

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

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

Board Members Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (14)*: Rick Coble, Bob McIntyre, Howard Goodwin, Chris White, Joe Sullivan, Charlie Crawford, Mike Deaton, Gary Jarabek, Bill Zawacki, David Gelmini, Ovidiu Trifanescu, Scott Povlot, Scott Chatfield, David Gilly

Absent (0):

Quorum Present

Committee Chairs, Division Members, and Visitors Present *as taken from the sign-in sheet (16)*: Perry Lamb, Ron Gough, Del Kittendorf, Diane Kittendorf, I.D. Jackson, Joe Gelmini, Tyler Gelmini, Len Polinsky, Vic Pitrowski, Louie Gomes, Edward Laity, Joe Nichols, Sr., Randall Watson, Bill Lyons, Tom Banks, Joe Nichols, Jr.

Officer and Director Reports

Administration—Rick Coble (report submitted in advance)

The Minutes to the August meeting were approved.

A vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws will take place at the September general meeting.

Rick continues to work with Scott Povlot to place BOD meeting reports on the web.

Finance—Chris White (report submitted in advance)

The August Financial report was approved.

Chris distributed an Excel spreadsheet showing August activity and added the following comments:

The August auction turned a profit.

Chris distributed an Excel spreadsheet showing August activity. There was not a lot of activity for the month.

Operations—Charlie Crawford (report submitted in advance)

Clinics for 2011 are now virtually complete.

Will be requesting volunteers for 2011 open house layouts at the next few meetings.

Meeting raffle items for this month from Harbor Freight. Next month will be from Riverdale Station.

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Membership – David Gilly (report submitted in advance)

July 2010 attendance was 103, with no visitors. 12-month meeting attendance average is 99; 24 month is 96.

New Members – 1 -Rail Pass memberships.

David sent a spreadsheet with attendance figures.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program—Bob McIntyre (report submitted in advance)

There is a Golden Spike Award to hand out during the September meeting.

Peachtree Express— Bob McIntyre (report submitted in advance)

2013 National Convention - Bob McIntyre, Howard Goodwin - Clinic Chair, Chris White - Treasurer, David Gelmini - Assistant Chair, Perry Lamb - Assistant Chair, and Joe Gelmini - Volunteer Coordinator met in August and put together the percentage split. This has been submitted to National via Henry Jordan and Bob Amsler. Henry submitted it to Bob. We have not heard a response yet. I have re-contacted Bob via email to get a response. Once the response is received we will schedule the next meeting.

Howard Goodwin sent an email to 2007 Cartersville clinicians inviting them to participate as clinicians in the 2013 convention.

Piedmont Pilgrimage - Bob McIntyre (report submitted in advance)

Advertising sales have been completed. The booklet printing is on schedule.

Member Aid— Bob McIntyre (report submitted in advance)

No questions submitted. Bob will continue to providing modeling tips at the announcements.

Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel—Gary Jarabek (report submitted in advance)

Advertising:

Monthly Meetings

NMRA submitted through January 2011 Issue

Railroad Model Craftsman submitted through January 2011 Issue.

Trains.com submitted through January 2011

Trains.com has a new category in their “Events” section for organizations. Gary has have registered the Piedmont Division of the NMRA in this category.

Pilgrimage

NMRA: October and November issues

Railroad Model Craftsman: October and November issues

Trains.com

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Advertising and Promotion/Division Apparel—continued

Train Show
Trains.com

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.

There is one mistake shirt left (med) for sale at \$33.00.

Model Train Show (2011) –Joe Gelmini (report submitted in advance)

168 of the planned 260 vendor tables have been reserved (65%). This before the first vendor mailing has been sent!

Green Frog Productions has agreed to produce our 2011 video ad in return for comp tables at our 2012 show (they have previous commitments the week of our 2011 show).

A train show committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, prior to the regular Piedmont BOD meeting.

Good and Welfare –Joe Gelmini (report submitted in advance)

Joe Gelmini, John Stevens, Bob Luhrman and several members of the Delta & Friends modular group attended a memorial service for Donna Flynn, wife of Mike Flynn, on September 28.

Member John Lawhorn, who received a kidney transplant two years ago, is being treated for anemia and pneumonia and has recently had to return to kidney dialysis.

Division Video Library

No Report

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Division Book Library-Stephen Leydon (report submitted in advance)

Books Owned:	374
Books Loaned To:	1
Total Books:	375
Uncirculated:	312
Circulating:	54
MIA:	9
Total Books:	375

In the Month of August several annual edition library books were re-indexed to make their tracking easier.

Timetable-Rick Coble

Q4 Timetable is on schedule.

Website-Scott Povlot (report submitted in advance)

Website Report:

During August 2010 -the web site had 12,783 page requests.

