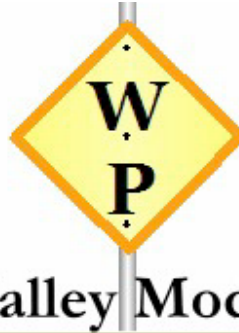


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Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. Fisher called the meeting of October 17, 2012 to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by George Lasley.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, Pete Hansma, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Doug Tomlinson, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Joe Austin, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, Michael Giles, A.J. Green, Bill Hanley, Don Jennings, Calvin Kuttner, George Lasley, John Ragan, John Suhr and Roland Waggoner.

Pre-probationary member Henry Shirley was present, this being his third meeting.

The guests were: Donna Hansma and Mrs. Kutner.

J.R. Fisher reported for Steve Wills that our funds are comparable to last year.

Frank Simmons reported for the Location Committee. They had reviewed 3 locations and have not yet found a suitable site. They are looking for a site of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. that would not increase the membership's dues. He reported on the investigation of the property at 1000 Trinity Road. It was available for less than a year and at a rent that was much higher than our budget.

Pete Hansma reported that packing of the library has started with approximately 1/8 packed. He and Donna have noted that many of our magazines are missing.

Frank reported that the Thomas Layout is for sale. It was reported that Bernie Dawson had expressed an interest in its purchase. Don will contact Bernie. The drawers and frames that were used to support the layout are also for sale.

No one was present to report on the upgrade to the Club's web site.

A.J. Green provided a presentation of the work being done for the new HO layout. After the show he will convene a separate meeting for an in-depth presentation of its design.

JR reminded the attendees that the scheduled November Membership Meeting was on November 21st; the day before Thanksgiving. It was unanimously decided to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, November 14th.

George Lasley, responding to a request made at the October 1st Board meeting, reported that he could cater a luncheon on either Sunday, Dec. 2nd or Sunday, Dec. 16th. After a brief discussion J.R. decided that December 2nd would be the best choice and introduced a motion for the Holiday meal to be held at 2 PM on Sunday, December 2nd. The motion was seconded by Pete Hansma and unanimously approved. Don Jennings's motion to have the same menu as last year was seconded by Thomas Magnani and unanimously approved. The cost to the attendees will be \$10/person with the club cover the remaining costs.

Members are to provide George with their reservations no later than the Membership meeting on November 14th.

George Lasley reported that the show's tables are sold out. Quite a few of the vendors are new. He has a waiting list of 3 vendors; requiring 10 tables.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday

Be at the Fairgrounds at **8:00 am** to begin setup.

The building opens at 8:00; the dealers begin setting up at noon.

Once the Mall opens we will begin transporting anything not already loaded in member's vehicles on Wednesday and Thursday to the Fairgrounds.

Pizza will be served to those members who have worked the entire day.

9:00 PM - the end of busy day.

Saturday

7:00 am - Fairgrounds building opens.

Complete set-up and staff both the Entrance table and the Club's tables.

9:00 am - Show begins.

5:00 PM - Show closes.

Sunday

2:00 am - **Daylight Saving's Time** begins.

8:00 am - Fairgrounds building opens.

9:00 am - Show begins.

5:00 PM - Show ends.

Pizza will be served to those members who have worked the entire day.

If you see a security issue - DO NOT APPROACH - FIND FAIRGROUNDS SECURITY.

Members are requested to wear their club shirt, apron and/or nametag.

Ticket Pricing for everyone over age 10 is \$6 without a coupon; \$5 with a coupon. Anyone under age 10, accompanied by an adult, is free.

Bill Bailey has requested a copy of the Shows flier to be distributed to the Wilmington Club.

Frank opened a discussion about our taking a table to sell the Club's surplus at the TCA show which will be held on December 1st and 2nd in the Scott Building. We would need to have the membership willing and able to staff the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Don Jennings and seconded by Erik Dyke.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

Minutes of the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Board Meeting of November 5, 2012.

J. R. Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Doug Tomlinson and Steve Wills.

The members present were: Scott Hall, A.J. Green, George Lasley and John Ragan.

Michael McCarthy was present as a guest. Mr. McCarthy's interest is in N scale.

Tom Magnani will be assuming Joe Johnston's duties as the publisher of the Whistle Post during Joe's recovery.

Steve Wills reported that our finances, not including the gift from Ray Mumford's estate, is approximately the same as last year following the show.

Our revenue from this weekend's show was on the order of last year's. The Club's table did extremely well. Based on pizza consumption over the past 2 years he will alter the numbers to 40 on Friday night and 40 on Sunday night.

George Lasley reported that our ticket sales were as follows:

	2012	2011
Saturday	973	1068
Sunday	<u>784</u>	<u>710</u>
Total	1757	1778

Several vendors mentioned to various Board members that they consider our show to consistently be one of the best run.

As Pete Hansma was not in attendance, a review of the coupons will be deferred until our next Board meeting.

A.J. Green reported on his review of the Creedmore Station as a possible club location. It is located on the corner of Seaboard and Elm near the intersection of NC 15 and NC 56 and is abandoned; requiring quite an expense and effort to make it useable.

Doug Tomlinson reported on his contact with Garner officials about our putting up a small display for Friday evening on November 30th in a store front's windows. We will be sharing the space with local crafts groups.

Tom Magnani volunteered to set up an 8' x 6' O Gauge Lionel layout using Fastrak. Steve Wills offered to set up his Lego layout. Doug and AJ will contact Garner to complete the details as to size and hours and also ask if they would want us to continue it into Saturday, December 1st.

They were asked to inquire as to whether the town would consider arranging for this location as an accommodation for our club.

Our Holiday dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 PM. Reservations are due to George by the next Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 14th.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th.

Tom Magnani is to open the club prior to 6 PM on the 14th so that members may enter through the rear door.

The evening's program will be a slide presentation by George of Raleigh in the 1970's.

There will not be a meeting on November 21st.

There is no more Mall Security. Members are urged to use only the front door and to keep all doors closed and locked.

After closing time please use the Club's phone number, 919-460-3003, to gain admittance through the rear door.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Clif Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Note from the Acting Editor

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can update our website. Please send articles to me at tommag1@aol.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>

Please check the website to see when the club will be open.

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.

Monday, December 3, 2012, 7:00 pm. Board of Governors meeting, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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