



**Seacoast Division NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 25th 2022
10:00 am - 11:45 am**

Commencing: 10:00 am

Participants: Tage Erickson, Nelson LeMay, Dave Delorey, Jim Seroskie, Glenn Mitchell, Bruce Campbell, Bob Kotsonis, Jay Ehlen, Tom Oxnard, Jack Lutz

Presidents Opening Remarks: Glenn Mitchell made brief remarks regarding the Concord Show and our Fall Event.

Reports:

Treasurer: Financial Statement for August 24, 2022

Date	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
7/13/22	Beginning Balance			\$6,289.74
7/19/22	Sale of Engines		\$155.00	\$6,444.74

7/19/22	Member donations July SDNMRA meeting	\$75.00	\$6,519.74
8/23/22	Sales of kits and patches Concord Show	\$42.00	\$6,561.74
		Ending Balance	\$6,561.74
		Total	\$6,561.74
6/3/2022	Chip Faulter Fund	Balance	\$10,663.65

Motion to accept by Bob Kotsonis
2nd by Tom Oxnard

Secretary: The Secretary's Report for the June B.OD. meeting was e-Mailed to the board on July 14th, 2022
Motion to accept by Jay Ehlen
2nd by Bob Kotsonis

Switch Tower: Geoff will be publishing the Switch Tower monthly.
Motion to accept by Jay Ehlen
2nd by Tom Oxnard

Membership: There were 164 members, including clubs, on the last roster from NMRA. There were 4 members that are 60 days past due, and I have sent emails to the 3 with email addresses encouraging them to renew. Bruce Campbell
Motion to accept by Tom Oxnard
2nd by Jay Ehlen

Webmaster: Board of Director's Meeting August 25 10:00 am
Webmaster's Report

After a long awaited replacement of my seriously ailing web design computer, the web site is now up-to-date, with a few pending additions needing finalization.

Most notably added was a contribution from Tage Erickson regarding the content for the donations page. Current work is in progress to upgrade the page with a long awaited "Donation Button" to accept credit card payments.

We are all getting a bit older. And has life would have it, the site now reflects a few recently departed "Fallen Flags".

Also recently added was linkage by year to 144 Great Falls Model Railroad Club "GF-Signal" newsletter publications. As a backup, all are archived on our web site.

The region's web site now hosts 95 "Switch Tower" publications, 56 "NMRA Turntable" publications, 239 "NER Coupler" publications, 51 Seacoast NMRA reports, links to about 150 of the 200+ NMRA regional web sites located around the world, 42 Calendar entries and over 300 photos.

Our web site on <https://seacoastnmra.org> is mirrored on <https://seacoastnmra.com> most of the time, except when updates are installed and tested on the later web site. Both domain names are registered to the division as they should be.

Have fun model railroading.

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Chip Faulter Fund: Tage Erickson reported that via a Zoom meeting last Monday afternoon the Dave Robertson Church Group presented pics of youngsters making modules with various scenes. This group is soliciting cash donations

Jim Seroskie is creating a "Fund Application and Brochure and that document is still under construction.

A motion was made to spend \$200.00 for this brochure project.

That Motion was made by Jay Ehlen

2nd by Tom Oxnard

An "On-Line" application is also under construction

Motion made to accept by Tom Oxnard

2nd by Jay Ehlen

A.P. Program - NH: No Report

AP Program - Me: Discussion under-way to assign an AP co-ordinator

Nominations Committee: The committee received a nomination from Guy Mason of Rockport. Guy models in N and G, and recently moved here from Denver where he was active in two local groups, Glenn and I have his bio and pic. He joined the NMRA in 2013 and renewed in May 2022.

There are currently 3 positions to be filled on the Board of Directors.

Motion made to accept the report by Tom Oxnard

2nd by Jay Ehlen

NER Board Meeting: No Report

Activities:

2022 Concord Model Railroad Show Report

The Concord Model Railroad Show was held on August 14, 2022 at the Everett Arena in Concord NH. The Seacoast Division had a table which had applications, information, magazine samples, and display items. The table was manned by Tage Erickson, Nelson Lemay, Jay Ehlen and Glenn Mitchell. The show attendance appeared to back to pre-Covid levels.

One former member, Mike Grahame, rejoined the NMRA with a regular membership. No potential members signed up using a RailPass.

Multiple kits and Seacoast patches were sold totaling \$42.00 which was forwarded to the treasurer.

One former NMRA member (he did not offer his name) stopped at the table and stated that he had transferred into the Seacoast Division and went to an Event sometime in the past. He stated that he was not introduced or approached by anyone from the Seacoast Division and has since quit the NMRA. Unfortunately this has been a recurring problem at our events and needs to be addressed by the Board of Directors.

