

# PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 9, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 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 Liles, Hank Primas, Raymond Stewart, Peter Thomas, Jim Travis -

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIVISION MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT:** Rick Coble, Mike Deaton, Howard Goodwin MMR, Chuck Hoesch, Charlie Mason MMR, John Stevens

## OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

**SUPERINTENDENT – Perry Lamb:** Hoping to have in-person gathering/picnic in July and begin in-person meetings in August.

**ADMINISTRATION – Jim Datka:** MINUTES from the February 9, 2021 meeting were distributed. Walt Liles was incorrectly recorded and was moved to BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. Motion to approve Jim Datka; Seconded by Walt Liles. Approved.

**FINANCE – Jim Foley:** Report sent. No response from IRS so far concerning delayed filing of 2019 taxes. Tax filings for 2020 currently underway.

501(c)(3) application is underway. Certification from IRS may take a full year.

Hand-off of TIAA CD accounts from Walt is underway.

Motion to approve Jim Foley; Seconded by Jim Travis. Approved.

**OPERATIONS – Sally Bando:** Report sent. Todd DeFeo is replacing Father Tim for the March clinic.

Upcoming clinics and events:

April 13— Piedmont Division Virtual Clinic: Dave Burmann. MODELING THE ETHANOL INDUSTRIES

April 24—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

May 11—Piedmont Division Virtual Clinic: Larry Smith, OPERATIONS 101 USING JMRI

May 15—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

May 14-15—CENTRAL MODEL TRAIN EXPO in Easley, SC

May 29-- WEATHERING WITH WASHES AND PANPASTELS

June 8— Piedmont Division Virtual Clinic: Catzpaw, 3D PRINTING.

August and November Piedmont Division Clinics are still open, all others assigned.

**PERSONNEL/MEMBERSHIP – Gary Fish:** Letter for members in arrears drafted and being reviewed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**2021 MODEL TRAIN SHOW – Hank Primas:** TRAIN SHOW has sold 46 of the 146 tables available. Some large vendors balked at making \$700-800 advanced payment for an October show. Hank is accepting a signed contract and a deposit.

The large-scale layout that was planned for the outdoor garden has been moved to one of the conference rooms to avoid any weather issues during the show.

**TRAIN 'N CAMP - Perry Lamb:** Report sent.

Upcoming virtual clinics:

May 29--WEATHERING WITH WASHES AND PANPASTELS (updated with new techniques and materials.)

July 31--BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT. A complete tool and materials list will be published, and the Bar Mills kit can be purchased at a discount from BLUE OX. Bar Mills staff may teach this class.

September 25--BUILDING SCENERY. This is a continuation of the module building program from 2020 and hopefully be held in-person. Attendees not building a module can use this class for a diorama.

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**PILGRIMAGE – Mike Deaton:** Planning for the 2021 PILGRIMAGE will begin in April. May be a hybrid event with some in-person and some virtual layout tours.

**WEBSITE – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble:** Regular biweekly meetings are underway.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – Charlie Mason:** We are planning a "drive up" model contest for members on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot of Blue Ox Trains in Roswell. Members can bring their models to a table set up in the Blue Ox parking lot for judging. A team of MMRs will judge and score each member's model, critique the model, photograph the model, and inform the member if the model has earned a merit award. Contest winners will be determined after all entries have been evaluated; and the winners will be announced at the May Division meeting. Only models of structures, rolling stock, and locomotives will be accepted. No dioramas or modules will be judged.

**MARKETING – Sally Bando:** Report sent. New flyers for the October TRAIN SHOW have been printed and distributed to area hobby shops by Sally and Hank, saving \$45 in postage.

**TIMETABLE – Jim Datka:** Report sent. Certificates for the October Photo Contest have been mailed to winners. Deadline for submissions to the Q2 TIMETABLE is Wednesday, March 10.

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

**NAME BADGES & PHOTOGRAPHY - James Bando:** NTR

**DIVISION VIDEO LIBRARY – Jack Spangler:** NTR

**DIVISION BOOK LIBRARY - Stephen Leydon:** NTR

**MODEL RAILROAD & DIVISION HELP – Ovidiu Trifanescu:** The Division's video and sound equipment has been delivered to Perry. Bob Kelshaw will assist in identifying and determining the usefulness of these items.

### OLD BUSINESS

Tax submissions and 501(c)(3) application discussed under Finance report.

### NEW BUSINESS

The SER will not be holding full weekend conventions in either 2021 or 2022. Instead, one-day mini-meets with clinics are being planned throughout the region. The SER is interested in developing a list of clinicians for these events and division meetings. Anyone interested in being added to the list should contact Walt.

Elections for the SER Board have been moved to summer.

Jim Foley moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Kelshaw.

**Meeting Adjournment** at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Datka

Director of Administration