



## **Seacoast Division NMRA**

### **Board of Directors**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 3, 2024 1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Geoff Anthony; Bruce Campbell; Dave Delorey.; Jay Ehlen; Tage Erickson; Will Everitt; Jim Gore; Guy Mason; John McHugh; Peter McKenney; Glenn Mitchell; Tom Oxnard; Jim Seroskie; Jack Lutz.

**President's Opening Remarks:** Glenn shared his thoughts on the Lakeshore convention. It was a success! There were 170 attendees, 200+ with spouses, 140 at banquet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim shared his report via email. Our total assests, checking and money market, total \$12,986.93 not included a \$200 uncleared check for the meeting room for October 5. We have earned nearly \$400 in dividends from the money market since we opened it.

*Action item:* Jay and Will moved acceptance of the treasurer's report. Passed unanimous.

**Secretary's Report:** Corrections and/or acceptance of the August 15, 2024 minutes.

*Action item:* Jim and Tom moved acceptance of the 8/15/24 minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Switch Tower Report:** Geoff shared that he wants more submissions! John requested that we send out a notice when the Switch Tower is posted. Glenn volunteered to do that. A conversation about how best to send emails to our members occurred, including Jim sharing that we have a free MailChimp account that will be used for the meeting on Saturday for the first time.

**Membership Report:** Bruce said that there was not much to report. We have 150 members.

**Webmaster Report:** Dave reported that the website is up-to-date relative to what he has received.

**Chip Faulter Fund Report:** Tage had no updates to the Fund but we may receive another request soon from a group we funded previously.

**AP Program Report:** Tom reported that at the Lakeshores convention, there were 10 awards to Seacoast Division members! Number 11 was awarded to Peter McKenney this week for Electrical. Glenn shared that Tom earned his 11<sup>th</sup> personal A.P.!

**Nomination Committee Report:** Bruce sent out slate on September 8. The slate consists of Jim Seroskie, Geoff Anthony, and Jim Gore. The slate needs to be approved and sent to the Switchtower and perhaps the membership.

*Action item:* Board approval of slate. Motion by Tom and seconded by Jay. Passed unanimously.

**NER Board Meeting Report:** Glenn shared some news from the annual meeting in Rochester. NER will host national convention in Rochester in 2028.

#### **Activities Chair Report:**

- **Fall Event:** Jay reported that we are all set for Saturday. It's a great venue. Will shared that he cannot run A/V at the event. Glenn will run it and is using the camera and mic right now for this meeting to be sure they work on his computer.
- **Winter Event:** Tage committed us to Westbrook Community Center, 1/11/2025. We have already sent them the money.

**Convention Committee Report:** Tage shared that the committee met the last week in September. He reported that the convention is now **September 11-14, 2025** due to a conflict with NASCAR the following week. We are moving forward well. Dave and Cheryl Insley joined the meeting. Cheryl will be the registrar for the convention. They will join us moving forward. From the region, Ed O'Connell, Rick McConnell should be in attendance moving forward, too. Our banner looked great and Tom will bring it to the Fall Event. We have great brochures and a save the date card, too. Modelling with the Masters is coming together thanks to Jim Gore. Next up, we need to start populating the convention website info. He shared that outside events are coming into shape. Our motto is "come early, stay late!" We need to publicize the convention well within our division! We need more contest entries than Lakeshores had. The hospitality suite at Lakeshores was awesome and we should try to replicate it. Peter shared that Rochester's good attendance this

year may affect us next year. Tague said that the Hub Division is large and so close they don't even have to stay in the hotel, so if we are successful in recruiting their members, that will help us. Tague suggested that we will cover the contests at next meeting.

**New Business:**

Glenn brought up having Great Falls' publication, "The Signal" on our website. Great Falls is a member. Dave shared that our own website can only store so much data. Their website is listed on ours which can bring you to their publication. Dave shared other ideas for direct links to their page.

Jack suggested sharing what resources we have on our website at our next event.

The next Board of Directors meeting is November 21.

Motion to adjourn passed at 2:03 p.m.

*Faithfully submitted,  
Will Everitt, Secretary  
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