

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Walt Liles, Howard Goodwin, Steve Funsten, Joe Sullivan, Sally Bando, Peter Youngblood, Jim Hobbs, Alan Mole, Bob Kelshaw, Royal Bruce

Board members absent: Doug Alexander, John Falk

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Jim Datka, Chuck Hoesch, John Stevens, Gary Jarabek

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Perry Lamb: An executive session of the Board was held before the general Board of Directors' meeting. Diane Martin was replaced with Jim Travis as Direction of Finance. Motion to replace Diane with Jim by Perry Lamb, Second by Joe Sullivan, Approved

Motion to approve the Minutes from the August Meeting by Howard Goodwin, Second by Bob Kelshaw, Approved

Finance – Jim Travis: Newly appointed Director of Finance. After picking up all the books from Diane Martin, they will be audited.

Operations – Sally Bando: There is consideration being given to holding the evening clinic program earlier in the evening. This would be done so younger members of the Division can see the clinic before they have to head home.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: 9 new members were signed up at the Train Show in August. The Division will be at a train show in October. The free car for buying a membership is being given at the time the new member signs up. This seems to be closing the deal.

There is a model contest during the October Division meeting.

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot: Report submitted

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek: Report submitted.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Report submitted.

Good and Welfare – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch: Report submitted

2019 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: The show will be held in Hall B at the Galleria. This will make move in and move out interesting. This should not otherwise impact the show itself.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: The Program in Duluth sold out with 36 Scouts. There are a number on the waiting list. 95% have paid via PayPal. We are looking to hold the Kennesaw Program at the Southern Museum. Board Members, **PLEASE** come see what we do. Aside from the Pilgrimage, this is the largest outreach program the Division sponsors. Please come see what happens.

Marketing – Sally Bando: There is consideration being given to holding the evening clinic program earlier in the evening. This would be done so younger members of the Division can see the clinic before they have to head home.

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: Report submitted

Division Video Library - David Gelmini: Royal Bruce will be taking over the library.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb: The tool and supply list was sent. The Camp was full.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: We will be working on having ads for the 2020 SER Train Show on electronic billboards. We are hoping to attract Historical Societies, which tend to not like Region shows. The February, 2020 SER Board of Directors' meeting will be held at the Convention Center where the Convention will be held. Currently there are 13 registered for the Convention.

Old Business

Progress is being made on the N-scale layout.

Trains, Trains, Trains is expecting us to set up on Friday afternoon, January 24th. We will have the N-scale layout, two Scout switching layouts and the Raffle layout for the 2020 Train Show.

Elections are in November. Chuck is working up a slate of candidates.

Georgia Sales Tax – Reports will be due monthly.

New Business

We will be presenting at the Christmas show in Cartersville in November.

Hank Primas has volunteered to be the 2021 The Model Train Show manager. We will begin a process to possibly move The Model Train Show to another site.

Any Other Business

The NMRA National BOD Winter meeting will be in March of 2020.

Meeting Adjournment, :6:55 p,m.

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb
Director of Administration