

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES August 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., via WebEx by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Jim Travis, Howard Goodwin, Bob Kelshaw, Sally Bando, Steve Funsten, Walt Liles, Jim Foley, Alan Mole, Doug Alexander, Jim Hobbs

Board members absent: John Falk, Joe Sullivan, Peter Youngblood

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Charles Mason, Rick Coble, Conrad Mora, John Stevens, Chuck Hoesch, Mike Deaton, Hank Primas

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent - Walt Liles: Comments regarding current situation and restructure to move ahead. – Our meetings have been virtual since April. This is likely what we are going to do for the rest of the year. Bishop for our Church has not decided what to do yet. We need to plan on virtual meetings for the rest of the year.

Administration – Perry Lamb: MINUTES FROM JUNE 9TH,2020 – Bob Kelshaw motion to approve, Second Jim Travis - Approved

Finance – Jim Foley: Welcome Jim! Welcome to the BOD too! – Jim has been set up as the DOF. He is on the banking accounts and will have a form to request funding. Jim Motion to waive the reading of the DOF report. Second, Perry – Approved.

Operations – Sally Bando: Reports Sent – We are working along doing what we can do to keep things interesting. We did have the SERX convention.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: Update sent regarding membership list from national. – Howard sent each person who has expired an individual message. Has called those without an email address. Howard will ask folks why they choose not to renew.

Committee Reports

Website – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: Things are being changed rapidly to prepare for new way of operations virtually.

Apparel – Walt Liles: NTR

Pilgrimage – Mike Deaton: Coming along nicely- We have a lot of raw video. We are pushing about 66% of the video on hand now. We are working to get all the editing of the videos done. The Pilgrimage team needs editors. 49 on the active list. Scale Trains is going to sponsor again and we have received \$500 from them. They will provide a video that will be featured on the layout videos. They will also promote us via their social media. Sally and Doug are working on the flyer for the Pilgrimage. There is still an idea to do live Q&A sessions for the Pilgrimage.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: November – On line presentation or judging of models for the November meeting. We would like to have a virtual presentation of models. Two members are being presented with awards via mail. Keith Stanton has earned the Golden Spike Award. Tom Klimoski has earned the Chief Dispatcher award. If a member is working on a project, please let Charlie know.

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

2021 Model Train Show – Hank Primas: Updates - Appears that the show will be in Cartersville. March 12 – 13. Clarence Brown Conference Center. Cost will be about half of what we have spent at the Galleria. The Galleria is booked for any of the time we would host our Show. Need to make sure Covid-19 is under control by December so we don't lose money on a show in Cartersville.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program Duluth – Howard Goodwin, MMR: Working on a new program that will not involve direct Division sponsorship.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Focus on the Pilgrimage.

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: No meetings

Division Video Library - Royal Bruce: NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train 'N Camp - Perry Lamb: August 29th Kitbashing a shed from a boxcar shell.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: SERx-2020 Virtual Convention from July 25th- Follow Up – The convention was really quite successful. The Division, in cooperation with the NMRA x staff provided the bulk of the support for the convention. Attendance was very good in the three virtual rooms all day. There was a technical issue with one room at the beginning of the day so that virtual server was rebooted.

Old Business

Motion to suspend the Piedmont Division Article VI Election Rules - Motion by Bob Kelshaw, Second, Perry Lamb

Perry Lamb – Yes, Jim Hobbs – Yes, Doug Alexander - Yes, Alan Mole – Yes, Bob Kelshaw – Yes, Jim Foley – Yes, Steve Funsten – Yes, Howard Goodwin – Yes Sally Bando – Yes, Jim Travis – Yes, Walt Liles – Yes

Candidates will need to have a bio and passport picture by September 30. Rick Coble will be running the electronic election.

New Business

2020 Future PD meetings through December. Discuss and Holiday Virtual get together on line via ZOOM. Awards

Trivia with Prizes

Possible team effort in strategic locations for pick up for **TOYS-FOR-TOTS**.

Will find out if still happening.?

Planning 2021 Budget & Scheduling- December 5th-9am-11am – Planning meeting. New officers will be elected by then.

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment, 6:52 Alan Mole, Second Jim Travis – Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb

Director of Administration