

Minutes of the Seacoast Division Board of Director's Meeting held on 7/12/22 via Zoom

BOD Meeting commenced at 10:00 am

Participants: Glenn Mitchell, Tage Erickson, Bruce Campbell, Tom Oxnard, Jim Seroskie, Jay Ehlen, Bob Kotsonis, Dave Kotsonis, Dave Delory

Presidents Opening Remarks: After welcoming the attendees, Glenn discussed the recent passing of Larry Cannon.

Reports:

Treasurer: Dave Kosonis submitted his report. There were no changes to the general fund or the Faulter Fund since the last meeting. Jay moved to accept the report and Tom seconded it. It was accepted unanimously.

Secretary: The Secretary's report for the June BOD meeting was submitted to the members on June 11, 2022. It was accepted unanimously.

Switch Tower: No report was submitted. Geoff Anthony had contacted Glenn Mitchell several days prior and stated that the slower than expected recovery from back surgery was causing him to miss the submission date for the Switch Tower.

Membership: Bruce provided a brief membership report. Jay moved to accept the report and Tom seconded it. It was accepted unanimously.

Webmaster: Dave Delorey informed that board that he had moved recently and was experiencing computer problems which has caused delays in posting the eulogy for Ron Palmquist. The "Donate" button on the website was discussed. Jim Seroskie stated that the destination account of the Donate Button should be defined on the web page. The discussion that followed defined the destination account as the Seacoast Division General Fund. Dave Kotsonis moved to accept the report and Tom seconded it. It was accepted unanimously.

Chip Faulter Fund: Tage reported that Dave Robinson had been contacted but had not responded. Tage and Jim Seroskie will be working on a pamphlet describing how funds from the Faulter Fund can be applied for. The pamphlet will be available at train shows. The draft pamphlet will be presented at the next BOD meeting. Jay moved to accept the report and Tom seconded it. It was accepted unanimously.

AP Program NH: Tom Oxnard reported that Glenn Mitchell had submitted all the required documents for Association Volunteer. John McHugh had been judged

and received Merit Awards for two structures for his Master Builder – Structures award.

There was a discussion about the number of AP awards granted for Seacoast Members relative to other divisions. Tom stated that he had a list with the AP certificates awarded to Seacoast members that had been provided by Bill Brown, NER AP Chairman. Tague also stated that there was a version of the list in the “President’s documents” package that he had passed on to Glenn Mitchell. Glenn Mitchell took an action to contact Bill Brown and request the most recent version of the list. Jay moved to accept the report and Dave Kotsonis seconded it. It was accepted unanimously.

AP Program ME: There was no report due to Larry Cannon’s passing. Glenn Mitchell took an action to email the membership asking for volunteers to be AP Program Judges and to be the AP Chairman for Maine.

Nominations Committee: No activity. Bruce will send an email to the membership asking for volunteers for the 3 Directors positions that will be open in January.

NER Board Meeting: Glenn Mitchell discussed major points from the NER BOD meeting held on July 10, 2022.

NER Convention Committee Report: Registrations for the 2022 Connecticut Yankee are very low, at 62 thus far. This compares to the 2021 convention enrollment of 181.

At-Risk Persons Policy: The policy submitted by NMRA national was determined to be inadequate and un-workable as is. The NER awaits and update from national.

NER & Division Officer Liability Insurance: This topic was discussed. President O’Rourke stated that it was “very expensive”. Glenn Mitchell will contact President O’Rourke for details.

Old Business: The Summer Event will be held at July 16 at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club in Auburn Main. The previously announced free lunch has been cancelled. Members are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

New Business: Tague has volunteered to be the “State of Maine Registered Agent”. This position had been held by Larry Cannon.

Glenn Mitchell contacted Mike Grahame who was able to reserve the Stratham Fire Station for the Fall Event on October 8. Tom questioned whether the date was correct. A review of emails confirmed that October 8 is correct.

The Concord Model Railroad Club Trains show will be held on August 14, 2022. Rich Fiefeld has been contacted and has reserved a table for the Seacoast Division.

The next Seacoast BOD meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 25 at 10:00 am via zoom.

Meeting Adjourned:

Tom Oxnard moved to adjourn the meeting. Jay seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Glenn Mitchell