

Minutes of the Seacoast Division Board of Directors Meetings

Held on 8/31/23 and 9/7/23

August 31, 2023

The meeting was convened on 8/31/23 at 10:00 am. The following were in attendance: Glenn Mitchell, Tage Erickson, Jim Seroskie, Jim Gore, Jack Lutz, Geoff Anthony, Bruce Campbell, Nelson LeMay, and Dave Delorey.

It was determined that there was not a quorum of Directors (i.e. at least 5) needed to conduct official business. All agenda items requiring a vote are deferred to the next BOD meeting which is tentatively set for Sept 7 at 7:00.

The participants of the meeting continued discussion of the following things;

- The NER must be notified after the new treasurer and director, both replacing Dave Kotsonis, are approved at the next BOD meeting.
- The financial audit of the books of outgoing treasurer was conducted by Jim Seroskie and Jay Ehlen. Jim presented the financial report which needs to be approved at the next BOD meeting.
- The results of the 2025 Convention committee meeting held on 8/30/23 were discussed. The committee unanimously recommends that The Seacoast Division host the 2025 NER convention. This recommendation will be voted on at the next BOD meeting.
- The Faulter committee discussed the application for funds received from the Southern Main Model RR Club. The Faulter committee recommends we fund the SMMRRC the full amount of \$3500. This will be voted on at the next BOD meeting.
- The purchase of a Division owned Zoom license was discussed. Jim Seroskie took an action to look into it.
- The topic of mass emailing's was discussed and possible programs that are available that may make it easier. Jim Seroskie will look into it.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Sept 7 at 7:00 (pending a quorum)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30

September 7, 2023

The meeting was convened on 9/7/23 at 7:00 pm. The following were in attendance: Glenn Mitchell, Tage Erickson, Jim Seroskie, Jim Gore, Jack Lutz, Jay Ehlen, Bruce Campbell, Guy Mason, and Tom Oxnard. A quorum was reached.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Seroskie, Jay Ehlen, and Dave Kotsonis conducted an audit of outgoing Treasurer Dave Kotsonis' books. The books were in order and the documentation presented by Dave was excellent. Jim Seroskie submitted a treasures report based on the post audit information (attached to the 8/31 agenda). Jay Ehlen moved to accept the report. Tom Oxnard seconded it. The Directors (6) unanimously approved the report. Jim Seroskie also reported that he is still awaiting the check from Dave and that the PayPal Donation function on the web site was shut down until the new account is opened.

Secretary's Report:

Nelson Lemay submitted the Secretaries report from the 7/13/23 BOD meeting to the directors on 7/26/23. Jay Ehlen moved to accept the report. Jack Lutz seconded it. The Directors (6) unanimously approved the report.

Switch Tower Report:

More articles are needed.

Publicity Report:

Guy submitted a report (attached to the 8/31 agenda). He also stated that he needed members' layout photos for publicity functions.

Membership Report:

Bruce reported that membership holds steady at 147.

Webmaster's Report:

Dave submitted a report (attached to the 8/31 agenda).

Chip Faulter Fund: (see new business)

A.P. Program:

Tom Oxnard reported that Victor Hand had achieved his Author Certificate.

Nominations Committee Report:

Bruce submitted the preliminary slate of three candidates for the three open Director positions. All candidates are members in good standing. See new business.

NER Board Meeting Report:

NER did not hold a BOD meeting since the last Seacoast BOD meeting.

Convention Committee Report:

Glenn Mitchell submitted a report from the convention committee meeting held on 8/30/23. (Attached) The Seacoast Convention Exploratory committee recommends to the Seacoast BOD that the Seacoast Division Host the 2025 NER Convention in Concord NH. See new business.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. President Glenn Mitchell nominated his appointments to replace Dave Kotsonis who stepped down. Jim Gore was appointed to replace Dave as Director. Jim Seroskie was appointed to replace Dave as Treasurer. Jay Ehlen moved to accept the appointments. Tom Oxnard seconded it. The Directors (6) unanimously approved the appointments.
2. Jay Ehlen moved that the BOD followed the recommendation of the Seacoast Convention Exploratory committee and host the 2025 NER Convention in Concord. Jim Gore seconded it. The Directors (7) unanimously approved the recommendation and the Seacoast Division will host 2025 NER Convention in Concord.
3. The Faulter Fund Committee, led by Tage Erickson presented the application for funding by the Southern Maine Model Railroad Club. The Faulter Fund Committee recommends that the Seacoast Division fund the SMMRRC the amount of \$3500. Jay Ehlen moved that the BOD fund the SMMRRC \$3500. Tom Oxnard seconded it. The Directors (7) unanimously approved the recommendation.
4. Bruce Campbell recommended that the BOD approve the slate of candidates that he submitted in the agenda for the open Director positions in January 2024. The candidates are Will Everitt, John McHugh, and Glenn Mitchell. Jay Ehlen moved

that the BOD approve the slate of candidates. Guy Mason seconded it. The Directors (7) unanimously approved the slate of candidates.

5. At the Aug 31 BOD meeting, the attendees discussed purchasing a Seacoast Division owned Zoom license. Jim Seroskie took the action to look into it. On Aug 31, 2023 Glenn Mitchell directed Jim Seroskie to purchase the zoom license for \$149.99 based on the approval of two division officers/directors – Glenn Mitchell and Jim Seroskie. At least two Seacoast members will be tasked with setting up zoom calls at this time - Glenn Mitchell and Jim Seroskie. Will Everitt and/or Nelson LeMay will added in the future.
6. Glenn Mitchell will take an action to notify the NER President of the name of the new Seacoast Division Treasurer.

The next BOD meeting is October 26, 2023 at 10:00 am

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44

Seacoast Convention Exploratory Committee Report

August 30, 2023

Greetings,

It is with great excitement that I report the results of the Seacoast 2025 NER Convention Exploratory Committee meeting held via Zoom on August 30, 2023.

The Committee unanimously recommends that the Seacoast Division host the 2025 NER Convention in Concord, NH the first or second week in September 2025. This recommendation will be voted on by the Seacoast BOD on August 31, 2023.

I wish to thank and congratulate the Seacoast Division and Green Mountain Division members who have stepped up and taken on Convention Committee Co-Chairmen or Committee member positions as follows:

Tage Erickson, Peter McKenney, and Will Everitt will Co-chair the Overall Convention Committee.

Peter McKenney will be one of the Co-chairmen for the Publicity Committee. Committee members will include Mike Pedersen and Jim Seroskie. Chris Cafaro of the Green Mountain Division has also volunteered to help and will work on the publicity committee.

John McHugh and Jay Ehlen will Co-Chair the Indoor Activities Committee. Committee members will include Jim Gore, MMR, in charge of the Model with the Masters Clinics and Tom Oxnard, MMR.

Ken Moller and Dave Sias will Co-chair the Outside Activities Committee. Committee members will include Rich Breton and Glenn Mitchell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Mitchell

Seacoast NMRA President and Director.