

**PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES    November 7, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present: Perry Lamb, Jim Travis, Royal Bruce, Mike Cummings, Joe Sullivan, Steve Funsten, Brian Sandberg, Peter Youngblood, David Gelmini, Alan Mole

Board members absent: Mike Fleming, John Falk, Norm Lundin

**Quorum Present**

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet*: Howard Goodwin, John Stevens, Jim Hobbs, Jim Datka, Martin Guldner, Dottie Maiuro, Sally Bando, Gary Jarabek

**Officer and Director Reports**

**Administration – Mike Fleming:** Minutes submitted and motion to approve, as amended, by Joe Sullivan, Second by Jim Travis, Approved. Amendments: Motion to approve the donation of 6 modules and a DCC system, with locomotives and cars was made in October. This motion was made by Jim Travis and Second by David Gelmini. The creation of a Vision Committee was made in October. Jim Datka was misspelled.

**Finance – Joe Sullivan:** Two reports were submitted for approval. The September report was corrected and resubmitted. The October report was submitted. Motion to approve by Alan Mole, Second by David Gelmini

**Operations - Royal Bruce:** Report submitted via email.

**Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings:** Report submitted via email. There is an issue with dates for one member. Rick Coble is investigating.

**Committee Reports**

**Website - Scott Povlot:** Updated web site traffic was submitted by Scott in response to questions by Sally Bando.

**Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek:** Report submitted via email. There have been about 3400 attendees for this year's Piedmont Pilgrimage.

**Achievement Program – Charlie Mason, MMR:** Report submitted via email.

**Good and Welfare – Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch:** Report submitted via email.

**2017 Model Train Show – Joe Gelmini, MMR:** Report submitted via email.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin, MMR:** Report submitted via email.

**Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee:** NTR

**Name Badges & Photography - James Bando:** Report submitted via email.

**Division Video Library - David Gelmini:** Report submitted via email.

**Division Book Library - Stephen Leyton:** Report submitted via email.

**Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu:** NTO

**Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb:** Model Railroading 101 will be taught twice this year, January 27, 2018 at Trainmaster Models and February 3, 2018 at Blue Ox Trains. There will be Camps in each of the four quarters. A change from previous years.

**Outreach - Brain Sandberg:** This committee has been folded into the Marketing Committee.

### **Old Business**

The Board of Directors election is tonight. Six slots are open, Director of Finance, Director of Operations and four At Large Directors.

BSA Donated Layouts – An inventory of the remaining equipment will be produced and provided to the Board by Perry Lamb. All of the equipment from the Duluth Scout Layouts is in Perry's garage. The only remaining items in the storage building are 4 modules and the transport carts.

Christmas Party – The Christmas party is next month starting at 6:00 PM. Please remember your Toys-for-Tots donations. We typically have a large donation and want to continue this.

### **New Business**

Walt has proposed purchasing new AV equipment. He has seen an indoor/outdoor portable AV system. This system has a wireless headset and portable speaker. This equipment could be very useful for both indoor events like Train-n-Camps and outdoor events like our summer picnic.

The 2018 Planning meeting will be held December 2, 2017 at the Church. Please submit your items and dates to Walt. Please also prepare your budget items for inclusion in the 2018 budget.

Gifts for the Christmas Party – Motion: Provide \$300.00 for gift certificates for the Christmas Party. This \$300.00 would be divided as follows: \$100.00 at HobbyTown USA, \$100.00 at Blue Ox Trains and \$100.00 for gift certificates for ladies. Motion made by Jim Travis and Second by Alan Mole. The motion was approved.

Piedmont Peddler – Perry Lamb will work with Scott Povlot to see if it is possible to create an application on the Division website that will allow members only to sell products via the web page. There would be a nominal charge to list products for sale but the transactions themselves would be between individuals and there would be no Division involvement in the actual sale process.

### **Any Other Business**

**Meeting Adjournment:** 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Perry Lamb