Another show attendee who gave his name as Dave Harris discussed how he was not a "computer person" and wanted to get the NMRA national magazine in the traditional paper magazine format, but the new \$92.00 annual dues was prohibitive and he is no longer an NMRA member. Following the show I searched the multiple spreadsheets of membership data distributed by Mark Harlan. I could not find Dave Harris as

a present or past member of the Seacoast or the Hub Divisions.

Respectfully submitted by

Glenn Mitchell

Seacoast Division NMRA President and Director

Discussion was held as to how to improve our format for greetings at all Seacoast events to be held in the future.

Motion to accept the report made by Jay Ehlen

2nd by Tom Oxnard

Old Business: From Jack Lutz..... As of the July event, we have 131 clinics in the database. The attached file is the same file I sent out after the July event.

From Nelson LeMay.....I have the file that Jack sent dealing Seacoast Div. Members. It is a very well prepared it's a large, multi-tabbed, .xlsx file that I do not have the skill-set to attach it to this report. Should you need it please get a note off to me and I'll e-Mail the file to you IMMEDIATELY. My regrets in not being able to make that file part 'n parcel to this document.
Nelson LeMay

Bob Kotsonis reported that various types of microphones are being reviewed for use at our quarterly workshops.

Our A/V Audio/Visual needs are growing and an A/V monitor is needed.

A Motion was made by Jay Ehlen to allocate \$ 300.00 for microphone purchase
2nd by Tom Oxnard

New Business:

- 1 Better protocols are needed in welcoming and introducing new members at events
- 2 Seacoast Div. Name tags

From Jack Lutz.....

Seacoast Division NMRA Engraved Name Badges Order Form Engraved name badges are available to all Seacoast Division NMRA members. The badges feature the Seacoast Division NMRA logo and up to three lines of text. Please use the form below to enter the text you would like on your name badge. You may have up to three lines on your name badge and 25 characters/spaces per line. Name badges cost \$6.00 each .and postage is \$3.00 for a total of \$9.00. Please make the check payable to: DownEast Engraving, Inc. Mail completed order form and check to: DownEast Engraving, Inc. 1800 Roosevelt Trail Naples, ME 04055 207-693-7064 downeast@fairpoint.net Please provide the following

information: Name:

_____ Mailing
Address: _____ City:
_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ In case the
folks at DownEast Engraving have questions about your order: Telephone:
_____ Email:
_____ DRAFT

Name Badges

Glenn asked me to see about getting Seacoast name badges for members who want them. I have been trading emails with Geoff Anthony (who used to handle the name badges), DownEast Engraving, Inc. in Naples, ME (the folks who made the badges in the past), Glenn and Dave Kotsonis.

Previous

Here is what we used to do:

- Anyone who wanted a name tag would fill out the order form and send it and a check made out to the Seacoast Division to Geoff Anthony.
- Geoff would then forward the checks and order forms to the Division treasurer (different people over the years).
- The Division treasurer would then send the order forms and a check made out for the total cost of the order to DownEast Engraving.
- DownEast Engraving would send the completed badges to Geoff.
- Geoff would hand out the badges at the next Division event, or mail them to members who had paid the postage cost up front.
- Badges used to cost \$5.00 and the postage to have Geoff mail it to you was \$3.50.
- Geoff used to send badges to DownEast Engraving in batches of 10, so there was sometimes a wait between when you sent him the form and check and when the badge was made.

Current

DownEast Engraving provided the following update:

- They still have the artwork and templates for the name badges.
- Badges will now cost \$6.00
- Postage/shipping is now \$3.00
- They are willing to accept orders from individual members.
- It will take them about a week to process an order and ship the completed badge.

Proposed

- Provide an order form so members can order individual name badges directly from DownEast Engraving (see the example draft order form).
 - This eliminates two middlemen—Geoff (or me) and the Division Treasurer
 - This speeds up the process because members don't have to wait for the paperwork to go from Geoff to Dave to DownEast engraving

Officials

- It would be nice to have some consistency among officer name tags. Glenn expressed a preference for Name/Other Title/Director, as in:

Tom Oxnard AP Coordinator NH Director

- What about Directors with no other title or officials with other titles that aren't directors?
 - Two examples arranged for consistency, but this level of detail/pickiness may not be important to the group:

Ralph Brown Director

Bob Kotsonis Director

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Dave Delorey
Webmaster

Nelson LeMay
Secretary

Other

- **What is the best way to make the order form available to Seacoast Division members?**
 - **Historically it has been included as a page in the Switch Tower.**
 - **Do we also want to put it on the website?**

Submitted by Jack Lutz

Jay Ehlen reported on the Fall meeting to be held on October 8th that:
Tom Oxnard will present on AP methods and procedures.
Seacoast Trolley Museum will present on their progress
Rich Breton will present on capturing layout action via TV camera
that is train mounted.

“Show ’n Tell” as well as layout tours are needed

Next B.O.D. meeting is September 29th at 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Tom Oxnard
2nd by Jay Ehlen

