



Meeting at [1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh](#)

Phone: 919-400-5570

Under the Crown Sheet by John Ragan

The Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club has two events coming up this weekend, (the weekend of Aug 20 & 21) and we are looking for volunteers. Arthur Boone will have the Thomas layout at the *Method Community Center* in Raleigh on August 20th. He needs a couple of people there.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st, NRV will have a booth at the *Historic Spencer Shops Train Show*. Our members have submitted photos, and Lucy, Bob and Patrick Bradley have assembled a PowerPoint presentation of NRV events to display at our booth.

There will be more information and a sign up sheet for each of these events at the meeting on Thursday August 18th at 7pm.

Our annual show is happening in less than ninety days! We are busy at the clubhouse preparing donations to sell at the club table. There is plenty to do everyone who wants to help us get ready for the show.

The table sales are moving along well. Please see George if you are interested in reserving tables for show weekend.

Show advertising has started! There are show flyers at the clubhouse that are always available. Please hand these out to everyone you know.

Please make plans to help your club with the show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Besides the usual help we need some really good salesmen and saleswomen to sell ALL of the club items. We are fortunate with the amount and quality of donations to

the club, and we use the money we raise during the show to assist in operating expenses

This year, we will also need some cheerful faces to conduct a short survey of our guests as they arrive at the show. We are trying to find out where our guests are from and how they found out about our event.

Our program on Thursday, August 18, at 7 pm, will be: “Why I Build Paper Buildings” presented by Michael Irwin. He has built all of the buildings on the Thomas layout out of cardstock. He recently wrote an article for the club that you can read on our website. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for an alternative to populating your layout

I look forward to seeing everyone Thursday night!

Minutes of the Membership Meeting, June, 2016

Editor's Minutes of the Meeting of the Membership of Thursday, June 16, 2016

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of June 16, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM.

Richard Walz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll and took the minutes.

Board members present: Doug Alumbaugh, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Ron Abraham, John Berninger, Arthur Boone, Patrick Bradley, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Michael McCarthy, Kim Parker, Ethan Quiram, Henry Shirley, Andrew Treffer, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Our guests were: Robert Bradley, Katie and Aubrey Alumbaugh.

John Ragan asked our new visitor to introduce himself. Jay Trammer introduced himself as a longtime friend of Robert Bradley from Gainesville, Florida.

New Members

John Ragan noted that this was Andrew Treffer's 2nd Membership Meeting and that he was eligible for Probationary Membership. George Lasley asked that we suspend the voting rules. John Ragan's motion to elect Andrew Treffer to Probationary Membership was seconded by Steve Wills and approved unanimously.

John Ragan reminded the meeting that dues were now due and that they were \$300/year for Senior Members and \$150/year for Sustaining Members beginning on June 1st.

Treasurer's report:

Steve Wills reported that he had, in accordance with the Board's request, moved some of our prior year expenses from 'General' to 'Building' in order to better identify costs that would not have occurred if we had not moved into this building. Our accounts were basically unchanged from last month's report and are down from last year dues to costs associated with moving, storage and the new HO layout.

He has completed the accounts for the recent calendar year of 2015 - 2016.

Show Report:

George Lasley reported that the vendor count is basically unchanged from the recent Board Meeting at 40 confirmations either by post card or with a check. There have been several new vendors as well as several 'No's'. Most of the 'No's' were either from vendors who had sold off their collections or from people who had aged out. We are on track with last year's rate. A map of the tables, an updated floor plan, is posted on the show's web site and is updated fairly regularly.

Outreach

Bob Bradley provided the membership with an update of his search for venues by which the Club can reach the pool of parents, young people and modelers about our Club and our Show. His focus is to align us with younger people through the use of Macaroni Kid (macaronikid.com), Park Geek (parkgeek.com) a web and our Facebook site, etc. He had discussed approaching the various Scouting organizations with the Board as a way to increase our exposure. He had decided, based on the Club's prior experiences, against sponsoring merit badges as the effort consumes club resources to plan host and implement a program and has yielded almost no new members. (In many cases the scout is keyed into earning a badge and then focusing on the next badge rather than staying with model railroading.) He would like to know and talk with any member who has worked with a scout organization on a similar effort.

