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Under the Crown Sheet

Here we are in April with only 2 more months to go in our year! Board members will present a slate of officers on the 15th and the floor will be open for further nominations. Elections if necessary will be in May. If you are a senior member in good standing you may vote. Please see Steve and be sure that you are current with your dues.

Lots of good information in this copy of the newsletter so be sure to read ALL the minutes and reports.

I won't make the meeting but may show up from time to time over the few remaining months. Will look forward to seeing you when I do.

~JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of March 18, 2015 to order at 7:00 pm

John Held led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

Board members present: Joe Austin, Bill Ferguson, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Doug Alumbaugh, Arthur (AB) Boone, John Held, Scott Gagnon, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Henry Shirley, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

John Ragan thanked all those members and family members who turned out at the UNC-TV telethon in support of the Club and UNC-TV. We had 22 people associated with the Club. This turnout gained us a speaking part during the train segment of that

morning. He thanked George Lasley for being our spokesperson.

Steve Wills reported that the club is, as of the end of January, basically where it was financially last year at that time with allowance for our prepayment of next year's show in the new building and an increased advertising budget for the 2014 show.

John Ragan asked our visitor, Devon Mosley, to introduce himself to the group as this is his second meeting as well as having joined us at the UNC-TV telethon. Mr. Mosley is a student at the Durham School of the Arts. His interest is HO. His father, Fati, also introduced himself.

John Ragan motion, to waive the rules and to accept Devon Mosley and his father as probationary members was seconded by Arthur Boone and approved unanimously.

George Lasley reported that he has developed a table plan with approximately 300 tables; most of which have been assigned. If more tables are needed he will be able to adjust the aisle spacing and/or the space allotted to the various model layouts. He will hold last year's prices this year. He passed around a floor plan of the proposed layout arrangement. Sipping & Switching has tentatively been assigned 20,000 sq. ft.

John Ragan inquired as to the possibility of having a raffle of some sort at the show. He will approach the person who normally assembles UNC-TV's train show packages to determine if we can offer a train oriented raffle linked to station's fund raising events at that time of the year.

Joe Austin reported that the inside, front, loop of the G Scale layout has remote operation enabled. He is waiting on Frank's return for the coupler upgrades to be completed on the Club's rolling stock.

Roland Waggoner reported that both loops of the O-gauge layouts are running. 2 of the cars need to have their trucks with integral couplers replaced. John Ragan would like to have an attempt made to repair the MTH-Railking E8 A-B-A War Bonnet locomotives repaired. He had discussed their repair with the Little Choo-Choo Train Shop's repair people in Spencer. They suggested several things to check before he thinks about committing to paying for the labor, at \$30/hour, to go further.

George Lasley reported that he has read numerous on-line comments that once the MTH-Railking batteries of this generation are completely discharged the electronics will self-destruct if power is applied without first replacing the batteries. He recommended their sale if the initial attempts at their restoration do not work.

George recommended the repair of the K-Line Mikado and will recommend a shop at the next meeting.

John Ragan reported that the HO layout crew is working on establishing an operating session capability that will support simultaneous loop operating by adding track and turnouts. Doug Alumbaugh is doing much of the track laying and rail weathering.

Jim Songer reported that he is investigating adding another 10” of table height to the N scale layout. He would also like to move it towards the window to accommodate HO layout growth.

Steve Wills has asked all layout heads to do a much more detailed inventory this time around. That way we will have an ongoing inventory which will better enable us to plan layouts, sell what we do not need or foresee using and know what we need to plan to acquire for the future.

Roland Waggoner is looking for an O Gauge Hudson that had some damaged valve gear. He had been unable to determine if it had been sold or was out for repair.

John Kuchnia described his trip to the Mebane train show. He reported that the Mebane group holds open house on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. He left our brochures with them during the show. The Mebane club members he spoke with were unaware of our club.

John Ragan asked the membership to try to find ways for us actively to advertise ourselves to other clubs and shows. He will discuss with Pete Hansma how we can arrange to reciprocally list other clubs on our site with our club listed on theirs.

John Ragan thanked AB, Arthur Boone, for the extensive work he done, continuing where Fank Simmons left off, to transform our back room. AB has labeled the shelves and sorted our materials accordingly. He asked that our members remember to return anything taken from the back room to its proper location.

