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### **Under the Crown Sheet**

It is March and that starts the process of elections in our organization. Starting now, Clif and Frank will begin calling all the senior members is good standing to ask if they are willing to serve our club as officers or members at large. All four officer positions, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are one year terms. One at large board seat is open each year and is a three year term. Pete has completed his three year term, so his seat is available.

Remember, in order to run for a position or vote in the May election, you must be fully paid up regards your dues. No exceptions.

We continue to have a problem getting members to come out on weekends particularly Saturdays. If you wish to come out, call a keyholder and see about coming and playing trains. There is still some work to be done with the two "O" modules that need to be cleaned off to make way for the new portable "HO" layout.

Don't forget that we are doing UNC-TV's Festival on Saturday, March 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please do not wear stripes or plaids. Solid colors will be fine. Club shirts or aprons are especially nice. We want 20 people to work the show. Bill and Don are going to hold the fort at the clubhouse.

Hope to see you on the 20th.

J.R. Fisher

### **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

J.R. Fisher called the Membership meeting of February 20, 2013 to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Mansfield.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bill Bailey, Luis Dominguez, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, Michael Giles, AJ Green, Bill Hanley, John Held, Don Jennings, David Johnson, Joe Johnston, Arthur Katz, Fred Krauss, George Lasley, Frank Mansfield John Ragan, Henry Shirley and John Suhr.

Pre-probationary member Mike McCarthy was present for his third membership meeting.

J.R. reminded the membership that the Club's show at the BC State Fairgrounds will be the weekend of November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will be on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the change in date is that the State Fair is ending a week later than usual and the entire Fairground schedule has shifted forward one (1) week.

J.R. introduced Mike McCarthy to the meeting, proposing that the membership consider him for Probationary Membership status. Following Mr. McCarthy's description of his model railroading interests, Joe Johnston offered to be his sponsor. Don Jennings' motion for Mike McCarthy to be granted Probationary Membership was seconded by Bill Hanley and unanimously approved.

J.R. announced that this year the Club's participation in the WUNC-TV fund raising will be on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. He would like for more than 20 people, members, spouses, significant others, adult children, etc. to participate. Attendance for the full 4 hour shift, although desirable, is not a requirement. 20 participants will qualify the Club for a live presentation.

A photo ID is required. Please wear either a club shirt or apron. Solid shirts or tops are necessary as plaids or stripes do not photograph well on TV.

There is a short, less than 20 minute video orientation available to first participants.

Both J.R. and Frank Simmons recommended purchasing one of the large rail related donation and gift packages as they offer excellent prices, often at 50%, for rail related gifts.

J.R. reminded the membership that the Club needs member support on the weekends.

A detailed examination of the donated 'Garner' layout has revealed that it will require far more effort than originally anticipated. As a result plans are being formulated to build another one that will offer a variety of operations in a limited, 2 – 3' x 8' module, size.

Steve Wills reported that our funds, as of the end of December, are comparable to last year with allowance for the gift from the estate of Ray Mumford. He expects, as foot traffic in the mall is almost nonexistent, that this year's donations will be almost zero. Fred Krauss' motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded by John Held and unanimously accepted.

J.R. described the attendance at Edward Breeden's funeral this past funeral with the club's founders attending. He also announced that Clif Kelly's brother-in-law's funeral will be this Thursday.

J.R. reminded the membership that we have passed the half-year mark and that dues for the second half of the year are now due. If anyone is unsure of their dues status they are to confer with Steve Wills. Tom Magnani is to follow up.

We need to restart our packing efforts.

We had a request from a family to have the club open on this coming Saturday for a birthday surprise visit for their son. John Ragan has agreed to open the Club at 10 am.

J.R. reminded all, especially the Board, that we need to improve our coordination so as to assure that someone will be inside the clubhouse before 6 PM as the Mall appears to close a bit prior to 6 PM.

Steve Wills reminded the various Committee heads that, to meet IRS requirements, we need to inventory our collection.

J.R. announced that, as of last Saturday, the Club has been an independent corporate entity for 29 years. Bill Ferguson had offered to handle the purchase of a cake and ice cream for a post meeting celebration. It will be followed by a video presentation by Don Jennings of a club he visited in Maryland.

Arthur Katz asked for help to retrieve photographs from a digital camera's card.