He has looked at CSX's Beyond Our Rails and at the Norfolk Southern Foundation both of which attempt a community outreach in various ways. He is hoping to find if CSX's outreach is ongoing and if they would be interested in us or in our show. The same for NS's Foundation. Would either support a safety booth at the Show?

On a parallel track he asked if anyone knew if Lenovo or Intel would be willing to support us as a technology oriented group. Steve Wills said that Lenovo offers servers and laptops to qualified organizations. No one knew about IBM's programs.

There was a discussion about approaching the Wake County schools or, their PTAs. Doug Alumbaugh noted that the PTAs are required to clear their programs through the County. He suggested approaching the local home schooling networks as a less restrictive alternative.

John Ragan thanked Bob Bradley for all of his work; both on this and with his wife on our web and FaceBook sites.

John Ragan announced our new club web site, which has many new features including vendor information and the table map and links to our FaceBook page.. It can be found at www.nrvclub.net. He asked everyone to 'click' on the site. It can be 'Liked' through WordPress which does require a no cost sign-in.

Please remember that we would like to post pictures of the Club, and its activities, on our web site and on Facebook. Please send them to Joe Johnston at:

joe.nrvmrrc@pobox.com.

John Ragan thanked both Lucy and Bob Bradley for taking charge of our web site and bringing us into this century of social media.

Club Flyer

Club needs a volunteer to build up to date color club flyer. It should be in a double sided tri-fold format with updated photographs of an American locomotive and our one of our present layouts.

Upcoming Events

Frank Simmons provided information on the Club's involvement and support of the following upcoming events:

- Spencer Shops at the North Carolina Transportation Museum on August 20th and 21st. Frank will coordinate attendance.
- Great Train Expo at the Fairgrounds on September 17th and 18th. The Club will have a booth promoting our Show and the Club.
- The Club will participate in the NMRA's Mid-Eastern Region Convention. It will run from Thursday October 20th, 2016 through Sunday October 23rd, 2016. The Club will participate in the open house on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd. A sign-up sheet will be posted. WE NEED FULL COVERAGE!

Note that:

CPD 13 is part of the National Model Railroad Association's Mid-Eastern Region (MER). The MER includes Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Mid-Eastern Region Conventions

<http://mer2016.org>

Thursday October 20th, 2016 through Sunday October 23rd, 2016

Tracks to the Triangle - Durham, NC

Watch for details: <http://www.mer2016.org/>

- November 4th - 6th our show. Friday, a full day is set up. Saturday and Sunday are full days with coverage required for the front desk ticketing, Zip Code information collection on the ticket line, staffing of the club's sale table and general assistance. A sign-up sheet will be posted. WE NEED FULL COVERAGE!

- Christmas in the Hangar on December 10th. The Club will be taking both the LEGO and the THOMAS HO layouts to this event. Setup begins at 8 am with us on the flight line from 1100 to 1430 (11AM to 2:30PM). Spouses are welcome. This will be an opportunity for regional public notice.

Key holders

The Board is gathering a list of all of the Club's Key holders. We are planning to change the locks and will institute a new policy regarding holders of the Club's key(s). Please note that if the Board deems the loss of the key would enable someone to determine that it is for the Clubhouse the Board will ask you to pay for the cost of rekeying the 3 locks and for new keys for all key holders including our landlord.

Minutes

George Lasley's motion to accept the minutes as published in the Whistle Post was seconded by Doug Alumbaugh and accepted unanimously.

This, June 18th and 19th, Weekend

John Ragan asked the attendees if they could support the clubhouse being open this weekend. It was decided to open at our usual hours.

Break

Then present Amendments to Bylaws to Secretary for posting

1st reading & discussion

Amendments to By-laws, First Reading & Discussion

John Ragan presented the changes to the Club's By-laws to the Membership by describing the Board's gradual arrival at the realization that our By-laws required both updating to account for our experiences over the years since they were first written and to accommodate changes in technology and expectations. A copy of the proposed amendments has been posted on the bulletin board opposite the shop room and was read to the membership by our President, John Ragan. Copies of the present By-laws were made available to the meeting for comparison while the proposed amendments were read.

John Ragan read the Amendments to the By-Laws of the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club of June 16, 2016 to the assembled meeting. They are:

Article II, section 3, part D

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes cast shall be affirmative to elect a Probationary member to Senior membership

Change 3a to read

Fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes cast shall be affirmative to elect a Probationary member to Senior membership

Article II, section 3, part G

- 1) The BoG, at its discretion, may confer on a person a “ Special Circumstances Membership”.
- 2) Special Circumstances to be defined by BoG as necessary.
- 3) All such memberships must be approved by a unanimous affirmative vote of the BoG.
- 4) Special Circumstances Membership shall have all rights and privileges appropriate to age with no voting privileges
- 5) Expires on the following May 31st

Article II, section 4, part E

- 1) A written petition by 50% of the Senior Members in good standing may be presented to the BoG requesting the removal of a member, with the reasons for removal listed in the petition.
- 2) The BoG, by unanimous approval, may present the petition to the entire membership for approval.
- 3) The member in question may present a defense at this time.
- 4) An affirmative vote by 80% of the Senior Members in Good Standing shall be required for removal of the member.
- 5) If approved the removal is effective immediately.
- 6) Reasons for removal shall include, but not be limited to, conviction of a felony, any action which might endanger the non profit status of the club or any action which would put the club in peril.

Article IV, section 2, part B

The treasurer shall prepare a written financial statement closing out the fiscal year. This statement shall be presented at the first regular monthly business meeting of the new fiscal year.

Change to read

The treasurer shall prepare a written financial statement closing out the fiscal year. This statement shall be presented at or before the third (3rd) regular monthly business meeting of the new fiscal year.

Article IV, section 6, part B

All withdrawal-type transactions with the bank must be signed by both the President and the Treasurer.

Delete part B

John Ragan read from the portion of the Club’s Constitution that governed changes to the By-laws. The Board is required to provide a ballot and and the proposed Amendment changes no later than 7 days prior to the July 21st Membership Meeting. Tom Magnani will design a ballot for the Boards approval.

Ron Abraham asked about the reason for the change to the grounds for a Member's removal. He was concerned that it might take too long period of time to be effective. George Lasley and various members of the Board expressed appreciation for his concern. Collectively, they wanted to assure that there would be a fair process. It would take approximately 2 weeks unless a Board meeting were convened the next day, along with telephone calls and a meeting. In that case it might take as little as 2 days.

Evening Program

John Ragan announced that the evening's program, following the meeting, will be a presentation by George Lasley on the subject of kit bashing and/or creatively repurposing building kits and their parts.

Miscellaneous

George Lasley asked that Jane Smink be added to the list of the Club's founders.

Frank Simmons asked that Joe Johnston to assure that everyone who wishes can have and use the software for the HO layout.

NOTHING IS TO LEAVE THE BUILDING!

Closing Checklist

The Clubhouse Closing Procedure (Check Off List) is by the sign-in book at the front door. We need to always assure that the last person leaving the clubhouse makes sure that it is locked down, trash, especially any food trash, is removed and that the air conditioning be left at 75 degrees.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday July 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 7:00 PM.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ron Abraham at 7:56 PM.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting, July, 2016

Frank Simmons called the Membership Meeting of July 21, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM.

Jim Songer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll and took the minutes.

Board members present: Bill Ferguson, John Kuchnia, Tom Magnani, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Ron Abraham, Doug Alumbaugh, John Berninger, Arthur Boone, Scott Gagnon, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Michael McCarthy, Kim Parker, Henry Shirley, and Jim Songer.

Our guests were: Joe Gibson and John Laisouxx.

Minutes

Frank Simmons tabled the acceptance of the Minutes of the June Membership and of the July Board Meetings as Tom Magnani was unable to have them completed by this meeting.

Frank Simmons asked our new visitor to introduce himself. John Laisouxx introduced himself.

Treasurer's report:

Steve Wills reported that our accounts were basically unchanged from July, 2015. They will increase over the next few months with the influx from members' dues and vendors' show payments.

Show Report:

George Lasley reported that the vendor payments are coming, for this time period before the show, in the usual 'dribs and drabs'. We are on track with last year's rate. He will not change the map of the tables on the show's web site until he has additional returns from our vendors. There have been several new vendors as well as several 'No's'. During his attendance at the Charlotte show on June 25th he presented our show to 2 possible new, for us, dealers.

Amendments to the By-laws

Frank Simmons announced that, because John Ragan, who was unable to attend for medical reasons, held 2 of the sealed ballots, he would like to table the voting on the Amendments to the By-laws. George Lasley's motion to table the voting on the published and posted Amendments to the By-laws was seconded by John Kuchnia and accepted unanimously.

Membership

Frank Simmons announced that:

The following Probationary Members present at this meeting are eligible for elevation to Senior Members: Ron Abraham, John Berninger and Ted Leonard, (Michael Johns was not present.)

Michael McCarthy was eligible for elevation to Probationary Member,

Kim Parker was eligible for elevation from Probationary Member to Sustaining Member.

Frank Simmons asked each of the eligible members to introduce themselves.

Ron Abraham's main interest is in HO with an emphasis on Eastern NC and Atlantic Coastline roads.

John Berninger's main interest is in N with a former interest in HO. He is planning to develop an N Gauge layout.

Ted Leonard's interest is mostly HO with an emphasis on Norfolk & Western. He is working on a small layout.

Kim Parker owns the Train Buddy hobby store with an emphasis on DCC and higher end models. He will be this evening's presenter.

George Lasley's motion to suspend the rules was seconded by Jim Songer. George's motion to accept the changes in Membership status for Ron Abraham, John Berninger and Ted Leonard, Michael McCarthy and Kim Parker was accepted unanimously.

The new Senior Members were given the opportunity to review the posted amendments to the Club's By-laws and to cast their ballot.

Tom Magnani handed George Lasley all of his in hand ballots, along with an attendance sheet detailing the senior members who were eligible to cast their votes. These were then placed in a folder and the folder was sealed with tape.

Upcoming Club Events

Frank Simmons detailed the upcoming events for which the club would like volunteers. They are:

Spencer, NC Museum of Transportation, Aug. 20th and 21st,

Method Community Center, 514 Method Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607, Aug. 20th,

Great Train Expo September 17th and 18th, need 6 volunteers

CPD13 MER NMRA our open house, Oct. 22nd and 23rd, need volunteers,

32nd annual NRV show, at the Fairgrounds, Friday, Nov. 4th setup, 5th and 6th the show,

TCA Dec 3rd at the Fairgrounds,

USO's Holiday in the Hangar Dec. 10th at RDU.

Arthur Boone provided a brief description of the Method Community Center, its importance to the historic Method Community (located on both sides of 440). More information can be found at <http://www.visitraleigh.com/listings/Method-Community/58861/?maxshow=10> and

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/ParksRec/Articles/Parks/Method.html>.

Frank Simmons noted that the Spencer and Method events are on the same weekend. The Club will be bringing the Thomas and Lego layouts to the USO's Holiday in the Hangar event. It is an annual event for service members and families in this area. There will be signup sheets for all these events.

Landscape Beautification

Michael McCarthy handed the Board, for discussion at their August meeting, a copy of his plan for the beautification of the Clubhouse's landscape. Evening Program

Frank Simmons announced that the evening's program, following the meeting, will be a presentation by Kim Parker on The Joy of Getting and Keeping Your Rolling Stock on the Track.

Layout Reports

O Gauge

John Kuchnia thanked Bill Youngblood for his donation of his layout to the club. In particular, the 054 curved bridge and his model of the North Boggy Creek Bridge, NBCB. He intends to display it on the wall over the O Gauge room's rear door.

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Closing Checklist

The Clubhouse Closing Procedure (Check Off List) is by the sign-in book at the front door. We need to always assure that the last person leaving the clubhouse makes sure that it is locked down, trash, especially any food trash, is removed and that the AC turned up to 85 degrees.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday August 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 PM.

George Lasley's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Bill Ferguson at 7:45 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting, July, 2016

John Ragan called the meeting of July 11 to order at 7:00 PM

Tom Magnani recorded the Minutes and called the Roll.

Board members present: Doug Alumbaugh, Bill Ferguson, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present: Ron Abraham, Clif Kelly, George Lasley and Jim Songer.

Note: The meeting was postponed for a week due to the traditional meeting day falling on July 4th.

John Ragan thanked Arthur, AB, Boone for his donation of a 26" flat screen TV/monitor. He intends to use it to update the Club's presentation at our Show. He is hoping to have a Power Point presentation and a slide show running on it. Lucy Bradley has graciously agreed to do this for us. He would like for the membership to suggest ideas for both.

Treasurer's report:

Steve Wills distributed the ‘Year End Summary 2015-2016’. Doug Alumbaugh’s motion to accept the report was seconded by Tom Magnani and accepted unanimously.

Show Status

George Lasley’s reported that there has been no change in the show’s status. We are in the usual lull time before the show. Two vendors have dropped out due to scheduled surgeries that weekend. During his attendance at the Charlotte show on June 25th he presented our show to 2 possible new, for us, dealers.

John Ragan stated that the Board has not received the up to date dealer list, show reports, marketing reports etc. from their prior custodian. Following a quick discussion it was decided to drop any effort to retrieve the materials and to move on.

Ways and Means

Steve Wills described a new committee, Ways and Means, which will review our books, procedures and dues. The latter to assure that we are self sustaining without imposing an undue burden on our members. Ethan Quiram has agreed to serve on the committee. He needs at least 1 more volunteer.

Time Warner Cable Advertising Budget

John Ragan presented a summary sheet for TWC’s advertising rates for the local area. Their sheet does not include the \$210 to update last year’s short video. Both Ron Abraham and Tom Magnani made the point that this year’s TV advertising will be almost entirely devoted to the National and Local elections with most people ‘tuning out’. After some discussion the Board decided to table, until late September or early October, a final decision as to whether or not advertise this year on TWC.

Frank Simmons asked if WordPress, our website host, can provide analytics in the same way as Google. George Lasley would still like to gather Zip Code information. We will need another person to gather the information from people waiting to purchase tickets so as not to slow the line.

Tom Magnani was asked to look into whether roadside billboards are cost effective. George Lasley asked the Board, and the membership, to distribute flyers and posters at their local supermarkets, stores, motels, physicians’ offices, etc.

Corporate Membership or Sponsorship

Frank Simmons described a restaurant chain which uses model trains to deliver chips to customers and is planning to open several area restaurants and might be amenable to a corporate sponsorship.

John Ragan began a discussion of Corporate Membership and/or Sponsorship, initiated by Frank’s contact, by stating that he could find nothing in the Constitution or By-Laws about Corporate membership. George Lasley pointed to Article II – MEMBERSHIP, F. SUSTAINING MEMBER, (1), “Any corporation or association in agreement with the Preamble and Purpose of the Constitution of the Club may become

a Sustaining member upon payment of a fee of at least two hundred percent (200%) of the current dues base rate per year.” George presented his concept of an Associate Member, which would be different than a ‘Corporate Sponsor’. Ron Abraham asked why do we need to have ‘membership’ mentioned with ‘sponsorship’. The Board decided to table the discussion and that John and George will draft a proposed new or rewritten section of the By-laws.

Amendments to the By-laws

Tom Magnani described the ballots that will be emailed to the voting membership on Tuesday, July 12th. The email will have, as ‘pdf’ attachments, the Amendments to the By-laws and, a mail ready ballot designed to be completed and mailed to the Club’s PO Box. The latter will have an image of an envelope with a signature across the seam of the envelope’s flap. The contents of the email will contain the ballot so that, when replied to, will enable the recipient to insert and ‘x’ in the spaces of their choice and returned to him. It will be sent as a Blind Cc. The ballots received by email will be printed and the header with the sender’s name will be folded so that their names will not be visible when tallied. It will also enable him to discard ballots of those members who, if voting at the Membership Meeting decide to withdraw a previously emailed ballot.

Wednesday Clubhouse Hours

John Ragan proposed to officially announce that the clubhouse is open from 10-1:30 on Wednesday and to post this on the website and all official materials. Tom Magnani’s motion to approve the proposal was seconded by Doug Alumbaugh and approved unanimously.

Great Train Expo

John Ragan asked for a consensus on the number of Great Train Expo of exhibitor badges prior to the membership meeting. The Great Train Expo is Sept. 17th and 18th, from 10 AM – 4 PM, both days. 6 Badges will be requested.

Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance Coverage.

At John Ragan’s request George Lasley explained that he had seen an article in the N&O about a company that had filed for bankruptcy with its Directors only learning afterwards that their insurance coverage had lapsed the prior year. D&O insurance covers Board members should they make a ruling/decision that may or may not impact someone who then sues them, as individuals for presumed, or real, damages. John Ragan completed the application form.

Key & Lock Change

John Ragan stated that we have been able to account for all of our keys and that the Board has decided to delay changing the locks. Doug Alumbaugh’s form will be used as a basis for all of our present and future key holders.

Method Community Center

John Ragan announced that Arthur Boone is providing a simple model train layout at Raleigh's Method Community Center, near the intersection of Route 440 and Hillsborough Street. It will be on August 20th, the same day as Spencer. We need volunteers for this event. This is a community close to the fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by Raleigh's Parks & Recreation organization. AB will speak at the upcoming Membership Meeting.

Library

The club has an overflow of magazines. Thanks to Mary Ann and Scott our library has been updated with what has come in. We will sell the remainders at show. AB, with some help, has moved the overflow into storage. We know will get more before the show.

Great Train Show

The Great Train Show will be at the Fairgrounds on September 16th and 17th. George will research it as we would like to have a table there.

NMRA's Mid-Eastern Region Convention

The Club will participate in the NMRA's Mid-Eastern Region Convention. It will run from Thursday October 20th, 2016 through Sunday October 23rd, 2016. The Club will participate in the open house on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

O Gauge Layout

Tom Magnani reported that Bill Youngblood, a former show vendor who is in the process of downsizing, is adding more materials to his donation. The curved trestle structure and its portion of his table are in the O Ga. room. He will coordinate delivery with Bill.

Future Meeting Dates:

The July Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21st at 7 PM.

The August Board Meeting will be held on August 1st at 7 PM.

Tom Magnani's motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM was seconded by Frank Simmons.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting , August 2016

Editor's John Ragan called the meeting Monday, August 1, 2016 to order at 7:02 PM
Tom Magnani recorded the Minutes and called the Roll.

Board members present: John Kuchnia, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present: Scott Gagnon, Clif Kelly, George Lasley and Jim Songer.

Steve Wills asked our guest, Eddie Wilder, to introduce himself.

John Ragan announced that the Raleigh Fire Marshal had left a note on the clubhouse's front door this past Thursday, July 28th, requesting that someone respond to schedule an inspection. He has contacted our landlord who, in turn, will have the clubhouse 'pre-inspected'.

Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance Coverage.

John Ragan answered Tom Magnani's emailed question by explaining that the standard D&O insurance policy includes employment practices in its 'Not-For-Profit Organization Liability Policy Including Employment Practices Liability Coverage'. After some discussion the Board decided to apply for the 'Limit of Liability in the Aggregate' for \$1 million as the prudent action to protect the club. Tom Magnani's motion to purchase the D&O insurance with the \$1 million coverage was seconded by Frank Simmons and accepted unanimously. George Lasley will move forward with the insurance agent.

Housekeeping

John Ragan stated that he found the clubhouse to be a mess when he arrived Saturday morning. The lavatories were filthy, the floors had not been cleaned and there was considerable food related items in the trashcans.

Weekend Coverage

Additionally, coverage this past weekend and several preceding ones this summer has been poor. We now have a steady stream of visitors and our members need to stop by for a few hours over the weekend. Our choice becomes not to open both days or to assign coverage. PLEASE step up.

Open House

John Ragan presented his concept for an open house in either late September or early October as a test, for the Show, of the effectiveness of our advertising in Carolina Parent. George Lasley pointed out that any date that we choose will require that we select it based upon the lead time imposed by Carolina Parent's advertising schedule.

Scenery Weekend

John Ragan opened the discussion of a Scenery weekend to achieve an organized improvement in the scenery on all of our layouts. This would be a nice way to involve all club members and get some work done on all the layouts. Steve Wills proposed that, because of the Club's obligations for Spencer, Method and NMRA before the Show, we have a Pricing Weekend with each layout's participant's handle their gauge's pricing. It was agreed to schedule a Pricing Weekend.

Clubhouse Landscaping Proposal

Michael McCarthy's Landscaping proposal was distributed and discussed in detail. The Handicapped Parking location was moved to the right front of the front door. The flagpole was deleted, as this would be a change to the property owner's property. The removal of rubble in the front parking shrubbery as well as regarding of the area was

discussed. It was noted that we do not have any clubhouse garbage/trash removal other than what is done by the membership. Because the work would require lifting and heavy exertion by Mr. McCarthy the Board added a requirement that he not do any of this work alone. He must have a 2nd person with him at all times the work is being done. It was noted that Mr. McCarthy will need to assume responsibility for any liability resulting from injuries while doing this work.

Tom Magnani recommended that any work not begin until after the Fire Marshal inspection had taken place and any issues resolved.

Club Informational Flyer

John Ragan opened a discussion of the Club's updated informational flyer. After a short discussion it was decided to print it as a 2 color piece with the goal of having it ready for distribution at the Spencer and Method events. Tom Magnani said that he could have it completed in several days if he could get new pictures of the Club's layouts and one of an American locomotive to replace the European one in the present flyer. George Lasley will send him his pictures of 611. This will require a rapid turnaround by the Board. John would like to have it at the printer by Friday.

Method and Spencer Coverage

John Ragan asked the Board to ensure support for Method on August 20th, Spencer on August 20th and 21st and the Clubhouse that same weekend. We need a signup list.

New Hope Valley G Scale Club

Frank Simmons and John Ragan described their desire to work at the State Fair with the New Hope Valley G Scale Club. We can reach almost 1,000,000 people by filling in some of their 3 hour time slots. We would be able to hand out show flyers and club flyers while the State Fair is running from October 13th thru the 23rd. Frank Simmons and Scott Gagnon will handle the Club's support.

Show Status

George Lasley's reported that there has been no real change in the show's status since the July Membership Meeting. He would like to obtain the use of some sort of motorized transportation such as a Golf Cart or Handicapped Chair or Scooter. Tom Magnani is to follow up with the membership.

Miscellaneous

Steve Wills noted that the Club has gone through almost all of the 5 Gigabytes of internet data that he had purchased. He thinks that one of two things might be using the date. The first is that someone downloaded a large video. The second is that Windows 10 is running automatic updates. He will move our internet phone to a windows 7 machine. He has purchased another 5 Gigabytes.

Cardstock Building Presentation

Michael Irwin will provide a presentation on Cardstock Building at the August Membership Meeting on Thursday, August 18th following the meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

The August Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18th at 7 PM.

The September Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM.

Tom Magnani's motion to adjourn was passed.

Editor's Notes

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can put them n the newsletter.

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 **919-400-5570** to be sure that the doors are open.

Our Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/Neuse-River-Valley-Model-Railroad-Club-133691203373473/

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First Class

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, August 18th, 2016 , 7:00 pm. At: [1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh.](#)

Board of Governors meeting: *Tuesday* September 6th , 2016, 7: 00 pm, at the same location.

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