

PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
June 8, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. .at the Old Hickory House by Howard Goodwin, Superintendent.

Board Members Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (13): Gary Jarabek, Howard Goodwin, Rick Coble, David Gilly, Scott Chatfield, Mike Deaton, Bill Zawacki, Charlie Crawford, Chris White, Bob McIntyre, Ovidiu Trifanescu, Scott Povlot, Joe Sullivan

Absent (1): David Gelmini

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet* (10): Perry Lamb, I.D. Jackson, Randall Watson, Ron Gough, John Travis, Jim Travis, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, James Deaton, Mike Scupin

Officer and Director Reports

Administration—Rick Coble

Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

Rick sent the set of proposed bylaws changes to the BOD as a reference ahead of Tuesday's vote, including the proposed guest policy. See *Old Business*.

Minutes on the web. Rick received feedback concerning posting BOD meeting minutes on the web and will work with the web team to get these posted.

Finance—Chris White

The May Financial Report was approved.

Chris distributed a copy of the May 2010 Financial report prior to the BOD meeting and added the following comments:

We made the first payment to the Galleria for the 2011 Train Show.

We made a contribution to James Deaton to assist with an Eagle Scout project at the SE RR Museum. We incurred expenses for the 2010 raffle layout, Pilgrimage certificate mailing, AP program, and AV purchases.

Chris continues to look for a bank with CD rates greater than 1%, with little success.

Operations—Charlie Crawford

We had a cancellation last week for this month's clinic. Charlie will present a re-worked version of his Ice Harvesting clinic.

Home layout tours nearly set for the remainder of the year.

Clinics are set for this year and Charlie is seeking clinicians for 2011.

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Membership – David Gilly

May 2010 attendance was 96, including 3 visitors. 12-month meeting attendance average is 98; 24 month is 94.

New Members – 13, five with SouthErneR subscriptions. Seven were Rail Pass memberships.

David sent a spreadsheet with attendance figures.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program—Bob McIntyre

Assoc. Volunteer Certificate to be awarded to Bob Wheeler.

Bill Zawacki volunteer certificate approved.

Jim Travis Volunteer Certificate application submitted for review and processing.

Reviewed Bill Zawacki's Chief Dispatcher paperwork.

Answered questions from Alan Mole on a structure he is working on.

Peachtree Express— Bob McIntyre

Green Frog as booth space confirmed for the National Train Show.

Joe Gelmini is working on volunteers for the booth for this year.

Bob McIntyre and Randall Watson have rooms paid by the NMRA for manning the booth.

At our next meeting in June we will work detailing the percentages we will take on and the amount the NMRA will take on. Right now we know the NMRA will handle the registration. We also will start on the budget once the percentages are confirmed.

Piedmont Pilgrimage— Bob McIntyre

Currently working on the 2010 layout schedule. We have lost some layouts from last year but have added new ones. The largest growth area is the garden layouts.

Currently have Riverdale Station and Trainmaster signed as advertisers. We are waiting on the other sales people to report.

Member Aid— Bob McIntyre

No inquiries during May.

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Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel—Gary Jarabek

Advertising:

Monthly Meetings

Scale Rails submitted through October Issue
Railroad Model Craftsman submitted through October Issue.
Trains.com submitted through October 2010

Auction

Trains.com
Scales Rails: August
Railroad Model Craftsman: August

Pilgrimage

Scale Rails: October and November
Railroad Model Craftsman: October and November

Company Store:

There are only med and XL of old style short sleeve polo shirts left to sell. These will be sold at \$28.00. New polo shirts in stock at the price of \$33.00, complete size range. Complete size range of long sleeve denim shirts. There is 1 vest left. Caps are also in stock. Mugs will be distributed to new NMRA members.

An error was made when Gary placed the new order for Polo Shirts. The shirts were black, not putty. Gary has worked with the supplier for the nine shirts in question and has split the cost of the shirts 50/50. These shirts will be sold at full price (\$33 each). There were commitments to purchase four by the end of the meeting.

The correct shirts have been ordered and delivered.

Model Train Show (2011) —Joe Gelmini

Through the end of May we have sold or confirmed approximately 50% of projected 2011 vendor tables.

