

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Walton Liles, Joe Sullivan, Howard Goodwin, Doug Alexander, Steve Funsten, Sally Bando, Peter Youngblood

Board members absent: Diane Martin, Royal Bruce, Bob Kelshaw, John Falk. David Gelmini, Alan Mole

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Gary Jarabek, Paul Volker, Jim Datka, John Stevens, Gerry Leone, Martin Guldner, Tom Klimoski, Jim foley, James Bando, Chuck Hoesch, William Smith, Tom Banks

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Perry Lamb: Motion to approve the May minutes by Howard Goodwin, second by Joe Sullivan, Approved

Finance – Diane Martin, CPA: No report received

Operations – Sally Bando: Report was sent. Gerry Leone was introduced. Emails are being sent to visitors for the monthly open houses. These open houses are supposed to be more personal. This is supposed to be to offer a chance for people to converse about model railroads. The Swap Meet is scheduled for July. Note: The swap meet and pizza dinner appear to have been a great success and will likely be held next year. Motion to approve the report by Doug Alexander, second by Howard Goodwin, Approved.

There was a discussion about holding Pilgrimage open houses on Black Friday. This will start again this year. Currently there are 69 layouts on tour.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: Report submitted

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot: Report submitted

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek: Report submitted. There are continuing discussions about someone new to take the clothing job for Gary.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Report submitted. Awards are ready for presentation tonight. Jim Datka will present awards for the photo contest.

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

2019 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: Discussion about where the show will be next year. We will be in Hall B at the Galleria. This will make move in and move out more interesting. Coordination for the layouts and vendors will be critical. An updated financial report was submitted to Diane.

Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: The first program with female scouts will be held in September. There was a brief discussion regarding the rules for events were female scouts are present. We will need female counselors. The new training for all counselors covered female scouts.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Report submitted

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: Report submitted

Division Video Library - David Gelmini: NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb: June class has been held and was very successful. The class in September is open for enrollment. There is a very specific tool list that attendees will need to bring with them. Topic is maintaining your rolling stock. We will be hosting another edition of Model Railroading 101 early in 2020.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: Report submitted. Work is continuing. The clinic program is well in hand. Non-rail tours are also confirmed. We are working on confirming prototype tours. There will be layout open houses and operating sessions before and after the convention.

Old Business

Track is ready for the N-scale layout.
Peter Youngblood is proposing another VIP clinic for April, 2020.

New Business

There will be no BOD meeting in July. Motion made by Joe Sullivan, Second by Perry Lamb, Approved. The Division will work on an education program proposal to make use of funds that may be available from the Southeastern Region.

Any Other Business

Rick Coble, Sally Bando and Howard Goodwin each received awards at the SER Convention. Congratulations.

Meeting Adjournment, 6:45

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb