

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

- *Attendance by Board Members: Walt Liles, Mike Fleming, Joe Sullivan, Royal Bruce, Mike Cummings, Jim Travis, Steve Funsten, David Gelmini, Norm Lundin, Joe Sullivan, Peter Youngblood MMR, John Falk, Brian Sandberg*
- *Board Members absent: Alan Mole and Perry Lamb*
- *Members in Attendance: Gary Jarabek, Randall Watson, Jim Datka, Tom Banks, Bob Wood, Sally Bando, James Bando, Joe Maiuro, Dottie Maiuro, Jim Hobbs, William Smith, Scott Povlot, Doug Alexander, Howard Goodwin MMR*

Quorum Present

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Mike Fleming :

Thanks to Perry Lamb for the August Minutes. Move to approval by Jim Travis, second by Joe Sullivan. Approved

Finance – Joe Sullivan :

Financial report emailed and in the records. No significant changes. A request was made to transfer \$14000.00 to an interest bearing account for a better return. This was approved as a function of Finance because there is no expenditure and no vote is required. Walt Liles will obtain access to the BB&T accounts..

The tax return has been filed for the Division. 501©3 remains pending. Real/hard assets need to be tabulated once this occurs.

Operations— Royal Bruce:

The National Convention in Orlando had presentations by Peter Youngblood MMR, Howard Goodwin MMR, Joe Nichols Sr MMR, Joe Nichols Jr MMR, Tom Gordon and Mike Cummings.

Mike Cummings presented a clinic on 60s and 70s Fallen Flags at last months meeting. Chris White had an open house at his layout. An operating session by Mike Rieken was hosted for the Division.

Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings

Thanks to everyone helping at the booth for the train show at the Infinite Energy Center. Four new members have applied

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot Report sent and on file

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

Advertisements have been submitted to the magazines. Full range of sizes for the new polos. Check for availability of other merchandise.

Pilgrimage: 67 layouts are now on the pilgrimage. John Falk has done a great job selling ads. Scale Trains is the main sponsor of the booklet. Jim Foley is the new Operator Assistant.

Achievement Program – Charles Mason

October is Contest and Photo month. Please have your projects ready for judging.

Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch – NTR

2017 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini, MMR

The issue has been settled that the Galleria will be the site of the March, 2018 show. The due date for deposit was September 6. An emergency meeting via email was held by the Board of Directors because all other sites would not work for a variety of reasons. A motion was made by Alan Mole and seconded by Mike Fleming that this arrangement and the expenditure be approved. The Board voted 12 in Favor, 1 No and 1 no response.

The deposit is 2687.50 and the committee will continue to press the Galleria about the parking situation.

Thanks to Mike Cummings for his work with the Avalon Center and Gary Jarabek for his work with the Cobb County Civic Center.

The venue of 260 tables is 60% presold before the first mailing.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR

Troop 266 at Dunwoody United Methodist Church in Dunwoody has been very active in the training program and would like to build their own layout. Howard would like a motion to donate six of the old timesaver layouts to the troop. Also to be included are three sets of locomotives, cars and Digitrax UT-4.

Dave Gelmini moved that the motion be approved, second by Mike Fleming. Approved.

Audio-Visual Production- Norman Lundin NTR except it was Norm's Birthday was 39 and counting.
Appropriate song was sung and he brought his own birthday cake.

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando – 3 Badges made.

Division Video Library - David Gelmini – NTR

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon – NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu –Help board posted outside the meeting has led to several problems being solved

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb

8 students constructed laser cut wood structures donated by Bar-Mills. Howard built a sample model and all phases of construction, including painting and weathering, were included.

Marketing- Brain Sandberg and Sally Band

The Georgia Magazine ad is about to be published. One of our Pilgrimage members has publicized his layout in the Around Woodstock magazine.

The new signs are available and will be ready for the Pilgrimage and other events.

The booth will be getting a face lift to reflect the new branding.

Old Business: None

New Business :

Peter Youngblood National Report

The Sacramento exhibit received a \$10,000.00 donation.

National report continued

Log into the NMRA Partnership Program at the NMRA website. Various Manufacturers and Museums have discounts available to members at the website.

The SER Board will meet at the Kennesaw depot Saturday October 14 beginning at 9 am. All are welcome.

NMRA National Elections are coming. Walt Liles is running for the Eastern District Director.

Peter recommends Jim Gore MMR who is running to fill his position, At Large North American Director, ALNAD.

Doug Alexander passed on the news that Bill Murray, the founder of Hobbytown USA in Kennesaw, died this past week.

Walt Liles has appointed Alan Mole and Jim Travis to work on a vision statement for the next five to ten years. This would include such things as acquiring our own building for a meeting space.

Meeting Adjournment 6:45 PM

Mike Fleming, Director of Administration