Joe picked up three new potential vendors during the train show at the SER convention in Bessemer.

We made our initial payment of to Galleria and have a contract for Hall "D" March 19-20, 2011.

Good and Welfare —Joe Gelmini

Sympathy card sent to Charles Cole on the loss of his wife, Pat Cole

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Division Book Library-Stephen Leydon

Books Owned:	373
Books Loaned To:	1
Total Books:	374
Uncirculated:	310
Circulating:	64
Total Books:	374

At the May 2010 meeting eleven books were loaned to members.

Determining a value for each item in the library is an on-going process in an effort to assess the total value held.

Updating the library member records has been proceeding at a slower pace than Stephen had hoped, but it is never the less getting done.

Timetable-Rick Coble

Q3 Timetable deadline (June 9) has been sent to regular contributors via e-mail.

Website-Scott Povlot

May 2010 Total page requests: 9,065.

Scott included a document showing web trends back to January 2008.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program-John Stevens

John is still awaiting the arrival of the Atlas Genset locomotives for the layouts. John is hopeful that we will have them before the September session.

John is still working on ordering new freight cars. John is looking for appropriate cars and will let the BOD know when I have ordered them. This will probably occur late summer or early fall.

Work continues on James Deaton's Eagle Scout Project to build a storage shed for the switching layouts that will be located on the museum grounds. James has entered the fundraising portion of his project. He hopes to start working on the project in July with completion in late July or early August.

John plans on presenting some type of merit badge program at the national convention in 2013. John is still undecided on the type of program we will present. John will keep the BOD updated on which approach he chooses.

The fall session is scheduled for September 25, 2010.

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Auctions-Mike Devaney

Next auction will be held August 28, 2010, at the Elk's Lodge.

Facilities - Alan Mole

Alan presented the BOD with a report of work to date by the Facilities Committee. The report covered our present facility and short range options and touched on long range opportunities.

The Committee felt it would be a good idea to conduct a survey of our members to gauge their interest and willingness to make a change to a larger facility that will not only cost more but also require considerable volunteer hours to make it worthwhile. A draft Member Survey was distributed for review.

Old Business

Wireless Microphone System (Charlie Crawford)

This proposal covers the purchase of the **Shure Wireless Microphone System** which we have been using since last April at every Division Meeting and Auction.

In May, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of the handheld microphone.

Ovidiu Trifanescu conducted a review of wireless system and accessories purchase options. He will conduct additional research, and work with Charlie Crawford and Bob Wood to come up with a proposal for the BOD.

Raffle Layouts 2011 and Beyond (Howard Goodwin)

In May, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of Steve Berkheimer's HOG layout.

Howard Goodwin notified Steve Berkheimer of the purchase approval.

Having a completed layout will enable the Division to market the layout to the general public earlier than in the past. It can be displayed in public locations or hobby shops.

Howard is looking for an individual to head up the public display of the layout and sell tickets.

The Chattahoochee Express Operating Group has committed to building the 2012 layout.

Bylaws Changes (Rick Coble)

The BOD voted on proposed bylaws changes, as submitted by the bylaws committee (Rick Coble, Jim Travis, Bob Young, Scott Povlot). Jim Travis assisted with the vote count, verifying vote totals for each proposed change.

The changes will be announced to the general membership at the August meeting. A vote by the general membership is set for September. Rick Coble will work with the web team to place the proposed changes online.

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BOD Minutes on the website (Rick Coble)

Rick Coble will begin posting abbreviated BOD minutes on the website. He will work with the web team to post these on our site and will make an announcement to the general membership after a date has been set for addition to the web. Rick would like to make the announcement in August.

Boy Scout Program/ Expansion (Howard Goodwin)

John Stevens has been contacted by the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw about conducting a merit badge program at the museum. Howard Goodwin followed up by contacting the museum but did not hear back. Howard will continue to contact the museum.

New Business

Video Distribution Amp and cables (Charlie Crawford)

Proposal to purchase video distribution amp and cables. The BOD approved the purchase of video amps and cables.

Elections (Howard Goodwin)

Howard Goodwin has appointed Bob Young as 2010 Election Chair.

The Meeting Adjourned 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Coble, Director of Administration