

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Peter Youngblood, MMR, Superintendent. Peter welcomed all the officers, board members, committee heads and other Division members to the meeting. He informed the Board of the excellent SER Annual Meeting in Greenville and highly recommended the next SER meeting in Huntsville, AL, in 2016.

Board Members Present (13): Peter Youngblood, MMR, Matt Coleman, Joe Sullivan, Walt Liles, Chuck Hoesch, Perry Lamb, Joe Nichols Jr., MMR, Joe Maiuro, Royal Bruce, Jim Travis, Alan Mole, Charlie Crawford, and Chris White.

Board members absent (1): Norm Lundin. **Quorum Present**

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (10)*:  
Del Kittendorf, Bill Zawacki, MMR, Dottie Maiuro, Rick Coble, Howard Goodwin, MMR, Martin Guldner, Mike Deaton, Randall Watson, Gary Jarabek, and Steve Funsten.

Ed. Note: This is probably the lowest attendance at a Board Meeting in many years. Need for concern? An anomaly?

### **Officer and Director Reports**

**Administration - Chris White** The revised May 2015 Minutes were approved following a motion by Perry Lamb and seconded by Alan Mole.

**Finance – Joe Sullivan** Joe submitted the financial report by email for May 2015. The May financial report was approved by the Board following a motion by Perry Lamb and seconded by Joe Maiuro. Walt Liles had a question about the funding of the Bob McIntyre award which was answered by Joe.

**Operations—Walt Liles** Walt submitted the May report by email and reviewed the major portions of his report at the meeting. Walt congratulated Howard Goodwin on his attainment of the MMR certification. (Howard was given his MMR plaque at the general meeting and again received a standing ovation for his accomplishment.) Walt also asked for members to join him at a “railroad event” to be held in Chatsworth, GA this upcoming Saturday – 13<sup>th</sup> June. He also informed the Board that Peter Youngblood would be holding an Open House for his layout on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Personnel/Membership - Royal Bruce** – Royal presented his May report by email. May attendance at our new venue was a disappointing 78 possibly due to a combination of the meeting being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and unusual vacations and graduation ceremonies. Royal also included in his emails attendance figures for the last few years with running totals. This was the system originally developed by Ron Gough and improved by Bob McIntyre. Some members thanked Royal for this inclusion. Royal would also be asking for volunteers at the general meeting for the one day only Train Show to be held in Norcross on August 8<sup>th</sup> to continue to attract new members...

**Committee Reports** These reports had been emailed to all Board members. These committee reports were accepted on a motion by Alan Mole and seconded by Matt Coleman.

**Website - Scott Povlot** – Scott submitted a report by email. There were 2064 page views on the Division website during May.

**Pilgrimage, Advertising, and Promotion/Division Apparel - Gary Jarabek** - Gary submitted a report by email. Gary summarized the Company Store inventory and also listed the advertising for the Monthly Division Meetings. For the Pilgrimage, layout scheduling will begin June 8<sup>th</sup> and scheduling of layout operating assistants will begin June 9<sup>th</sup>. At this time, 81 layouts are on the preliminary schedule but Gary expects this to change a little as we get closer to November. George Bloodworth continues to actively obtain revenues for Pike Ads in the Pilgrimage Booklet.

**Achievement Program – Randall Watson** Randall submitted a report by email. Only one AP award for Scenery is awaiting NMRA approval at this time.

**Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch** – Email report submitted.

**2016 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini** Joe submitted a report by email. Joe reported that he had received a contract from the Galleria that the 2016 Train Show will be held on the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2016 and that we would be in Hall A again. The Galleria charges have increased \$1000 for 2016 and Joe is considering increasing the charge for vendor tables. The first payment to the Galleria has been made.

*Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (Duluth and Kennesaw) – Howard Goodwin.* Nothing new to report.

*Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood, MMR* Nothing to report.

*Name Badges & Photography - James Bando* – Nothing to report.

*Division Video Library - David Gelmini* – Nothing to report.

*Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon* – Nothing to report.

*Train N' Camp - Perry Lamb* – Nothing to report.

*Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu* – Nothing to report.

### Old Business

*Action List - Peter Youngblood* - Peter reviewed the June Action List. Peter would be adding the Chatsworth event to his June Action list. Alan Mole questioned the date for the IRS filing. Peter reported and Joe Sullivan confirmed the date of July 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Wounded Warrior Project – Peter Youngblood.* Peter Youngblood asked Jim Travis if he wished to table this proposed project for the immediate future. Jim indicated he would make additional attempts to contact this organization in the upcoming weeks.

*The Shepherd Center – Joe Nichols, Jr.* Joe informed the Board that no progress had been made since the last meeting – just a couple of weeks previous to this Board meeting.

### New Business

*Changing banks for the Division General Account Funds – Chris White* Chris informed the Board that previous Division treasurers (Directors of Finance) had been somewhat dissatisfied with our present banking company and proposed that we change our bank. Randall Watson reminded the Board and Rick Coble confirmed that in Article IV “Government” that the Director of Finance under paragraph 5 (C) (d) “Shall establish and maintain a local bank account in the name of the Division.” This proposed change does not therefore require an approved motion by the Board and therefore Joe Sullivan will proceed with the change immediately.

*NMRA DVD Clinics – Peter Youngblood* Peter informed the Board that the SER had received 99 clinic DVDs from the NMRA. Apparently there were no letters or communication included with this delivery. NMRA had apparently been “cleaning house” of old Convention Clinics from 1981-2000 and had distributed these old clinics throughout the Regions. Peter informed the Board that David Gelmini would be asked to make copies of these clinics to distribute to the Divisions within the SER.

*Auction or “other alternative event” during 2015 – Walt Liles* Walt informed the Board that in his position of Director of Operations that following the discussion at the 2015 Strategic Planning meeting in October 2014, he was still very interested in holding an auction or other similar event – presumably of a fund-raising nature. He proposed forming a committee to study this idea in more detail and planned to get back to the Board in the upcoming months.

*Meeting Adjournment* Alan Mole proposed and Matt Coleman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Confirmed by acclamation and the **Meeting was adjourned at 630 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris White*, Director of Administration