

## ***PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2020***

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m., at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

**Board Members Present:** Walt Liles, Jim Travis, Bob Kelshaw, Peter Youngblood, Steve Funston, Doug Alexander, Joe Sullivan, Jim Hobbs, Alan Mole, Sally Bando – **QUORUM PRESENT**

**Committee Chairs, Division Members and Visitors Present from the sign-up sheet:** Tom Banks, Mike Cummings, Paul Voelker, John Stevens, Rick Coble, Jim Datka, Craig Knox, Chuck Hoesch, Stefan Bortelski, Paul Van Der Meulen, Randall Watson, Jay Wagner, Hank Primas, James Bando, Joe Nichols SR., Tom Gordon

### **Officer and Directors Reports**

**Superintendent** - Walt Liles opened the meeting and answered a question about the train show in June. He advised the Train Show is still a GO and we will give it our best and hope we can make a profit but if we lose money that is how it will be. California has already canceled their event for the end of March.

**Administration** – Perry Lamb Absent – Jim Travis filling in. February Minutes presented - Motion to approve the February Minutes by Bob Kelshaw, seconded by Allen Mole – Approved

**Finance** – Royal Bruce – In the process of getting Quick Books into division name and gave a list of the current division 6 and 12 month CD's with a total of \$41,324.17. Financial report to be provided in the April Meeting. Jim Travis provided the financials for the Convention account with a balance of \$4,097.86.

**Operations** – Sally Bando – Report Sent

**Personnel/Membership** – Howard Goodwin - Absent

### **Committee Reports**

**Apparel** – Walt Liles - Have inventory of shirts Gary had and will sell all remaining shirts for #20.00 each. Going forward the division will have an outside company provide the apparel.

**Piedmont Pilgrimage** – New chair is Mike Deaton – Absent

**AP Program/Photo Contest** – Charlie Mason – Report Sent

**2020 Model Train Show** – David Gelmini – 4 vendors have canceled but as of now the show is still on.

**2020 North Georgia Train Show** – Jim Travis - We currently have 3 vendors and 12 tables sold. Second email went out to everyone on the vendor list last week. Have a few more vendors that have expressed interest in the show.

**BSA** – Howard Goodwin – Walt updated the grout and advised we have 30 scouts signed up for April

## ***PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)***

**Raffle Prizes** – NONE

**Marketing** – Sally Bando – Report Sent - Sally added a request for \$30.00 per month for Mail Chimp Fees. Motion to approve by Allen Mole and seconded by Doug Alexander – Approved

**Timetable** – Jim Datka – Report sent

**Train-N-Camp**- NTR

**Good & Welfare** – Chuck Hoesch – Report Sent

Peter Youngblood – Visit with National BOD - Peter sat in on the national BOD meeting where they created a new Reg Advisory Council. NMRA magazine will be \$4.00 more starting in July. Need help with the National Web Site. NMRA BOD will try monthly telephone conference calls. The problem with the web site is the company working on it went bankrupt.

**Audio Visual** – Ovidiu – NTR

**Name Tags** – James Bando – Have a few for folks to pick up

**Long Range Planning and Development** – Jim Travis/Allen Mole – NTR

**2020 SER Convention** – Jim Dobbs – Report Sent – currently have 44 registered and 28 non rail. Website info is up for most of the clinics and Bryan Marsh will be the Key Note Speaker. Sally will pass out the forms at the meeting.

**New Member/Retention** – John Falk – Is calling members to renew and also calling the new members.

**IT/Website** – Bob Kelshaw/Rick Coble – NTR

### **Old Business**

**Piedmont Division N Scale Layout Project** – Joe Sullivan – Has all equipment for the weekend and received a \$500.00 donation.

**Women's Conference in Cartersville March 28<sup>th</sup>** – need volunteers as this will help get our name out to the community and help our show in June. Need 2 shifts with 4 people each shift. The time is from 9 am to 4 pm.

### **New Business**

John Stevens gave a report on the new NMRA policy regarding scouts and both internal and external youth programs. Youth Membership must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or have written permission to attend any NMRA function. BSA has mortgaged the ranch and created a trust fund to cover law suites and then declared bankruptcy to consolidate all the lawsuits. This should not

affect local scout groups, however, NMRA has decided to not support all external youth programs and no NMRA group can host these programs.

**Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Jim Travis and seconded by Doug Alexander – Approved – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.