

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - April 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Sally Bando, Perry Lamb, Bob Kelshaw, Jim Travis, Joe Sullivan, Walt Liles, Doug Alexander, Royal Bruce, Peter Youngblood

Board members absent: Howard Goodwin, John Falk, Jim Hobbs, Alan Mole, Steve Funsten

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Hank Primas, Norm Lundin, Mike Deaton, Ovidiu Trifanescu, Randall Watson, John Stevens, Chuck Hoesch, Rick Coble

Superintendent- Walt Liles-Comments regarding current situation and restructure to move ahead. – April, May and June will be virtual meetings. Walt also took a moment to remember Del Kittendorf.

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Perry Lamb: Jim Travis completed the March BOD meeting minutes. Motion to approve – Bob Kelshaw, Second – Sally Bando - Approved

Finance – Jim Travis: Royal Bruce combined – Royal submitted the Division Report. Royal is moving to Florida on April 29th. There has been no report from the Train Show yet. CD Information is available. Motion to approve – Perry, Second – Jim Travis - Approved

Operations – Sally Bando: REPORTS SENT- Perry lamb Virtual Clinic for April Meeting night – Open houses via Facebook were well attended. Please watch the PD Web Page for updates. VIP Clinic Cancelled for April -No Expenses

Personnel/Membership – Howard Goodwin: Howard Goodwin – We are not being social at the moment due to the COVID19 Virus. Please review the Roster that Walt sent a week ago.

Committee Reports

Website – Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble: They are doing a very good job keeping up with all the changes.

Pilgrimage – Mike Deaton: Report Sent- Discuss future of 2020 Event – Pilgrimage will be Virtual this year. There won't be a large booklet. The layouts will be presented on-line. A library will be created for people to view. Will be editing the welcome page on the Website. Will work to keep vendors.

Advertising and Promotion – Perry Lamb: NTR

Division Apparel – Walt Liles: Sold 20 shirts in inventory at last month's meeting for \$20 each

Achievement Program – Charlie Mason: Report Sent May Contest Cancelled – Dave Rever will be awarded the Structure Certificate.

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

2019 Model Train Show – David Gelmini: Will be starting all over for 2021.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR: Event Cancelled/ Refunds to PayPal signup? Future of events. – There are new restrictions on how outside programs can be presented. John Stevens will send the new requirements to Walt and Howard.

Marketing – Sally Bando: Report Sent

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando: NTR – No Gathering

Division Video Library - Royal Bruce: NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton: NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu: NTR

Train 'N Camp - Perry Lamb: Cancel May Event- Will work with Walt and Sally to reschedule.

2020 SER Convention – Walt Liles: Report Sent 53 registered, 32 Non-Rail- Walt to report cancellation of entire event and no reschedule. Announcement to be on SER Website Wed April 15th Refund will be issued. Emails to clinicians and guest to be sent April 15th We will be receiving a full refund from the Convention Center. Hotel will provide refunds.

2020 N Ga Train Show-Jim Travis: Cancelled Will work with the convention center in Cartersville to see what we can do in the future.

Old Business

PIEDMONT DIVISION N SCALE - LAYOUT PROJECT – Update Joe Sullivan-NTR- Currently at Blue Ox Trains

Event for Women's Conference in Cartersville – Event Cancelled due to COVID-19 Crisis Reschedule for August

BSA-No official notice from NMRA National - Plan to cancel future events and remove as a headline on website

New Business

National NMRA 2020 Convention Cancelled in St Louis, MO

Future Meetings, May and June- Virtual

July is still planned at church to be Pizza Night and Swap Meet night.

Should we or Not? Discuss.

Any Other Business

Meeting Adjournment, 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb

Director of Administration