

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m., Old Hickory House, Tucker, GA by Peter Youngblood, MMR, Superintendent. (Note: The scheduled 2nd Tuesday meeting was postponed from February 11th to February 18th because of icy weather conditions. Attendance of the Board Meeting and the General Meeting were much lower than normal.)

Board Members Present (12): 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 and Chris White.

Board members absent (2): Charlie Crawford, MMR, and Paul Rankin.

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (21): Mike Deaton, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr., MMR, Bob Wood, James Bando, Sally Bando, Tyler Gelmini, Robert Hess, Steve Funsten, Ed Laity, Victor Pitrowski, Tom Banks, William Smith, Bill Zawacki, MMR, Bob Hess, Randall Watson, Thomas Roskelly, Tom Bohannon, Ray White, and Vince LaRuffa,

Officer and Director Reports

Superintendent. Peter Youngblood opened the meeting thanking the members for appreciating the postponement of the meeting and making the effort to attend a non-scheduled Tuesday.

Administration— Chris White.

The January 2014 Minutes were approved following a motion by Alan Mole and seconded by David Gelmini.

(Ed. Note: It is fully appreciated that the January minutes were approved, but Doug Alexander had requested by email to have the following change in the minutes of the meeting when discussing the future of the Timetable. Doug was not present at the meeting and I failed to bring the amendment up at the meeting. My apologies.

“Doug Alexander, Timetable Editor, offered a plan to reduce the number of Timetables printed and mailed. All members for whom the Division has emails and addresses would receive the Timetable via email beginning with the April edition. If a member wants to continue to receive a hard copy they must personally request it by contacting Doug Alexander or Bob Wood. This program would take effect with the publication of the 2nd Quarter edition and has potential to save a large portion of the Timetable budget.”

This amendment to the January minutes should be approved as part of the February minutes. CGW).

Finance – Joe Sullivan Joe had submitted the financial report for January 2014. This report was approved following a motion by Scott Chatfield and seconded by Perry Lamb.

Joe requested approval to have Elmer Wilson conduct an audit and complete 2013 IRS submissions for the Division at an anticipated cost of \$1500. Motion approved following a second by David Gelmini.

Joe submitted a Budget for 2014 which was approved by a motion from Joe and seconded by Alan Mole.

Gary Jarabek suggested that the Alan Mole Monthly Report format should be used by Joe. It was agreed that Peter Youngblood, Joe Sullivan, and Alan Mole would discuss.

Operations—***Walt Liles*** Report submitted by email. No additional comments.

Personnel/Membership - Paul Rankin – Paul submitted an email report.

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 Norm Lundin and seconded by Alan Mole. Reports were approved. There were no additional comments submitted by Committee Heads.

Timetable - Doug Alexander – Report submitted

Website - Scott Povlot – No report.

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

Pilgrimage Emailed report. .

Advertising: Monthly meeting notices and 2014 Train Show notices were included in Gary's email report.

Company Store See Gary's email report.

Achievement Program Randall was absent and his report was submitted by Peter Youngblood.

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.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Kennesaw) - Bill Ello – Nothing to report this month.

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 Donations Charlie Crawford was not at the meeting and this subject will be discussed at the March meeting.

Clinic DVD David Gelmini reported considerable progress.

Committee List Peter Youngblood requested that all Committee Chairmen submit lists to Chris White of their 2014 committee members with contact information.

Yearly Action List Peter Youngblood had emailed the latest 2014 Action List to all Board members and Committee Heads. He reviewed the recent changes. He emphasized – John Stevens Duluth Boy Scouts, and Joe Sullivan Bonding of finance personnel.

Bob McIntyre Award. Randall Watson circulated a draft of the approved Bob McIntyre Award for discussion and review.

Trains Trains Trains Walt Liles reviewed the very successful event held at the Kennesaw Museum and thanked all those members who assisted with the Kid's Layout which remains extremely popular with event attendees. The museum was most grateful for our active participation.

Computer Upgrade Walt Liles reviewed the upgrade of all the Division computers and there was still some misunderstanding of the number of Division computers involved. All members who had a Division computer were asked to submit their computers to Perry Lamb for upgrade ASAP.

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

Relocation Committee Norm Lundin had submitted a report and discussed progress of the committee.

New Business

SER Board Meeting Peter thanked all those Division members who attended the SER Board meeting. He summarized the decisions on future SER Regional Conventions.

2014 Joint SER/CR Convention in Memphis. Details still not finalized.

2014 Mini Meet in Huntsville, AL in September.

2015 Greenville SC

2016 Huntsville, AL

2017 Aiken SC

Website Photo Member Listing Joe Nichols, Jr. again suggested that it would be a great idea to have a member directory as part of the Division website – which would include photographs of the members. Joe suggested this would be most useful to the Board and others to provide a name with a face. It was agreed that a committee made up of Walt Liles, Paul Rankin, Rick Coble, and Scott Povlot would review the suggestion and report back to the Board.

Bereavement Expenditures Chuck Hoesch informed the Board that he would handle normal Good and Welfare communications with only a minimal budget, but was concerned in the event of the potential passing of our members and the expected actions in such cases. This created a long and somewhat heated discussion of the process of considering future actions. Some recommended somewhat rigid rules and guidelines, whilst others suggested the present method of reviewing possible donations as they occurred as it was almost impossible to judge the Board's feelings of the contribution to the Division of a particular member in advance. Some were concerned that with the aging population of the Division – this eventually could have a significant impact on the Division finances. No future action was taken. Decisions regarding flowers would be made by Chuck Hoesch with discussion and approval by Peter Youngblood and Joe Sullivan – within the Division \$100 spending requirement.

Joe Nichols Jr. proposed and Perry Lamb seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Confirmed by acclamation and the **Meeting was adjourned at 6.50p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Director of Administration