

Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m., Old Hickory House, Tucker, GA by Peter Youngblood, MMR, Superintendent.

(The start of the meeting was delayed due to heavy traffic and the late arrival of many Board members.)

Board Members Present (11): Peter Youngblood, MMR, Gary Jarabek, Walt Liles, Norman Lundin, Joe Nichols, Jr., MMR, Scott Chatfield, Perry Lamb, Paul Rankin, Chris White and Charlie Crawford, MMR.

Board members absent (4): David Gelmini, Alan Mole, Chuck Hoesch, Joe Sullivan **Quorum Present**

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (21)*

Randall Watson, Del and Diane Kittendorf, James and Sally Bando, Joe Gelmini, MMR, Joe Nichols Sr., MMR, Ed Laity, Bill Zawacki, MMR, Steve Funsten, Mike Deaton, Scott Povlot, John Travis, Bob Wood, ID Jackson Rick Coble, Joe Surowiec, Doug Alexander, Ron Gough, MMR, Jim Travis, and Ovidiu Trifanescu.

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent. Peter Youngblood opened the meeting apologizing for the delay in starting the meeting.

Administration The April minutes were approved by the Board following a motion made by Perry Lamb and seconded by Paul Rankin.

Finance – Gary Jarabek (Gary presented the financial report in Joe Sullivan’s absence.) Gary distributed a revised financial report for April 2014. Gary reported that Joe had paid the Sales Tax for all items sold at the Convention, including the Silent Auction. The payment also included penalty and interest charges of \$1300 for late payment of taxes. This report was approved following a motion by Perry Lamb and seconded by Walt Liles.

Gary also informed the Board that a motion had been passed at the April meeting regarding the transfer of funds from the Piedmont Division Train Show Account to the Piedmont Division General Account. This motion was made in error because a large advertising invoice had not yet been paid. After some discussion Walt Liles made a new motion that the \$6000 will not now be transferred from the Train Show Account to the General Account and that the present balance of \$27000 in the Train Show account should be sufficient to provide adequate cash required prior to the 2014 Train Show. This motion was seconded by Chris White and was approved.

Gary also presented a summary of the 2014 Budget which resulted in a number of questions and answers by Gary.

Operations—Walt Liles Walt apologized for the absence of a written report. He informed the Board that we had 112 attendees at the April General Meeting and that two very successful open houses were held during April at Perry Lamb’s and Mike Deaton’s. He also reviewed with the Board a full schedule of activities from June through October. Joe Gelmini asked Walt if we had found a volunteer to organize the coffee at the General Meeting.

Personnel/Membership - Paul Rankin – Paul submitted an email report. He also reported the excellent attendance of 112 at the April meeting, with a 12-month revolving average of 99 attendees.

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 Joe Nichols, Jr. and seconded by Perry Lamb. Reports were approved. There were no additional comments submitted by Committee Heads.

Timetable - Doug Alexander – No report.

Website - Scott Povlot – No report.

Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek - Emailed report.

Achievement Program – Randall Watson Emailed report submitted.

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

2014 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini Nothing new to report.

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 - Report submitted.

Member Aid – Ovidiu Trifanescu – Nothing to report.

Old Business

Layout Donations - Charlie Crawford noted that bits and pieces of two potential Raffle Layouts were still being stored in his basement and requested that we decide on a future action plan ASAP so they could be removed. Some discussion ensued regarding the schedule for future Train Show Raffle Layouts. A tentative schedule was suggested. 2015 – Paul Rankin’s group, 2016 – Walt would discuss with the NARB, and Scott Chatfield indicated that Trainmaster may have some interest. All agreed to discuss and come back at the May meeting with a final schedule.

City of Adairsville - Charlie Crawford indicated no further action at this time.

2014 Action List - Peter Youngblood had emailed the latest 2014 Action List to all Board members and Committee Heads. He reviewed future activities.

Committee members. Peter Y. again requested that all committee member details be submitted to Chris White ASAP.

Clinic DVD – Howard and David were not present. Update next month.

Division PC upgrade – Perry Lamb advised that all Division PCs had been upgraded.

Website Photo Listing Walt Liles indicated no further progress.

Meeting Room Layout The meeting was arranged as per the suggestion of John Travis at the April meeting. (No comments were made if this arrangement provided improved hearing and participation by all members attending the Board meetings.)

New Business

New Member recruitment Peter Youngblood introduced a new incentive program for members to attract new members to the NMRA. Free t-shirts were to be given all those members who recruited additional members. Ms Sally Bando showed the Board an example of the t-shirt.

AP Program Chris White reminded the Board that a number of NMRA Board members had visited Jim Hoffman’s layout last July and had submitted paperwork for Jim to receive AP certificates with the minimal of paperwork. Chris had thought that this would provide impetus to the AP program, which in many members’ opinion focuses too much on paperwork and not on modeling ability. He questioned whether the leadership provided by the NMRA Board in this matter should not be followed in the Piedmont Division.

Charlie Crawford proposed and Perry Lamb seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Confirmed by acclamation and the **Meeting was adjourned at 6.59 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Director of Administration