

PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Superintendent Perry Lamb at Holy Innocents' Church.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Alexander (online), Sally Bando, Jim Datka, Gary Fish, Jim Foley (online), Steve Funsten (online), Jim Hobbs, Bob Kelshaw, Perry Lamb, Walt Liles, Raymond Stewart (online), Peter Thomas (online) - **QUORUM PRESENT**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Hank Primas, Jim Travis

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIVISION MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT: James Bando, Tom Banks, Stefan Bartelski, Russ Bundy, Rick Coble, Mike Cummings, Mike Deaton, Howard Goodwin MMR, Charles Mason MMR, Jack Spangler, John Stevens, Paul Voelker, Jay Wagner

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT – Perry Lamb: Division will continue to monitor the rising cases of COVID in planning future in-person events.

ADMINISTRATION – Jim Datka: MINUTES from the July 13, 2021 submitted. Motion to approve Jim Datka; Seconded by Bob Kelshaw. Approved.

FINANCE – Jim Foley: Report sent. Motion to approve Walt Liles; Seconded by Peter Thomas. Approved. Walt raised the issue that the \$450/meeting charge by the church will drain Division funds if too few attend meetings and contribute. He made a motion for the executive committee to review the situation about two weeks prior to each monthly meeting to decide whether to continue in-person meetings or return to virtual. Seconded by Bob Kelshaw. Approved.

OPERATIONS – Sally Bando: Report sent. Picnic had about 50 attendees. Bring and brag returns in September with detailed lettering, decaled and graffiti cars or buildings. Upcoming clinics and events:

August 14 (moved from July 31)—Virtual TRAIN 'N CAMP: BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT

August 28—GOLDEN SPIKE at Infinity Energy Center in Duluth

September 9-13—SER CONVENTION "Swamp Rabbit Express" in Greenville, SC

September 11—MODEL TRAIN EXPO at Chatsworth Depot

September 14—Piedmont Division Clinic: Mac McCann, MODELERS DP AIRBRUSH PAINT BY MODELERS DECALS AND PAINT LLC. Bring and Brag: CAR ARTWORK

September 16-18—L&N CONVENTION at Hilton Garden Inn in Cartersville

September 25—LIVE! TRAIN 'N CAMP: SCENERY CONSTRUCTION

September 25—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

October 2—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

October 2-3—PIEDMONT TRAIN SHOW in Cartersville

October 2-3—Possible train show in Asheville or Fletcher, NC

October 12—Piedmont Division Clinic: John Bost, WEATHERING

October 24—Open Streets Emory Village

November 9—Piedmont Division Clinic: Pete Silcox video, CLINCHFIELD RIGHT OF WAY

November 20—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

December 4—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

December 11-12—FESTIVAL OF TRAINS at Tellus Museum, Cartersville

December 14—Piedmont Division HOLIDAY PARTY

PERSONNEL/MEMBERSHIP – Gary Fish: Getting caught up with National database and lapsed members. Volunteers still needed for Golden Spike Show. Advised volunteers they will be charged for admission and parking structure nearest the arena. Sally provided trifold flyers for the show.

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WEBSITE – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: Preliminary design for the Train Show website have been reviewed and revised. Overall looks very good.

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PILGRIMAGE – Mike Deaton: Report sent. Schedule being finalized and confirmed for about 40 home layout tours. Sundays will only have afternoon tours. Videos underway—only new videos will be featured on 2021 tour while last year's will remain on YouTube. Online pike ads are being sold; there will not be a booklet or overall sponsor. *Georgia Magazine* will promote the Pilgrimage. Flyer will be produced when schedule is finalized. Website being updated and Scale Trains removed from 2020 videos. Working on issues with calendar pages. Operator assistant sign-ups started at August meeting—all must be vaccinated. Host packets to be distributed at September meeting. Each host will dictate their health and safety protocols for their home layout, including capacity, masks and vaccination status. Given changing status of COVID, hosts will have right to cancel at any time.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – Charlie Mason: Mike Cummings has earned the AP Structures Certificate, which was awarded at the August meeting. There will be a Model Contest at the October meeting. Peter Youngblood MMR is working to have Clark Kooning MMR give a live demonstration about using Fast Tracks jigs at a 2022 meeting and a hands-on clinic the next day.

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

2021 MODEL TRAIN SHOW – Hank Primas: 107 of the 140 table have been sold, and 2 or 3 additional vendor applications are in process. The Cartersville facility has been reserved for March 11 through 13 for the 2022 Train Show.

MARKETING – Sally Bando: Report sent. Train Show flyers are at hobby shops, and will be at Golden Spike, Chatsworth Depot and Terminus Toy Train shows, and at SER and L&N conventions. Facebook promos for Train Show being planned. The Tellus Museum's December Festival of Trains will be an annual event. Perry and Walt will be interviewed as part of the museum's promotion. *Georgia Magazine* will do a feature article on model railroading.

TRAIN 'N CAMP - Perry Lamb: Eighteen registered for BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT conducted by Bar Mills staff. This including some from out of state. September clinic will be in-person.

TIMETABLE – Jim Datka: Submissions for the Q4 *Timetable* are due by Wednesday September 15th.

NAME BADGES & PHOTOGRAPHY - James Bando: Name badges produced since start of COVID were available at August meeting.

DIVISION VIDEO LIBRARY – Jack Spangler: Jack purchased and donated a cabinet and combination lock for the video library. He assembled it and it is now on the second floor at Blue Ox. Library being cataloged into a Google sheet.

DIVISION BOOK LIBRARY - Stephen Leydon: NTR

MODEL RAILROAD & DIVISION HELP – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

OLD BUSINESS

501(C)(3) AND DONATION POLICY: Donations will require a listing and valuation of all tangible items for tax purposes. This is a complex issue usually requiring certified appraisers—more research is required by Jim Foley and Walt.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Model Train Show will be at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville March 11 through 13.

Perry moved to adjourn, seconded by Walt. **Meeting Adjournment** at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Datka
Director of Administration