

PIEDMONT DIVISION

AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday , October 10, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 6:04PM at Holy Innocents Church, Sandy Springs, Georgia by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members present: Walt Liles, Michael Fleming, Jim Travis, Mike Cummings, Perry Lamb, David Gelmini, Royal Bruce, Steve Funsten, Brian Sandberg, Charles Mason, Peter Youngblood,, Norman Lundin, John Falk , Joe Sullivan

Officer & Director Reports

- Administration *Mike Fleming reviewed the minutes of the September meeting. Move to approve by Alan Mole, second by Jim Travis and approved.*
- Finance *Joe Sullivan The issue of reimbursement for Division expenses was brought up in an email to the Board. Discussion ensued with the general consensus that large expenses such as the rental of a truck for Division business will be reimbursed. The Financial report is \$3 off and the full report will be submitted when this error is reconciled*
- Operations *Royal Bruce thanked Peter Youngblood for his Balsa foam presentation. The Pilgrimage begins this weekend.*
- Personnel *Mike Cummings No new members this month*

Committee Reports

- Pilgrimage *Gary Jarabek : The pilgrimage begins this weekend. New signs and booklets are available at the meeting.*
- Achievement Program *Charles Mason: The model contest is being held this evening in a side room of the church. Jerry Michnewicz has achieved MMR and his certificate will be presented this evening.*
- Timetable *Jim Datko presented a series of suggestions about improving the time table. 1) Reformat to a center stapled 5 ½" by 8 ½" format 2) Reduce photo layout size in print and refer to full size on line. 3) Eliminate the financial report, Achievement Program News an Division Club directory.*

He recommended a discussion of the free ads for hobby shops, Walt Liles felt strongly that the free ads were a thank you to the shop owners who support the hobby and help the Division. There were no opposing opinions.

- Website *Scott Povlot Check out the new and improved look. The website was down for several days due to problems with Go Daddy but this has been rectified.*
- Advertising & Company Store *Gary Jarabek See emailed reports*
- Good & Welfare *Chuck Hoesch See emailed report*

- 2017 Train Show *Joe Gelmini* *The Parking situation is up in the air. Paid parking is supposed to begin in January 2018. Five free spaces will be provided for the show. The vendors do not seem to be concerned about pay parking because this is common in most venues. The Division volunteers will be comped for parking fees, details to be worked out.*
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- Boy Scouts *Howard Goodwin* *NTR*
- Audio Visual *Norm Lundin* *NTR*
- Name Badges & Photos *James Bando* *none in past month*
- Video Library *David Gelmini* *NTR*
- Book Library *Steve Leydon* *NTR*
- Model Railroad & Division Help *Ovidiu Trifanescu* *NTR*
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- Train 'n Camp *Perry Lamb* *A camp is planned for January which will be like Model Railroadng 101*
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- Outreach and Publicity *Brian Sandberg* and *Sally Bando*: *The ad ran in Georgia Magazine but was distorted to fit their format . They were informed that this was not professional.*

Old Business *None*

New Business

Chuck Hoesch reported that elections are coming in November. If anyone wishes to run, they need to let him know especially for Director at Large.

Peter Youngblood recommends checking the NMRA website for Videos of the Orlando National NMRA meeting.

Meeting Adjournment at 6:58 –by *Walt Liles*. Moved by *Jim Travis* and seconded by *Perry Lamb*.

Michael Fleming, MD
Director of Administration