

The

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Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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. This Month's Program

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. Under the Crown Sheet

It is already March and the year is quickly coming to a close. At the meeting on the 16th the At-Large members of the Board will be tasked with contacting all the senior members in good standing to see if any of them wish to run for office at the May meeting/election.

There is a three-year term as an At-Large member open as are all four of the officer positions which are one year terms: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. If you would like to be involved with the business side of the club, please consider running. But if you do not have the time to dedicate to the club, please do not seek office. It does require many extra hours and unavailability for meetings and projects is a disservice to your fellow members.

Thanks to all those members who attended the UNC-TV telethon on the morning of the 6th. While we were not very busy, it is still good for the club that we participate. Thanks to John Held, we even got a brief interview handled by Steve Wills. Let's try to have better attendance next year.

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over for our show in November. Remember your checkbooks or we do accept cash. Some great deals to be had here.

Thank you to all who have been stepping up and helping out at the clubhouse; it really helps. Please consider coming out on the weekends and lending a hand. I look forward to seeing everyone Wednesday night.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J. R. Fisher called the meeting of February 16, 2011 to order at 7:12 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Erik Dyke.

Board members present: J. R. Fisher, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Thomas Magnani and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Will Allen, Bernard Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, Michael Giles, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, Arthur Katz, Clif Kelly, Fred Krauss, Tom Staley, John Suhr, Rich Trumper, Franco Venturi and Richard Walz.

John Held introduced his guest, Jeff Cook, from St. George South Carolina.

Steve Wills reported that the amount of our funds is basically unchanged from last month.

J. R. reported that Roland Waggoner may be able to join us either at a meeting or for a short time on our usual club house days.

He reminded the group that we have a WUNC-TV telethon scheduled for Sunday, March 6th, at 7:30 am. He would like to have 20 members and their family or friends attend.

Our weekend attendance has been improving, as have both our cash and model donations.

J. R. thanked Fred Krauss for bringing the donation of 12 cartons of periodicals by Jesse Barbour. Pete Hansma reported that, in response to the steady stream of paper and electronic donations, Frank Simmons will be expanding the library's shelving to the entire wall.

George Lasley reported that that approximately ½ of the tables have been reserved for this year's show.

George also reported that we have changed insurance carriers and that our coverage will be only for liability for the show and for the club house. We have chosen not to

insure the models, supplies, tools and library materials. The club members' possessions will not be insured.

Don Jennings has donated a "Family Tree" of US railroads to facilitate tracking which system owned or used what equipment at various times.

J. R. reminded the meeting that we need people on weekends; especially on Saturdays between noon and 3 PM.

Will Allen brought in 3 boxes of equipment, mainly European, which he would like to offer for sale to the members rather than have everyone travel to his house to view them. Pricing will be by "best offer".

Bernie Dawson requested assistance with construction of the N scale scenery.

George Lasley's presentation, following the meeting, will be about the railroads of Raleigh and the surrounding area of 35 – 40 years ago.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM on a motion by J.R., seconded by Steve Wills.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, 3/06/11. He thanked the members and spouses who attended WUNC-TV telethon this past Sunday. He noted that John Held had suggested that the TV staff interview Steve Wills.

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Tom Magnani, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members Don Jennings and Clif Kelly were present.

Steve Wills provided a Treasurer's Report. Our position is effectively a bit ahead from a year ago. He will be contacting those members who will be in arrears on their dues.

Steve is looking for one or more volunteers to conduct an independent review of his Treasurer's books.

George Lasley reported that we have reservations for 101 tables. He read the draft of the letter he will be sending to all the vendors for this year's show. George's motion to approve the setting of ticket prices at \$6/person, \$5/person with a coupon, was seconded by Joe Johnston and unanimously approved.

Joe Johnston announced that he has set up a Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club email account nrvmrrc@gmail.org for use as the club's official Email account.

George read a draft of the letter that will be sent on the club's behalf to the local governmental organizations and officials with respect to the foot race that conflicted with our show last year and is set to run on November 7th this year. After some discussion the letter was unanimously approved. The Board members will sign it at the membership meeting on March 16th.

George reported on our new, liability only, insurance policy. It has been accepted by both the Fair Grounds and the Mall. It does not cover the club's possessions nor those of the members on loan, or in use, at the club.

J. R. thanked Tom Magnani for counting all of the periodicals that were donated by Jesse Barbour.

J. R. reported that we are overflowing with donations of models and scenery materials and presently have over 200 buildings. It was decided to set aside 4 tables at the show for the club's use.

There will be an auction, mainly of Will Allen's neighbor's, models following the Membership Meeting on March 16th.

The Nominating Committee, composed of the Directors at Large, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston and Frank Simmons are to start polling the eligible members to develop a list of candidates for the Club's offices. It is due by the April meeting.

Frank Simmons expects to begin work on the additional library shelving this Wednesday.

On a motion by Tom Magnani and seconded by Steve Wills the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Future Events

The club is open every Wednesday, starting about 7:00 p.m. Also on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m.

Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 16.

BoG meeting on April 4.

All events at the club site, 1001 Airport Blvd. Suite 120..

For details on how to arrive at the club, check out our website: <http://www.nrvclub.net>

Note from the Editor

Please send articles to me at joe.nrvmrrc@pobox.com. by the Wednesday before the next meeting, so I can do the newsletter on Thursday. Check out our website at: <http://www.nrvclub.net>

Check the [website](#) to see when the club will be opened.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: MORRISVILLE OUTLET MALL, 1001 AIRPORT BLVD. Next to Izod

Monday, April 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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