

PIEDMONT DIVISION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday February 20 , 2018

Meeting Called to Order *Walt Liles, Superintendent.at 6:04 PM at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church*

Members Present: Michael Fleming, Walt Liles, Mike Cummings, Steve Funsten, Royal Bruce, Sally Bando, Diane Martin, Doug Alexander, Peter Youngblood MMR, John Falk, Bob Kelehan, Howard Goodwin, Jim Travis

Guests present: David Gelmini, Heather Gelmini, Gary Jarabek, Joe Sullivan, Martin Guldner, Jim Datka, Alan Mole, Stefan Bartelski, Craig Knox, Tom Banks, Chuck Hoesch, Paul Osman, Dorothy Maiuro, Joe Maiuro, Jim Hobbs, Del Kittendorf, John Stevens, Randall Watson

Officer & Director Reports

- Administration *Mike Fleming* minutes of January 2018 were approved and seconded by Howard Goodwin and Jim Travis
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- Finance *Diane Martin* The 2018 Annual Budget was reviewed and approved by the board through an email conference. The Budget is zero based and will be reviewed quarterly. A management report was made available to the members and shows the budget and expenditure of each activity. Quicken transactions under the old system will be integrated into the new Quick Books, A three dollar donation per meeting is requested because of increased rent. Discussion was held about a separate contribution can for special events.
- Operations *Sally Bando* Thanks for last month's presentation and home layout tour. An Athearn trainset will be given as a door prize at the Train Show. \$160 was requested to reimburse Blue Ox trains. Motion to approve by Doug Alexander and seconded by Jim Travis.
- Personnel *Mike Cummings* See emailed report 88 attendees at last meeting

Committee Reports

- Pilgrimage *Gary Jarabek.* See emailed report
- Achievement Program *Charles Mason* See emailed report The Model contest will be next month.
- Timetable *Jim Datka* 220 copies of the Bulletin will be printed with the usual distribution to the Hobby Shops. The Bulletin will no longer be mailed unless it is requested due to budgetary constraints.
- Website *Scott Povlot* See emailed report
- Advertising & Company Store *Gary Jarabek* See emailed reports
- Good & Welfare *Chuck Hoesch* The Board expresses its sympathy to Tom Bohannon on the recent passing of his wife.
- 2017 Train Show *Joe Gelmini*
- *Dave and his wife Heather have taken over management of the Train Show. The first issue is the independence of the Show's budget with the new type of Budget. Diane Martin assured that the necessary independence remains and reconciliation with the overall budget will be after the Show's financial statement is complete. There were difficulties with check writing and tax filing which have been resolved. 83% of the tables are sold. The parking will be five dollars a day with the first two hours free. The method of volunteer reimbursement has not been settled. Sign up for volunteer spots will be tonight and next meeting*
- Boy Scouts *Howard Goodwin*
- Audio Visual *NTR*
- Name Badges & Photos *James Bando* See emailed report
- Video Library *David Gelmini* *NTR*
- Book Library *Steve Leydon* *NTR*

- Model Railroad & Division Help *Ovidiu Trifanescu NTR*
- Train 'n Camp *Perry Lamb See emailed report*
- Outreach and Publicity *Brian Sandberg* The White Elephant table will again be a feature of the show. Sign up for a number and tags for items.

National NMRA report Peter Youngblood MMR

- ***Social Media; Some candidates have been using these tools to campaign. The NMRA does not favor one candidate over another. Official sites must list all candidates. The Policy is being developed.***
- ***NMRA insurance for Liability has been available for \$50 for one million dollar coverage. Certain venues are requiring two million dollar coverage and this will be available for \$500. Three million dollar coverage will be available for \$1000. David Gelmini states that the Galleria has accepted the \$50 dollar policy which provides one million per occurrence and two million aggregate.***
- ***Financials are available on the web but require some searching at the site***
- ***The NMRA California Railroad Museum display is now under construction.***

The Library is available to all active members

Old Business

The Piedmont Division plans to bid to hold the SER Convention in 2020. The following motions were presented by Jim Travis with Howard Goodwin seconding and unanimous aye votes.

- 1, The Piedmont Division plans to host the Southeast Regional Convention on June 12 to the 13th, 2020 at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, GA and execute any contracts required.***
- 2. The Piedmont Division plans to host a Model Train Show in conjunction with the 2020 Southeast Regional Convention in Cartersville, GA and execute any contracts required.***
- 3. Motion to establish an initial budget of \$5,000 and establish required operating account(s) to facilitate both the Convention and Train Show deposits and expenses.***

New Business

- ***Walt Liles recommended that the insurance coverage be increased to the two million dollar policy for the next 12 months***

Meeting Adjournment – Walt Liles 6:58 PM

*Michael Fleming, MD
Director of Administration*