Scott included a proposal to assist the SER with web hosting (new business)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program-John Stevens (report submitted in advance)

1. The latest arrival date for the Atlas Genset locomotives for the switching layouts is still late September. They will not be here in time for the September session.
2. I am still working on getting new freight cars for the switching layouts. I hope to complete this portion of the project prior to the spring session.
3. 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. The cement floor has been poured. James is hoping to schedule his first construction session on September 25th.
4. I plan on presenting some type of merit badge program at the national convention in 2013. I am still undecided on the type of program we will present. I will keep the BOD updated on which approach I choose.
5. The fall session is scheduled for September 18, 2010. The session is full.

Auctions-Mike Devaney

No Report

Special Projects-Scott Chatfield

The Train N Camp Airbrushing 1010 session has been rescheduled for October 9th (Perry Lamb).

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Name Badges-Bill Lyons

Bill reports a slight resurgence in requests (7) since the last meeting, bringing the total for new badges to 73.

Facilities - Alan Mole/Howard Goodwin

Howard Goodwin met with staff at the Doubletree Hotel on LaVista Road in Tucker concerning meeting space. The hotel is offering meeting space at the same price as the Elk's Lodge and has a restaurant, catering services, ample parking, and possible storage space for division equipment. The hotel also offers a sound system, a possibility for use with division equipment. The hotel promised availability for the 2nd Tuesday of any month.

Howard will arrange a tour for the Board of Directors.

Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee-Peter Youngblood (report submitted in advance)

The Audio-Visual Production & Promotion Committee has prepared its Long Range Plan for the Piedmont Division and will distribute copies to all BOD members present at tonight's General Meeting for their review prior to next month's Strategic Planning Meeting.

Old Business

Proposed Bylaws Changes – Rick Coble

Proposed bylaws changes will be voted on at the general meeting.

Division Assets

Chris White spoke with our accountant concerning division assets. We are required to list all assets. Chris will begin the process of identifying and cataloging all division assets. Chris needs an estimate of the A/V equipment, video library and book library. Chris needs everything by the end of 2010.

Raffle Layouts 2011 and Beyond

In May, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of Steve Berkheimer's HOG layout. Howard is looking for an individual to head up sales.

The layout will be on display at the Great Train Expo show in November 6th and Atlanta Parents Magazine's Family Block Party October 9th. There is an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the layout on these dates. Howard is looking for a volunteer to arrange layout transportation to and from Steve's.

The layout did not include the existing Zephyr system. Howard Goodwin has obtained a Zephyr system from Digitrax.

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

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Donation Layouts (Joe Gelmini and Howard Goodwin)

Joe Gelmini

A layout has been donated to the division by Ms Ruth Bruhns of Snellville. It was moved from her house by Terry Weldon and is currently stored at Westside Baptist Church in Snellville.

In August, Len Polinsky suggested that the layout be offered to the Empire Division/2011 Convention staff. The offer was accepted by the 2011 convention staff.

Howard Goodwin

Howard took possession of a model railroad layout in late July.

Ideas for the layout could be sale, with advertised on our website (need to set a price) or tie in with the Southeastern Railway Museum.

Division Model Contests (Bob McIntyre)

The 2009 October contest was difficult, due to attendance at the meeting. The space set aside for the contest was not adequate for judging. The contest will be held in additional space at the lodge.

The Train Show committee has recommended moving the spring contest, traditionally held at the show, to the March division meeting. The spring contest will be moved to the March meeting.

New Business

SER Web Hosting-Scott Povlot

Scott proposes that the Piedmont Division to provide web hosting services for the SER (ser-nmra.org) website.

We can do this with **NO additional cost** or effect on our existing websites. This will provide the SER with some website features that are not available with their current host. The SER will still need to maintain and register the ser-nmra.org domain name.

Our current hosting plan allows for **150 GB** of disk space and **unlimited** network bandwidth. We are currently using less than 1% of our disk space.

Current Disk Space Usage:

Unused Disk Space (MB)	149,243	99.62%
piedmont-div.org	322	0.21%
ser-nmra.org	255	0.17%

Moving to the Piedmont Division space will be transparent to the user.

This item does not require a vote by the BOD. The Piedmont Division will host the SER's website.

**PIEDMONT DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT
September 14, 2010**

Policy for Accepting Layouts

With the number of layouts recently offered to the Piedmont Division, it was decided that guidelines are needed for accepting donations. Joe Sullivan will compose a draft policy.

Outreach Program

With the number of potential public appearances by the division increasing, a program to find volunteers and match them to the opportunities is needed. Joe Sullivan stepped forward to start an outreach program.

Peachtree Express / 2011 Narrow Gauge Convention-Howard Goodwin

Howard Goodwin has been in touch with an organizer of the 2011 Narrow Gauge Convention, to be held in Hickory, NC, about participating in the 2011 Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory, NC. Participation would include providing/finding clinicians and displaying the convention booth. This is a great opportunity to reach modelers who are willing to travel to conventions.

2010 Holiday Party

Mike Deaton will manage the holiday party. He will provide the BOD with a budget at the October meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Coble, Director of Administration