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Our next Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm on a motion by George Lasley and seconded by Bill Hanley.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors**

Minutes of the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Board Meeting of March 4, 2013.

J. R. Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

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

The members present were: Bill Ferguson, AJ Green, John Held, Don Jennings and George Lasley.

Probationary member Michael McCarthy was present.

Steve Wills reported that the latest financials were for the end of February 2012. Our finances were comparable to the end of February 2012. The substantial fall off in guest contributions, from almost \$200/month to almost \$0 is apparent.

J.R. observed that there was no one here this past Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> had quite a few members and many visitors. Per our previous decision we will need coverage, both key holder and member, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month beginning at 5:45 pm. This month, these days are: March 13<sup>th</sup> and, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the membership meeting.

J.R. reported that a detailed examination of the donated ‘Garner’ layout has revealed that it will require far more effort than originally anticipated. As a result plans are being formulated to build another one that will offer a variety of operations in a limited size, 2 – 3’ x 8’ modules, using reclaimed club modules from a former club layout. AJ Green and Doug Tomlinson have studied the Virginian Ry. project, described in the Jan. – May 2012 issues of Model Railroader. The magazine’s design was for a 4’ x 8’ and they are working to expand it to 6’ x 8’.

George Lasley reported on the upcoming show. It will be held on the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. As of this evening he has reservations for 88 tables, most made at the 2012 show. He expects another 75 tables to be taken by our regular vendors. Pete Hansma is working to groom the various lists that George has to

simplify contacting and billing vendors. After some discussion it was agreed to increase the charge for our tables by \$1/table and to reduce the charge for electrical connections from \$25/vendor to \$10/vendor. As this year's floor space assignments for the visiting layouts had not resulted in any disagreements he has decided to use them again. We are already listed on the Fairground's calendar.

Pete Hansma reported that our current web site is now a text only site without logos, links or pictures. He will pursue its ownership and explore ways to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

He used an opportunity at his work place to discuss our marketing with a corporate advertising person. Based upon the age distribution of our membership and of the show's attendees the conclusion was that we have pretty much reached our market. The person suggested that we actively use Facebook to reach the younger audience who might be interested in the show or the club. Pete noted that we need to get any Facebook posting right the first time or the social media response will be devastating.

J.R. reminded the Board and the meeting that our officer election process needs to begin to support selection of a slate at our April meeting and the tallying of votes at the May membership meeting. Pete Hansma's term as At Large director expires this year. The officer positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one of the three At Large positions.

Frank Simmons and Clif Kelly will be polling the membership. To be eligible to vote it is necessary to be a Senior Member in good standing.

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Based upon his recent experience as a fund raising volunteer he will ask the station to provide an enhanced training to disseminate the donation gifts as there are a variety of limitations as to available dates and times for the various gifts.

This year there will not be a paper option for volunteers to use to record donations.

In response to J.R.'s request for volunteers to staff the clubhouse during the WUNC-TV participation Bill Ferguson and Don Jennings stepped forward.

Tom Magnani is to do a separate Emailing to the membership to describe the WUNC-TV effort and to remind the members that they will be contacted by Frank Simmons and Clif Kelly.

Steve asked Tom to complete the O Ga. inventory.

**The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

A doorbell button has been installed on the left side of the outside rear doors. It rings inside the clubhouse.

**The Club's telephone number is [919-460-3003](tel:919-460-3003).**

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Doug Tomlinson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

### **Neat Pictures from Bill Bailey**

**Aberdeen & Rockfish RR Engine (GP-38):**

**See picture below.**

**This is the current color (very cool).**

**Aberdeen & Rockfish was the 1<sup>st</sup> RR my (Bill Bailey) grandfather worked.**

**History of Aberdeen & Rockfish:**

**[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen\\_and\\_Rockfish\\_Railroad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen_and_Rockfish_Railroad)**



## Future Events

The club is open on Saturdays at 10 am. and Sundays at 1 pm.

Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

BoG meeting on April 1st.

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/Webmaster

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can update our website.

Please send articles to me at [joe.nrvmrrc@pobox.com](mailto: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 and call 919-460-3003 to be sure that the doors are open.

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**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, January 16th, 2012 at 7:00 pm.**

**LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.**

**Monday, February 4, 2013, 7:00 pm. Board of Governors meeting, at the club at Morrisville Mall.**

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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