas: Chris did receive refund from Peachtree Tents and Events for partial refund \$2417.53. At least we received a partial refund. LOSSES For 2020 Train Show – ESTIMATE (-12,482) Most staff members are willing to serve again. We do have a date scheduled in March at the convention center in Cartersville for a possible show.

2020 N Ga Train Show - Jim Travis: Refunds Issued- Wrote checks to vendors or returned checks we had not deposited. Jim will work with Hank for the show next year.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Report Sent

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: NTR – 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: Reschedule July 18th at my home. Will reach out to each of the attendees and we will lock it down to 6 participants.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: \$1400 refunded from Convention Center PayPal refunds issued & 2 checks left to write. No charge from the convention center. Any other loss will be split with the SER. The loss may be a few hundred dollars for printing and Website.

Old Business

There will be no meeting for July.

New Business

Motion to suspend the Piedmont Division Article VI Election Rules:

Given the current State of Emergency, social distancing guidelines, unknown time frame of the division's ability to meet as a group, and for the continuity of the division's mandatory elections. I would present the following motion for consideration.

Suspend the specific sections of Article VI pertaining only to the method of voting and in person meetings. Specifically Paragraph 2, 3 and 4 (referencing the meeting only) this suspension would be for only the 2020 election, and no other election.

We would then be able to use electronic means to vote using the same process that SER and NMRA currently uses and everyone should be familiar with. This method will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to cast their vote, and the Division is able to provide the members with the ability to vote for the officers in this year (2020)

Perry Lamb - Yes, Jim Travis - Yes, Howard Goodwin – Yes, Bob Kelshaw – Yes, Sally Bando – Yes, Steve Funsten – Yes, Walt Liles – Yes - Approved.

Any Other Business

SER-X VIRTUAL CONVENTION JULY 25TH 10 Hours, sponsored by SER: Attendees will be able to sign up for which clinics they would like to attend. Plan to market it and get it out to the Region about July 1. Attendees will need to register but there will be no cost.

New Video Librarian: Jack Spangler – We will have a new librarian.

Appointment of a Director of Finance: The Piedmont Division would like to appoint Jim Foley as the Director of Finance immediately to fulfill the unfinished term that is an open position on the board of directors. – Motion Made on July 21, 2020, via email by Perry Lamb, Second – Walt Liles

Email voting occurred between July 21, 2020 and July 22, 2020: Perry Lamb – Yes, Sally Bando – Yes, Peter Youngblood – Yes, Jim Hobbs – Yes, Howard Goodwin – Yes, Doug Alexander – Yes, Alan Mole – Yes, Steve Funsten – Yes, Jim Travis – Yes, Joe Sullivan – Yes, Walt Liles, Yes

Meeting Adjournment, Motion to Adjourn – Jim Travis, Second – Howard Goodwin – Approved at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb
Director of Administration