

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Walt Liles, Howard Goodwin, Sally Bando, Peter Youngblood, Doug Alexander, Alan Mole, Joe Sullivan, Steve Funsten, Royal Bruce

Board members absent: Diane Martin, Bob Kelshaw, John Falk, David Gelmini

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Jim Travis, Gary Jarabek, Bert Jarrell, John Stevens, Rick Coble, Jim Datka, Jerry Knazek, Mike Cummings, Craig Knox

Officer and Director Reports

Ron Gough, MMR, has passed away. He has donated a portion of his model railroad to the Division. We will dismantle the layout at some point.

David Gelmini has resigned from the Division Board of Directors due to work requirements. The FAA is changing his work schedule. Jim Hobbs will fill the remainder of David's term on the BOD. Motion to approve Jim as the new BOD member by Perry Lamb, Second by Howard Goodwin, Approved. Jim's term will end in December, 2020.

Administration – Perry Lamb: Minutes from the June, 2019 BOD meeting were submitted, Motion to approve, Howard Goodwin, Second Steve Funsten, Approved.

Finance – Diane Martin, CPA: June report was submitted. Motion to approve, Perry Lamb, Second Sally Bando, Approved

Operations – Sally Bando: Report Submitted. The Swap Meet in July was very successful. It will be held again next summer. There is a request for more meat pizza.

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: Report submitted. The average attendance at our meetings has been 94. The Division will have a booth at the Golden Spike show on August 24.

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot: Report submitted. There were issues with both the Division and SER websites. They have been corrected.

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek: Report submitted. There is a plan to raffle off the remaining old stock of Division shirts. Gary still would like someone to take over the Apparel sales. Please volunteer. Gary is looking to place another order for hats.

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Report submitted

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

2019 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: NTR – There was a Train Show staff meeting held on August 24. Planning is well underway for the 2020 Division Train Show.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: As reported at the meeting, 22 spots have been filled (the class is, I believe, now full). The spots have all been paid for

as well. There will be female Scout leaders present and this will be our first class with female scouts. **BOD members**, PLEASE come see what we do. This is one of our largest outreach programs and we would really like to see more of the BOD members come look.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Buy your 2020 SER Convention shirts!

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: Report submitted

Division Video Library - David Gelmini: NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NRT

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR – Ovidiu and his wife are now US Citizens!

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb: Registration for the September 28th Camp is open. There are still spots open if you are interested.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: Report submitted

Old Business

The display layout frame is complete. The legs will be attached. The first display date for the layout should be October 31, 2019, if it is ready.

Elections are coming up in November. Positions open include Director of Operations, Director of Finance, and four members at large.

David Rever will head the STEAM program for Cobb County Schools.

New Business

Trains, Trains, Trains! – We are building a layout that may be on display. The HO Raffle layout for the 2020 Train Show may also be on display. It is possible that the former Scout layouts can be taken so visitors can operate on them.

We will begin to collect Sales Tax on all Division sales. Train Show tickets and White Elephant sales will be included.

2020 Train Show at the 2020 SER Convention – Jim Travis is projecting revenue of between \$8,300 and \$13,000 with expenses of \$8,500. Motion by Doug Alexander to approve \$5,000 for initial costs for the 2020 SER Train show. This will be a Piedmont Division function. Second, Alan Mole. Approved.

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment; Motion by Howard Goodwin, Second, Joe Sullivan, Approved at 6:47

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb