



**Seacoast Division NMRA
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Attendance: Bruce Campbell, Dave Delorey, Jay Ehlen, Tage Erikson, Will Everitt, Jim Gore, Jack Lutz, Guy Mason, John McHugh, Peter McKenney, Glenn Mitchell, Tom Oxnard, Jim Seroskie

President's Opening Remarks: There have been so many other meetings, Glenn said he had nothing new to share.

Treasurer's Report: Jim shared his report via email. He shared his screen and gave an orientation to the new compact financial report form. We have nearly \$1,500 in checking and \$11,639 in our money market account. Our interest rate will earn us approximately \$600 this year. The Faulter Fund is at \$6,709. The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Jim suggested doing the audit at the end of this year—as nothing much has changed since he has taken over. Glenn agreed. Jim's paperwork is all in one folder and he can travel for the audit for folks to look at the report.

Secretary's Report: Will asked for corrections and/or acceptance of the April 4, 2024 minutes. Jay moved for acceptance and Tom seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Switch Tower Report: The Switch Tower needs articles!

Membership Report: Bruce shared that we have 150 members. This is slightly up, one above what we were last month. Bruce sends out emails to those who are 60 days late in renewing. One late member shared he loved the NMRA but that it was too expensive. He estimated it was the second time he has ever heard that. For director nominations, last year, in June he gave a report on who is up and in July sent out an email to the membership for who is interested in volunteering as a director. He will do that again this year.

Webmaster Report: Dave said the website is up-to-date with regard to items he was directed to update. He said that Peter asked about the Concord Flyer convention on our website. Peter clarified that this would be specifically for Seacoast members. Dave and Peter will have a separate conversation about it. Tage reminded us that we have to

heavily recruit our Seacoast members to our convention, which is why we need it on our website. He encourage Dave to attend the publicity committee meeting. Dave thought all of this was a good idea.

Tom asked about when we should think about upgrading the look of our homepage? Dave said the website should have fresh stuff and photographs and reminded us that he does not create content, he reports it. Send him content and he will make it happen. Guy said he also needed photos and content for social media. The photos could be shared between the website, the convention, and social media. Tom will share photos with Guy. Peter said he could talk to Chris about opening up his photo folder to us for these purposes.

Chip Faulter Fund Report: We saw the Fund's balance in the treasurer's report. Tage thanked John and Paul Lessard for helping with the Topsham show. The last of Chip's PRR magazines sold for \$20 at that show. It's special to have them all gone.

AP Program Report: Tom emailed us the AP report. Good news: we have given four new certificates to Jay Ehlen for four structures! Congratulations, Jay! Jay shared the buildings: Pennsylvania station, Berwick station, a diner (amazing detail) and another building.

Nomination Committee Report: See Bruce's report above.

NER Board Meeting Report: Nothing to report

Activities Chair Report:

- **Summer Event, July 13 at Great Falls Model Railroad Club in Auburn, ME**
Jay shared that we know where and when but we need good material! Jay feels like he is at a crossroads. Do any of you want to do a presentation on our layout? Jay shared that this could be via a slide presentation. Tage shared that he could do an update. John volunteered tht he could do a presentation update, too. Tage suggested contacting Victor Hand from Bar Harbor, ME. Jay suggested also having a Convention update. Mike might do that or recruit someone, but Jay should connect with him. Perhaps the Great Falls members could show off their layout.
- **Fall Event:** Jay shared that the question is the venue. Glenn suggested to do a check in and site visit to Dave Sias's church in Center Harbor, NH.

Jay will said he will check in with Matt Kaiser with what he learned from his request about layout tours and operating sessions. Tom encouraged us to "audition" our clinics for the convention at our events.

Convention Committee Report: Tage went to the Syracuse Ops-til-you-drop event, with 40 attendees, and pitched our convention. It was a good opportunity. The Publicity Committee is doing a lot of work. We will do a presentation at the Lakeshores Convention. We are working on our banner for that event as well as a brochure. We are working on advertising for the Coupler. Mike Pedersen is working on that. Tage said we really need to recruit our own members. This one will be the closest convention to our division members ever! We are learning about new members with layouts we didn't know about. Tage is working on a work-matrix for Publicity, Inside, and Outside Committees, with due dates for work and who is responsible. Peter added that he is happy to have such a large group of volunteers working on the convention. We have 25 people helping! That is uplifting. John reported that he will be visiting the Grappone Center. They are working to recruit people to give clinics and Northern New England industries (timber, potatoes, etc!). Glenn reported that The State of New Hampshire selected Bob Kotsonis' Flying Yankee Association as the winning bidder for the B&M streamliner. They will move the Flying Yankee in September.

Our next Convention Meeting is May 30 at 7 p.m.

New Business:

Tage asked what is the final disposition of the Hub Division event with Bruce? He is going forward with it. Tom and John and other layouts will be open.

Glenn said Scalettrains did find a venue and a group of 10-11 people came.

The next board meeting is Thursday, July 11 at 1 p.m.

Glenn entertained a motion for adjournment that was moved by Jim and seconded by Will and passed unanimously. Glenn adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Faithfully submitted:

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