

North Georgia Live Steamers Meeting Minutes January 5, 2013

I. Call to order

Norm Wizner called the meeting to order at 1:11pm at Hawthorne Suites meeting room.

Attendees list was circulated and is attached.

The secretary read the minutes from the October 6, 2012 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, seconded, and passed.

The secretary read the minutes from the December 8, 2012 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer Bob reported the checking account ending balance for November 2012 was \$7,861.01. The estimated ending balance for December 2012 is \$8,757.17. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded, and passed.

II. Old business

- a)** Membership application has been made by Ethel Nicol as a full member. Her sons have also applied as associate members. Motion was made to accept all the membership application. Seconded and passed.
- b)** Christmas Party – The Christmas party went very well again this year. The food was great. The club raised \$235 from the general raffle and \$105 from the Grand Prize raffle.
- c)** Open House - Club open house went well. We had 106 visitors. Wayne and Dave ran steamers. Good interest was seen from many visitors. A Conyers city official attended along with local NMRA president. We purchased a One-day insurance rider for the day. Cost was \$52 Wayne Lass congratulated everyone on the great track work. Except for a couple of minor switch issues the track ran very smoothly. Youtube video is available of track on Dave Levy's Youtube channel.
- d)** Signage at Entrance to Horse Park - Lavay working on it with the city now that holidays are over. He hopes to have design by next month

III. New Business

- a)** Elections – A nominations for one additional candidate for club office was made from the floor. John Tyler was nominated for Board of Directors. He accepted the nomination as was added to the ballot as a write-in candidate. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to elect all unopposed candidates by acclamation. The election of board was held. The 2013 board members are Rick Kight, George Seal, and LaVay Sheldon
- b)** Golf Tournament - Do we want to do golf tournament again? Had borderline number of teams and few volunteers. Biggest fund-raiser we do but 2012 was smaller than 2011. Hole sponsor money is most profitable but golf club would like to have more teams. Motion was made, sec, approved to have it in 2013. The tentative date is set for 9/25/2013 but this needs to be confirmed with the golf club.

- c)** Fencing - Jennifer Baxley attended open house. Discussed fencing for security. She agrees with installation of chain-link fence. Rick has 16' swing gate available. Norm will check if ok with city and then to get installed
- d)** Bathrooms - Bike people are pushing for restrooms. Would be good to have them. Norm will mention to city manager again.
- e)** Georgia Power - Met with Norm. Three-phase power is available so will need step-down transformer costing \$10-\$14k. Georgia Power will not install it for free because we use so little power. Rick as a spare step-down transformer but it may be too small. Restrooms may be the solution since it will need power.
- f)** Steam Inspections - Rumor is that we don't need state boiler inspections any longer. Regulations may indicate we don't need one based on size and pressure. Based on cubic feet of boiler our boilers are too small. Recent change in 2010 makes our boilers an exception. More research is needed to confirm this with the state.
- g)** Honorary Membership – Discussed the idea of "honorary" life memberships. Bylaws name two types of membership; honorary and life. Each has different properties. Honorary memberships have same rights of associate member. Life membership has full privileges. Any membership can be conveyed by BOD and/or membership if desired. No changes to bylaws were discussed.
- h)** Train Show in March or April- Will probably attend it as we usually do. Held at Cobb Galleria.
- i)** Open House in July 2013 for NMRA – Not sure if we can do this and whether we will be operational. NMRA would bring bus load of people for rides or tour. Norm to find out more information.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 2:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Levy
Secretary