

PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m., Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs, GA by Walt Liles, Superintendent.

Board Members Present : Walt Liles, Michael Fleming, Joe Sullivan, Jim Travis, Perry Lamb, Alan Mole, Steve Funsten, Peter Youngblood, Royal Bruce, John Falk

Board members absent : David Gelmini, Brian Sandberg, Norm Lundin Mike Cummings

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* Howard Goodwin, John Stevens, Chuck Hoesch, Tom Banks, Joe Nichols, Sr., Bill Zawacki, James Bando, **Jim Datka**, **Randall Watson**, **Sally Bando**, **Jim Hobbs**, **Gary Jarabek**

Officer and Director Reports

Administration – Mike Fleming : The minutes were approved as moved by Alan Mole and seconded by Joe Sullivan

Finance – Joe Sullivan : A complete financial report was presented to the board and the 22 cent imbalance was found and corrected. A stripped down version will be available in the Timetable. Closing balance is \$96,363.00 with net income of \$22,205.00.

Alan Mole discussed the advantages and disadvantages of IRS designations. The SER Board found significant variations in state laws which may effect a group's decision.

- *501c7 for clubs allows donations but a receipt can not be given to the donor for tax purposes.*
- *501c3 allows receipt for tax deductions. Application cost is \$850.00*

Operations— Royal Bruce:

Thanks to Peter Youngblood for the open house. 47 people attended.

Last month's presentation on Logger Slang was well received.

Thanks to Raymond Stewart for covering Trainmaster swap meet.

Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings

3 new members signed up

Committee Reports

Website - Scott Povlot, Data received and filed

There will be a new section for member photos monitored by Perry Lamb and Scott Povlot. Bob Wood has been asked to prepare a short video of six different layouts to run as a loop when the website is opened.

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

Pilgrimage Layouts are being handled by Charles Mason . Approximately 60 layouts are now on tap. The Atlanta Model Railroad Club has decided not to participate because of the new insurance requirements. Check with Gary about apparel. New polo shirts are available in all sizes. Limited numbers of older gear.

Achievement Program – Randall Watson

Charles Mason will receive Master Model Railroader #586. Congratulations!

Good and Welfare –Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch – NTR

2017 Model Train Show –Joe Gelmini, MMR Negotiations continue with Galleria but parking fees may be controlled by Cobb County. An alternative site is being investigated.

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

There are 4 switching layouts at the Train Museum which are no longer being used in the program. An effort will be made to dispose of them to other scouting programs. The van will be checked and repaired as needed. The program is now make and take a model.

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee- NTR

Name Badges & Photography - James Bando – 1 new badge

Division Video Library - David Gelmini – More videos are being converted to DVD as time is available.

Division Book Library - Stephen Leydon – NTR

Model Railroad & Division Help – Ovidiu Trifanescu –NTR

Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb

The Next training camp will be a construction of a craftsman kit from Bar Mills. Some spaces remain available.

Outreach - Brain Sandberg – Walt Liles has recommended that Brian be reassigned to the Marketing Committee with Sally Bando and others.

Marketing Committee-Sally Bando

Gary Jarabek and others are working on consistent signage for all material.

EMC Magazine, for electric co-op members would be interested in an article next year.

Bags with information were provided by National to distribute to new members and the Boy Scouts.

A table with the bags was set up for this meeting for new members.

The committee would like to purchase 10 cars @\$10.00 apiece provided at cost by Steve Funsten at Blue Ox Trains for anyone signing up for a new full membership. This was approved after moved by Rick Coble and seconded by Perry Lamb.

Old Business

- **Reminder that Division Picnic is July 15 at the Live Steamers in Conyers.**
- **The Long term education seminar proposed by Del Kittendorf is on hold**
- **Electronic voting for the Division will be revisited by Alan Mole and Rick Coble**

New Business :

- **Jim Datka will be the new Timetable editor.**
- **Walt Liles plans to run for the National Director of the Eastern Division.**
- **New Computers for the Division.**
The present computers are over seven years old and need replacement especially for the White Elephant table at the Train Show. Brian Sandberg recommended three choices for Laptops: Dell Inspiron 3565 for \$280.00, Best Buy comparable HP for \$260.00 or Lenovo with

2GB more memory for \$280.00. Perry Lamb presented this and recommended Dell. Two computers are needed and there may be an extra charge for Windows Office.

Final decision will be deferred to next month.

- Guest Speaker Tony Koester

Peter Youngblood has talked to Mr Koester about a guest appearance at a Division meet. He takes no remuneration for this but asks that his expenses be covered. He would be able to do this in May 2018. Airline cost would be \$850.00 and incidental expenses may be \$150.00.

\$1000.00 for this event was authorized by unanimous vote moved by Alan Mole and seconded by Perry Lamb.

Any Other Business - There was no other business.

Meeting Adjournment 6:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fleming, Director of Administration