

Rappahannock Model Railroaders, Inc

Business Meeting

July 7, 2016

President Jim Kerley called the meeting to order at 7:00^{PM} at the Salem Church Library.

Roll Call A Quorum was verified.

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| Doug Boomer | Walt McIntyre |
| Rich Boteler | John McKeown |
| Bill Craig | Dick Merrell |
| Bob David | Gene Nordgren |
| Michael Fields | Mike Riabouchinsky |
| Linda Garrett | Dave Rogers |
| Jim Grace | Phil Shaw |
| Lee Harris | Steve Shaw |
| Ned Hilldrup | Art Singer |
| Herb Huser | Randy Vaughn |
| Jim Kerley | Robert Weatherman |

Minutes

The Minutes were read and approved with the two corrections made.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$31,140.10 in the savings and \$3,621.76 in the checking account.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Linda Garrett stated she has written a Thank you letter to a Mr. Bob Cocchiaro for his donation of a Sony overhead projection unit Model VPL-HS10 and a Denon Stereo System Receiver AVR-1082.

President's Report

President Jim Kerley thanked everyone that came out to help at the Stars and Stripes Spectacular on Saturday, July 2nd. We had great intentions for our raffle sales but it wasn't to be. He also spoke of O gauge trains and stock being donated by RMR member Dr. Tom Medsker who is moving. President Kerley stated that he has talked with an area realtor and discussed three sites that range in size from 1500 sq. ft. to 2000 sq. ft but the costs are still above our budget.

Unfinished Business

John McKeown thanked everyone who responded with suggestions to his updating the *Module Operating and Design Guide* for our use. Information was added to the set up and take down of the modules, yard masters, and preventive damage control of members engines. Three guides will be printed and placed in the two trailers and clubhouse. All members should have received a copy by email. Members are asked to print out their own copy and become familiar with the information.

Secretary Linda Garrett thanked everyone who came out to help with the Stars & Stripes Spectacular. We set up two tents, one for the Raffle, and a second one with a small N gauge track with a Liberty Town

display. Members were willing to work but the crowds weren't interested in buying raffle tickets. Once our cost was paid, we cleared \$39.00 in ticket sales.

Rich Boteler took on the job of setting up for the STEM Program held on Monday, July 11th at England Run Library. Members met at the clubhouse by 11:30^{am} as set up needed to be completed by 12:30^{pm}. They were setting up the table tops and running O gauge trains. Members volunteering to help were asked to be able to give a short history or speak about their engines for a few minutes. The program was to last until 4:00^{pm}.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Bob David had nothing to report.

Upper Level Layout Rich Boteler stated that both tracks are running and work on the S gauge display area will continue with a few more things being added.

2016 Raffle Although Nelson Barbour wasn't present, members were reminded to sell tickets. Two Raffle posters have been sent to everyone in the hopes that RMR members would post one or both throughout their local community places or at their work place.

Christmas Show Gene Nordgren announced that the Historical Rappahannock Train group will not be setting up their HO Modules at our Christmas Show. They have asked for the use of three tables. That means we can set up a larger display and invite other groups to display their trains. So far Gene has sold ten tables and will be mailing out their contracts shortly.

Property Rich Boteler stated the new donations will be added to our inventory soon.

Publicity Bill Craig presented a short power point showing several 15 second ads that run in the movie theaters. He is working on a display to present to the production company used by Paragon Movie Theaters. Discussion centered on having a collage of videos to catch customer interest with the Who, What, When, and Where visible. Hopefully a narration will include the words "A Great Family Fun Day." All ideas will be presented to the company before October for their development and then shown to us for our approval.

HO Committee Lee Harris spoke of a donation of HO trains by Mr. Bill Watson from the Widewater area of Stafford County. Most of his engines were brand new, expensive and very special types of engines. Mr. Watson still had most of the original boxes which caused Lee and his wife Kathy to spend several hours boxing everything up and then packing everything into several big boxes.

Web Master James Karns was not present to give a report..

New Business

First Vice President Dave Rogers discussed our taking part in the Fredericksburg Agriculture Fair that starts Friday, July 29th and runs through Sunday, August 7th. He will let everyone know what day of the week we will be able to set up the modules. If you would like to have your module displayed, let Dave know by email. The Fair opens at 5:00^{pm} on week days, at 10:00^{am} on Saturdays, and 12:00^{pm} on Sundays. Members usually shut down at 9:00^{pm} unless there is a crowd present. Tuesday, August 2nd is half price or Family night. Members are needed to run trains, sell raffle tickets and be spotters on all shifts over the nine fair days. Members running their trains are asked to have their engines in good working order and be loaded into their handhelds if running DCS. You can run conventional trains and the TMCC system should also be available. Let Dave know what day and time you would like to run your trains. He has begun scheduling members on the signup sheet.

Due to the fact that our Business Meeting is on Thursday, August 4th members present at this meeting decided to hold the meeting at the fair before it opens at 5:00^{pm} that night. The exact time will be sent out before that day.

It was noted that we still need several events to comply with our lease agreement. We need one or two more assisted living / nursing homes or hospital settings before the end of the year. Several members and Dave will check into setting up a weekday event.

The Izaak Walton League's Dog Mart held in the fall is not on our schedule but we would like to attend. Hopefully arrangements can be made for us to attend and set up a tent to display the raffle layout and sell tickets. Dave will look into making the arrangements.

It was suggested that RMR hold a Salvation Army Kettle Day and man a donation stand plus ring the bell. We should be able to post a sign saying who we are and tell about our Christmas Show. Treasurer Michael Fields will contact the Salvation Army to see if a date can be arranged.

Secretary Linda Garrett spoke about the Spotsylvania County Christmas Parade being held on Saturday afternoon December 3rd. There is no entry fee and she wondered if we should enter a small float as a way to advertise the Christmas Show. Flyers can be passed out along the parade route. Several members felt that we will be too busy to get involved in planning and taking part in the parade.

Announcements "Members Time"

Michael Fields was excited to announce that a new granddaughter will be born this year.

Herb Huser told of his eleven day "Dream trip" to Munich, Vienna, and Prague last month. They traveled by train, first class and were very impressed. The trains were well maintained and ran on schedule. They saw a lot of interesting places and had a great time.

Doug Boomer asked if anyone has any S gauge rubber track bed they do not need. He is working on a layout and needs more. Contact him if you have any extra pieces.

The 50 / 50 Drawing was held and won by Mike Riabochinsky. RMR received \$9.00.

President Jim Kerley adjourned the meeting at 8:25^{PM}.

Minutes submitted by _____ Secretary.

Minutes approved by _____ president.