Tom Magnani described the idea of a ‘Go To’ sheet, devised by the NRV Breakfast Group, that would provide each member with an opportunity to list their modeling strengths as well as to indicate areas in which they would like someone to provide them with assistance.

John Ragan informed the meeting that he would like to have a ‘members only’ swap meet. After some discussion, on a hand vote, it was decided to hold the ‘swap meet’ on Saturday, April 18th.

John Ragan passed out flyers for a train show in Greensboro on March 18th. The show is run by the Carolina Model Railroaders.

John Ragan informed the membership that the membership is being contacted by Joe Austin and Bill Ferguson who will determine if there are any members interested in the following positions on the Club’s Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one At Large position.

Steve Wills reported that he has one open spot for a planned trip to the battleship North Carolina on Friday, March 27th. Anyone interested should contact Steve.

John Ragan asked that the membership come forward with ideas and suggestions for meetings and club events.

Devon Mosley asked if we have ever organized a day towards an era, a motive power, a consist or similar unique event. John took it under consideration.

After the meeting Joe Johnston will demonstrate his T-Track N Gauge layout. It is designed to be placed upon tabletops and to be universally compatible with other modules built to the same T-Trak specifications. The group's web address is: www.t-trak.org

Future Board meetings will be on Monday, April 6, 2015 and on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Future Membership meetings will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 and on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

The First Membership Swap Meet will be on Saturday, April 18th.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by George Lasley at 8:01 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors April 6th 2015

Board members present: J.R Fisher, Bill Ferguson, John Ragan, Frank Simmons, and Steve Wills.

Members present: Arthur Boone, Pete Hansma, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, and Jim Songer.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on April 6th. President J.R. Fisher opened by asking for a treasurer's report. Steve Wills reported that the books are comparable to last years. He needs volunteers to look at last year's books.

November Show News

Pete Hansma reported that he has added a questionnaire at the bottom of the printable flyer from the show website. There are two questions: "What is your home zip code?" and "How did you hear about our show?" Pete announced that currently the club has 262 tables spoken for.

George Lasley reported that a new narrow gauge G scale layout from High Point NC will be attending the show. He has also attempted to contact Rob Vancamp about attending the show.

Library News

Pete announced he is beginning the process of putting magazines back on the shelves and developing a protocol for their handling. He is looking into digitizing the

library. A discussion whether to scan as a low or high resolution followed. The Board voted to archive at high resolution.

Upcoming Election

Bill Ferguson reports that all eligible senior members have been contacted.

Other Business

Pete visited the Granville County Museum at Harris Hall recently. They currently have a large part of Curt Tillitson's book and magazine collection on display. He reports that there is a possibility of acquiring part of the collection.

Steve Wills proposed a rolling ladder for the G scale layout. The ladder proposed is the Vestil Commercial Rolling Ladder. An addendum to the proposal was to add an all-purpose ladder for the clubhouse. The motion was seconded by Frank Simmons and passed by the Board

John Ragan announced that the club will hold a swap meet on April 18th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for club members only. Bring your trains and cash and be ready to BUY, SELL or TRADE!

John Ragan reported that he will be attending a TCS seminar in Spartanburg SC on April 25th. He has room for 2-3 people to travel with him if anyone is interested. See him if interested.

John Ragan proposed adding a theme to the Open Houses for one weekend each month. The theme for the April 18th Open House will be Streamliners. The motion was seconded by Frank Simmons and passed.

Steve Wills and John Ragan presented a plan to replace the existing HO layout with modules to be built by Bill Swint. J.R. Fisher requested that a track plan be in place before the old layout is removed. Steve Wills made a motion that the club allocate \$2000.00 towards this project. The motion was seconded by John Ragan and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

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Future Events

The club is open on Saturdays at 10 am. and Sundays at 1 pm.
Membership meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7 pm.
BoG meeting, May 4, 2015 at 7 pm.
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/WebmasterI

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. 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.

Pete Hansma has set up a club Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Neuse-River-Valley-Model-Railroad-Club-Inc/620489421310389?fref=ts>

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.
Board of Governors meeting: May 4, 2015 at 7: 00 pm

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