

**PIEDMONT DIVISION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES      May 16, 2017**

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

Board Members Present : Michael Fleming, Perry Lamb, Jim Travis, Alan Mole, Mike Cummings, Brian Sandberg, Royal Bruce, David Gelmini, Steven Funsten, John Falk, Peter Youngblood, Norman Lundin, Joe Sullivan, Walt Liles

Board members absent : None

**Quorum Present**

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* Howard Goodwin, Gary Jarabek, Rick Coble, Tom Banko, Regis Brooks, John Stevens, Martin Guldner, Randall Watson, Martin Hale(guest), Jim Datka, Jim Hobbs, James Bando, Sally Bando

**Officer and Director Reports**

*Administration – Mike Fleming : Thanks to Perry Lamb for taking the notes of the April Meeting. The corrected notes were approved as proposed by Jim Travis and seconded by David Gelmini*

*Finance – Joe Sullivan : Income and expense report was submitted with the Train Show reports. A full report is available to all members and is on file with the Administrator. Pertinent note is that \$17,500.00 was transferred from the Train Show account to the General Account offset by \$437.66 for PayPal expenses related to ticket sales.*

IRS for 2016 filing has been granted an extension. 5013c is in process per Alan Mole.

***Operations— Royal Bruce:***

*Thanks to Perry Lamb for Scenery Clinic at April Meeting, Al Churella for hosting his layout, Steve Funsten at Blue Ox trains for hosting a Swap meet with Walt Liles grilling.*

***Personnel/Membership – Mike Cummings***

*91 people at the April meeting.*

*7 new people recruited. Total Division membership 509*

**Committee Reports**

***Website - Scott Povlot***

*Views and other information on File. There was discussion about allowing members to post photos of their work on the website. An editor will be appointed to insure that pictures are appropriate and that there are no copyright violations.*

*Alan Mole has received an email from a James Galvin. This may be a phishing scam and the membership is to be warned about not opening it.*

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

*Advertising: Notices placed in all publications.*

*Company Store: Full range of sizes for new Polo Shirts. Check with Gary for sizes for older items.*

***Pilgrimage***

*Charles Mason will be handling scheduling.*

***PILGRIMAGE INSURANCE ISSUES***

- *Home Layout owners must be NMRA members.*

- *Organizations must meet one of these three criteria*
- *100% NMRA individual membership of the group*
- *Sustaining NMRA membership for the organization*
- *Certificate of insurance for the event added to their policy*

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

- *Southeast Railroad Museum insurance covers this type of event*
- *Live Steam Group will not be covered by the NMRA. Norm Wisner will take a full page ad in the Pilgrimage publication advertising their open house but this will not be advertised as a Pilgrimage activity.*
- *Poultry Group. Freddie Smith of the group will obtain a sustaining membership.*

*Motion was made by John Travis and seconded by Perry Lamb to accept the above recommendations with unanimous approval.*

#### **Achievement Program – Randall Watson**

*Two AP certificates are to be presented as well as the contest awards. Next contest will be in October.*

#### **2018 Model Train Show – Joe Gelmini, MMR**

- *52% of Tables sold or committed for 2018*
- *Galleria unsure if there will be parking fees and the amount related to the new stadium. High fees will require a search for another venue.*
- *The Galleria is the first choice .*

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

The program remains successful but two or more volunteers are needed to cover the monthly events. Volunteers do not have to be at every event.

#### **Marketing Committee-Sally Bando**

- *Signs are being made for a guest table at the meeting*
- *Email lists of Boy Scouts and new members will be used to keep interest in the Division*
- *More tote bags should be available from the NMRA for the booth and the Boy Scouts*

#### **Name Badges & Photography - James Bando – 2 new badges made**

#### **Division Video Library - David Gelmini –**

The Library is being updated and new titles have been added. There will be a video of the month depending on time at the monthly meeting

#### **Train'in Camp - Perry Lamb**

*Basic Scenery was covered in the second camp. 8 students attended. A follow up clinic is planned with a Boy Scout Troop who is building a layout. Train-N-Camp 3 is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> and wil be about laser cut structures.*

#### **Outreach - Brian Sandberg –**

Division Laptops are seven or more years old and need to be replaced. Brian and Perry Lamb will review what is needed and cost for replacement.

**Old Business**

- **PIEDMONT DIVISION PICNIC** to be held Saturday, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> from 10 to 2 at the North Georgia Live Steamers in Conyers. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring cole slaw or any other food items to share. Bring chairs and small tents if you have them. There is very little shade in the facility.
- **TIMETABLE** . congratulations to Doug Alexander for four years of great work but he would like to retire. A new editor is needed.
- **ELM program** Del Kittendorf was not at the business meeting. Pending.
- **National Train Week commemorating the Golden Spike Photo Contest**  
Brian Sandberg : Prototype CN-CSX train  
Rick Ward: model of L&N F7 passing an industry  
Mike Braunstein, Honorable mention New Orleans Trolley  
See them on our Facebook page
- Reminder about SER Convention in Birmingham , Friday 6-9-17 and Saturday 6-10-17

**New Business :**

- **NMRA NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2018**  
John Stevens discussed the coming election. Five major positions including president and vice president will be open, Nominations will be sought

*Any Other Business* - There was no other business.

*Meeting Adjournment* Moved by Jim Travis, seconded by David Gelmini with unanimous approval at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Mike Fleming,** Director of Administration