

PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Superintendent Perry Lamb virtually via Webex.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Datka, Gary Fish, Jim Foley, Steve Funsten, Jim Hobbs, Bob Kelshaw, Perry Lamb, Walt Lilies, Hank Primas, Raymond Stewart, Peter Thomas, Jim Travis - **QUORUM PRESENT**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Alexander and Sally Bando

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIVISION MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT: Rick Coble, Howard Goodwin MMR, Charlie Mason MMR, Conrad Mora, John Stevens, Peter Youngblood MMR

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT – Perry Lamb: In-person gathering/picnic being planned, possibly at Acworth on July 17th. Planning on in-person meetings beginning in August.

ADMINISTRATION – Jim Datka: MINUTES from the April 13, 2021 submitted. Motion to approve Jim Datka; Seconded by Jim Travis. Approved.

FINANCE – Jim Foley: Report sent. 501(c)(3) application has been submitted including \$600 filing fee. Certification from IRS may take a full year. Hand-off of TIAA CD accounts is still underway due to some paperwork issues. Motion to approve Jim Travis; Seconded by Bob Kelshaw. Approved.

OPERATIONS – Sally Bando: Report sent. A new contact for Holy Innocent's Church, Bianca, is looking into when the Piedmont Division can return to meeting face-to-face. Upcoming clinics and events:

June 8—Piedmont Division Virtual Clinic: Catzpaw, 3D PRINTING SCALE REPLICAS—HOW IT'S DONE.

July—Piedmont Division Picnic TBD

July 31—Virtual TRAIN 'N CAMP: BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT

August 6-8—TRAINS, TRUCKS AND TRACTORS at the Southeastern Museum in Duluth

August 10—Piedmont Division Clinic: Possible Father Tim clinic

August 28—GOLDEN SPIKE at Infinity Energy Center in Duluth

September 9-13—SER CONVENTION "Swamp Rabbit Express" in Greenville, SC

September 11—MODEL TRAIN EXPO at Chatsworth Depot

September 14—Piedmont Division Clinic: Mac McCann, MODELERS DP AIRBRUSH PAINT BY MODELERS DECALS AND PAINT LLC

September 16-18—L&N CONVENTION at Hilton Garden Inn in Cartersville

September 25—LIVE! TRAIN 'N CAMP: SCENERY CONSTRUCTION

September 25—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

October 2—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

October 2-3—PIEDMONT TRAIN SHOW in Cartersville

October 2-3—Possible train show in Asheville or Fletcher, NC

October 12—Piedmont Division Clinic: John Bost, WEATHERING

November 9—Piedmont Division Clinic: Pete Silcox video, CLINCHFIELD RIGHT OF WAY

November 20—North Georgia Live Steamers train rides in Conyers

December 4—ATLANTA TOY AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW at VFW Post in Acworth

December 14—Piedmont Division HOLIDAY PARTY

PERSONNEL/MEMBERSHIP – Gary Fish: National is researching the reasons for the delay in updating member statuses. It appears there is a two-month delay in crediting payments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2021 MODEL TRAIN SHOW – Hank Primas: TRAIN SHOW has sold 72 of the 146 tables available primarily to small vendors with just a few tables each. Some large vendors have been slow to respond. Vendors requesting electrical hookups will be charged a small fee, but the Division will not be charged by the venue.

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TRAIN 'N CAMP - Perry Lamb: Report sent. Registration for the May 29th WEATHERING WITH WASHES AND PANPASTELS is continuing with six registered to date. The July 31st BUILDING A WOOD STRUCTURE KIT will be held virtually. This clinic sold out last time it was offered and holding it virtually allows for unlimited attendance.

PILGRIMAGE – Mike Deaton: NTR. A hybrid virtual/in-person Pilgrimage was discussed. Possible confusion over the mixed format was brought up; having only virtual or in-person tours for a given date was mentioned as a possibility. Perry would like a decision on the format in early June.

WEBSITE – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: The functional requirements of the three websites (Division, Train Show, Pilgrimage) were discussed and preliminary design options were presented. Bob made a motion requesting \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the execution of this project. It was seconded by Jim Travis and passed unanimously.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – Charlie Mason: The April Model Contest was held last month at Blue Ox Trains in Roswell. Five judges were on hand from 11 AM to 3 PM to judge contest entries. Four models were brought in for judging. All four entries were very nice models and received Merit Awards. Contest results were announced at the Division meeting. The next model contest will be in October.

MARKETING – Sally Bando: Report sent. Boosted the Facebook post for the May 29th TRAIN 'N CAMP: 2681 reached, 132 engagements and 22 shares. This all happened in the first 24 hours!!! This post cost \$25.00.

The Facebook post for the Piedmont Division MODEL TRAIN SHOW is at 2366 reached, 86 engagements and 8 shares. I am using a credit of \$20 from Facebook.

TIMETABLE – Jim Datka: Report sent. Q2 Timetable completed April 25th. Submissions for the Q3 Timetable are due by Wednesday June 16th.

GOOD AND WELFARE – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch:

4/1/2021	Howard Goodwin	Surgery
4/19/2021	Mike Cumming	Get well
4/22/2021	David Gelmini	Congrats on son's wedding
4/22/2021	Tyler Gelmini	Congrats on Marriage
4/22/2021	Thomas Lloyd	Sympathy for death of Mother

NAME BADGES & PHOTOGRAPHY - James Bando: NTR

DIVISION VIDEO LIBRARY – Jack Spangler: NTR

DIVISION BOOK LIBRARY - Stephen Leydon: NTR

MODEL RAILROAD & DIVISION HELP – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

OLD BUSINESS

Creating a policy on donations of hobby items to the Division is moved to next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Youngblood discussed the NMRA's acceptance of using purchased jigs for the scratch building of turnouts for the AP Civil Engineering certificate. Peter made a motion for the Division to purchase a #6 Code 83 jig which could be made available to members. Jim Travis seconded the motion which was approved by the Board.

Jim Traivs moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Kelshaw.

Meeting Adjournment at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Datka

Director of Administration