**Rappahannock Model Railroaders, Inc Business Meeting Agenda April 1,2021**

President Phil Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call**: A Quorum was verified.

Rich Boteler P Timothy Murphy George Brown P Mike Riabouchinsky Denis Cole Phil Shaw Bob David Steve Shaw Lanny Dillon Bill Trueman Linda Garrett Randy Vaughn Nick George P Tom Wehmon Thomas Gerseseny Bob Wilcox Michael Greaves Bob Hunter Jim Kerley Guest Ethan Sielsky Y Mark McDonagh Jim McFadden John McKeown Mike McVeigh Tom Medsker Dick Merrill Mike Morris

**Minutes:**

The Minutes were read and approved. Mark McDonagh made the motion and Bob Hunter 2nd.

**President's Report:** President Phil Shaw announced that Morgan Birge fell and broke three vertebrates and was hospitalized in West Virginia. Secretary Kathy Harris's father is dying and she was traveling to Florida. Rich Boteler has thrown his back out and hopes things will improve quickly.

**First Vice President’s Report:**  First VP Dennis Cole thanked everyone that came out to set up the modules on the Work Day. New members were able to help and learn how the modules are assembled, taken down and stored in the trailer. The members also had a chance to run trains First VP Dennis Cole hopes to schedule a tabletop work day on a Saturday morning. If needed it could be done in the parking lot if other members are present and are running trains. At this time all April events are cancelled. The Kid's Expo is still scheduled for May 22nd & 23rd for our Tabletop display. It was stated that The Kid's Expo is working on 500 people scheduled times. A show of hands by members was raised if interested in helping. The Agricultural Fair is planned for July, Ashland Train Day is scheduled for November, and our Christmas Show in December. As of now all Museums are still closed which includes the Postal Museum and the Quantico Marine Corp Museum. Members asked if an Open House was being scheduled for September.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Shaw

We have $6,157.66 in the savings and $9,823.51 in the checking account. CD $30,316.00 We have 46 members with 43paid at this date.

**Secretary's Report:** ActingSecretary Linda Garrett had nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business**: There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Chairman Bob Hunter welcomed and introduced Ethan Sielsky as a possible Youth member. Bob stated that everyone should have received an updated roster in March. Please make sure there are no mistakes for your information. He also said that he has received 2-3 inquires from the new web site and he has sent replies by email. Several prospects were interested in N scale.

**Location:**  Chairman Jim Kerley and the committee will meet with the RMR Board soon and had nothing to report at this time.

**Historian:**  Chairman Bob Wilcox used this time to gave a quick tour of our new web site and stated that the Wicks platform is very user friendly. We are able to post pictures and he is in need of more. The Public part has links to other train related sites, Blogs and our Events and Calendar is available to anyone visiting our web site. For RMR members your email and password are needed to enter the Members only section. Members must request to join our site and once accepted and approved by the officers, you will be able to do the log in process.

**Property:** With our Chairman not present, President Phil Shaw stated the Clubhouse door has been unlocked twice. The first time between a late Friday night and early Saturday morning the Police discovered the door unlocked and called to let us know. On March 13th the door was found unlocked by a member. All members must take care and make sure the door is locked when leaving. Also, RMR members are reminded to sign in and add the date and time. Then remember to sign out as you leave. The Sign in/out Book is located at the door in front of the platform. The lock combo is changing. Check with Rich Boteler for the latest combination change. Members have been using the clubhouse on Tuesday evenings and on Saturday mornings with a health reminder, no more than 10 people at a time. The floor is still being painted in sections and our belongs are moved as the different areas are painted. If you open the door and a cone is right there, Do Not Enter as the floor is wet and needs to dry. Mike McVeigh added that the work bench is also being painted. They have cut a passage/door way to reach inside the tunnels for any derailments. The scenery /hill area on the lower layout by the control tower is being replaced and members wishing to help need to contact Rich. Besides redoing the hill, building fronts are also planned. They are also working on ways to prevent the trains from falling off the tracks. They continue to update the transformers and light switches to enhance the layout.

**Publicity:** Nothing new

**Ho committee:** Nothing new to report

**Web Master:** Steve Shaw stated that our new web site is very user friendly and much nicer looking and with very few bugs that are being corrected. Use [WWW.RMRailroaders.com](http://www.rmrailroaders.com/) and your ID and password to log in once you are approved as stated by Bob Wilcox. At this time Bob, Steve and Phil Shaw are the three in charge. Steve stated that WIX costs $216 a year which can be paid quarterly. The bill for the WIX design and establishment was $1400. After a few adjustments and tweeks the final bill was $1406.00. The Board has decided to keep Marie Burgeron (our web designer) on a retainer until any or more bugs arise and need to be fixed for the next few months.

**N” scale:** Nothing new to report

**New Business:**

President Phil Shaw announced that the Martinsburg Train Museums and the B & O Round House is now open on Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The roundhouse cost $5.00 to visit. Private tours are $35.00 each. Phil would like to schedule a tour for members. We would leave at 8:00am and need 2 or 3 members to drive depending on how many are going. Hopefully a date can be set for us to go.

**Member’s Time:**

Mike Riabouchinsky stated that the RMR members had sent a sympathy card to Dave Rogers and family for the death of his mother. He also asked if members would let him know of any members illness or in need of a sympathy card as we will send out cards.

**50/50 Raffle:** Drawing was held and won by Bob Wilcox. RMR received $28.00.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM**

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_Linda Garrett Acting Secretary.

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_President.