

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., Old Hickory House, Tucker, GA by Peter Youngblood, MMR, Superintendent.

Board Members Present (13): Peter Youngblood, MMR, Gary Jarabek, David Gelmini, Joe Sullivan, Walt Liles, Alan Mole, Norman Lundin, Joe Nichols, Jr., MMR, Chuck Hoesch, Scott Chatfield, Perry Lamb, Charlie Crawford MMR, Paul Rankin, and Chris White.

Board members absent (0):

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (32): Mike Deaton, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr., MMR, Bob Wood, James Bando, Sally Bando, Tyler Gelmini, Heather Gelmini, Robert Hess, Victor Pitrowski, Tom Banks, William Smith, Bill Zawacki, MMR, Randall Watson, Thomas Roskelly, Ray White, Ovidiu Trifanescu, Rick Coble, John Stevens, Richard Hooper, ID Jackson, Joe Gelmini MMR, Ron Gough MMR, Lenny Polinsky, Doug Alexander, Mike Fleming, John Travis, Ken Raymond, William Fisher, Scott Povlot, and Vince LaRuffa,

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent. Peter Youngblood opened the meeting by welcoming Board Members, Committee Heads, and members.

Administration— Chris White.

The January 2014 Minutes were approved following a motion by Gary Jarabek and seconded by Alan Mole.

Finance – Joe Sullivan Joe had submitted the financial report for February 2014. This report was approved following a motion by Perry Lamb and seconded by Chuck Hoesch. Walt Liles asked a general question about the receipts from the “jar” in March. Joe S. replied that it was less than \$150.00 in February because of the low attendance due to the postponed meeting. The “take” is normally approx. \$180 which covers the monthly room rental fee of \$150.00

Joe requested approval to establish bonding for four individuals associated with Division finances. Ron Gough questioned the need and after some considerable discussion it was generally agreed that bonding was most appropriate. Following a motion by Alan Mole and seconded by Chuck Hoesch, the Board approved spending of approx. \$165 annually for bonding for \$25,000 for four members.

Following a motion made by Chris White and seconded by Perry Lamb, the Board approved a transfer of funds of \$8000 from the General Account to the Train Show Account to provide sufficient float for the upcoming Train Show. Gary Jarabek emphasized that this was a short term arrangement and that a long term arrangement would be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Operations—Walt Liles Report submitted by email. Two new members attended the clinic for new members. Walt also informed the Board of the March home layout schedule.

Personnel/Membership - Paul Rankin – Paul regretted that he did not know that a postponed Division meeting had been held in February – but others had reported attendance at only 74 – because of the postponed meeting and inability to communicate with all Division members.

Committee Reports These reports had been emailed to all Board members. Peter Youngblood requested a motion to approve all Committee Reports as submitted. Motion submitted by Alan Mole and seconded by Perry Lamb... Reports were approved.

There were no additional comments submitted by Committee Heads.

Timetable - Doug Alexander – No report submitted

Website - Scott Povlot – No report.

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek

Pilgrimage Emailed report. .

Advertising: Monthly meeting notices were included in Gary's email report.

Company Store See Gary's email report.

Achievement Program Randall submitted an email report.

Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch – Emailed report submitted.

2014 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini Email report submitted.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth) - John Stevens – Report submitted.

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood, MMR Nothing to report this month.

Name Badges - James Bando – Report submitted.

Division Video Library - David Gelmini – Report submitted.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon – Nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator - Walt Liles – Nothing to report

Convention Cars –Alan Mole Alan submitted a revised update.

Old Business

Layout and Book Donations Charlie Crawford updated the Board on layout donations. Charlie had visited Dan Kepner and his layout consisted of two 4x8 structures, possibly suitable for two future Train Show Raffle layouts. Considerable track – mainly Atlas 22-in radius segment track but some flex track. Some locos and some rolling stock. The donated layout has now been moved to Charlie's basement. Charlie also reported a donation from Mrs. Cheryl Johnson of her late husband's railroad book library to the Division library. Charlie had sent a letter of thanks to Mrs. Johnson.

Charlie Crawford also reported that the City of Adairsville had requested assistance with the Railroad Depot, in order to attract more visitors. (Adairsville is off Exit 306 on I75 North of Atlanta.) Peter Youngblood indicated any assistance in 2014 may be difficult because of the Division's already ambitious 2014 program. Charlie agreed to continue to review.

Clinic DVD Peter Youngblood reported a major change in the 2013 Convention DVD Clinic Program. It now appeared that making a satisfactory DVD would be most difficult because of audio problems. Clinics would now be prepared and would be available on the Division website – mainly as Power Point presentations without audio

Yearly Action List Peter Youngblood had emailed the latest 2014 Action List to all Board members and Committee Heads. He reviewed the recent changes.

Computer Upgrade Perry Lamb reviewed the upgrade of Division computers. Four had been successfully upgraded and Perry will work on the 5th.

Training Camps Walt Liles reported on the Division Training Camp for new members. Two new members attended.

Relocation Committee Norm Lundin reported that the committee would use the previous Division "epicenter" study completed by Alan Mole, which showed the ideal location for a Division meeting site in the Sandy Springs area near the Junction of GA 400 and US 285. The committee had established criteria to evaluate potential sites, and three sites had been suggested to date.

New Business

Member-Aid Chairman Peter Youngblood announced that Ovidiu Trifanescu had been asked and had accepted the position of Member-Aid Chairman. This appointment was approved by the Board from a motion by Joe Sullivan and seconded by David Gelmini.

NMRA Convention Organization Joe Gelmini summarized the new NMRA Convention organization following the announced resignation of Lumpy Lumpfer as Chairman.

Gary Jarabek, proposed and Perry Lamb seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Confirmed by acclamation and the **Meeting was adjourned at 6.45p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Chris White, Director of Administration