



North Georgia Live Steamers

December 9, 2023 at 1 pa.m.



Agenda

I. Call to order

Peter Craymer called to order a meeting of the North Georgia Live Steamers at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the railroad.

Attendees

Wes Rogers	Tyler Griffin
Susan Wizner	Vivian Abernathy
Calvin Abernathy	Scott Moore
Sherry Moore	Joan Lurwig
Gene Lurwig	Thomas Kwan
Robert Cummings	Peter Craymer
John Tuten	Joe Fabregas
Charlotte Breese	Robby Mossman



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II. Treasurer’s Report - Norm Wizner provided the following treasurers report. Was accepted as read.

Norm mentioned some expected expenses in December which includes the cost of a new riding car, Tom Bee couplers, and riding car brakes. Other income and expenses also include calendars and advertising flyers for the 2024 season. Norm also mentioned other future expenses include weed spraying and insurance in March for about \$3,000.00.

Beginning Bank Balance (December 1, 2023)	\$13,993.34
Income	
Run Day Income	\$1761.00
Donation via Stripe.com	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,796.00
Expenses	
November Run Day Advertising (Robby)	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$150.00
Available Balance	\$15,639.34
Reserved Project Money	
Riding Car Fund	\$1,022.86
Shop Fund	\$1,009.88
Member Container #4 Fund	\$307.60
Reserved Money	\$2,340.34



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Future Project Expenses	
Member Container #5 Fund (Future)	\$751.68
General Fund	\$12,547.32
Petty Cash	\$400.00

III. Old Business

- A. The October minutes were read by Peter and accepted by membership
- B. Discussion was had regarding the recently acquired the two Godshall Riding cars and the need to purchase or build brakes for the trucks. Gene is going to build brake rods and Robby will be building the rest of the brake assembly.
- C. A third riding car was picked up from a guy from Canton. The riding car is a Titan Trains car and will need to be painted and brakes installed. Brakes have been ordered from Titan Trains for \$274 and the purchase of the riding car was \$1,000.
- D. Robby reviewed overall run day numbers from 2023 and past years. The 2023 totals included 2,394 ride tickets sold. Our highest run day ticket sales was in 2019 when we had 5 run days with a total of 2,873 tickets sold. Our total income for 2023 run days was \$6,277.75 which is down \$197.87 from 2023.
- E. The property next to the railroad which had been sold to a company that was going to build a soccer complex has stalled. It appears the company did not put money in escrow and is considered to be a dead opportunity for the city. The horse park has said they have been given the green light to schedule through 2024 at this point since the property is still up for sale.
- F. Peter mentioned that since we have now purchased three usable riding cars he would like to offer up the three unfinished frames for sale to anyone interested in purchasing them for the price we paid for them. A motion was made and accepted by the membership.
 - 1. Joe asked that an amendment to the motion be made to allow Johnny “Snake” Wright the first right to purchase since he had mentioned he’d be interested in doing that in the past if the club decided not to use the frames.



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G. Norm updated everyone on the clubhouse and workshop project. A schedule for the project is being finalized and will be a big focus moving into 2024. It was also mentioned that more money will need to be raised to help complete and build out the clubhouse and workshop. The money will be used to include power, insulation, and more.

1. Tyler asked about making some additional parking near the clubhouse area available.

H. Sherry asked about the ability to accept credit cards during public run days. Robby mentioned that while we have looked into several options one of the challenges has been cellphone and internet service at the railroad is at times limited. Options are being investigated and hope to offer a solution sometime in 2024.

IV. New Business

- A. Robby said the 2024 calendars are available for pickup for those that pre-ordered. Only a few extras were purchased this year and will be made available once all of the pre-orders have been picked up.
- B. Robby also mentioned the 2024 flyers are in and are available for distribution. A few more were ordered this year since we ran out at the Civil War Museum event in Kennesaw. The business cars are also on order and will be available for pickup at the next meeting.
- C. The 2024 Board nominations were taken and approved by the membership. The nominees are as follows:
 1. President: Robby Mossman
 2. Vice President: Peter Craymer
 - (1) Note that Scott Moore had also been nominated for Vice President and a Board Member position and elected to change his acceptance from Vice President to Board Member nominee after nominations closed.
 3. Secretary: Dave Levy
 4. Board Member Nominees:
 - (1) Bob Cummings
 - (2) John Tuten
 - (3) Calvin Abernathy
 - (4) Wes Rogers
 - (5) Scott Moore

A motion to close and accept the nominees was made and accepted. Per the by-laws for positions with a single nominee those individuals automatically will win those board positions for the 2024 term. All others will be voted on during the January 6, 2024 meeting.



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V. Adjournment

North Georgia Live Steamers adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.
Meeting Minutes submitted by: Robby Mossman