

# MINUTES - CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, January 19, 2008

The Annual Business Meeting was preceded by another semester of Railroad Modelling University, a full morning of clinics including Basics of Model Railroading, Building Railroad Crossings, Adding Lights, Sound, Animation to a Layout, Using a PC as a Modeling Tool, and Tuning up a Train Set or Layout. It was held at the First Baptist Church in Uptown Charlotte. Sixteen NMRA members attended and six guests (three of whom joined NMRA at the session).

The Annual Business Meeting was held at Jillians Restaurant, Charlotte, NC, called to order at 1:15 PM by Rick Knight, Superintendent.

Fifteen Division members were present along with one NMRA member from outside the division. The Clerk declared sufficient attendance to conduct the Annual Business Meeting.

Jack Haynes, Clerk, presented the minutes from the last Annual Business meeting. The minutes were accepted as read (motion by Fred Miller, second by Bob Halsey). He also distributed and reviewed the Annual Report to be submitted to the Region.

Dick Bronson, Treasurer, presented the financial status for last year. The starting balance was \$315.65; income for the year was \$325.00; there were expenditures of \$216.09; leaving a closing balance of \$424.56.

Reports:

Web Site:

The Division Webmaster was not present, no report was given.

Rick commented on the excellent quality of our Division website and members present were in agreement.

Achievement program:

AP Chair was not present, no report given.

This past year we awarded one Golden Spike, One Author, one Volunteer, and one Master Builder Structures Achievement Program certificates. (see Annual Report)

#### Newsletter:

Five issues of the Division newsletter were published in 2007 with 6 pages each. Jack Haynes, editor, encouraged members to submit articles for publication.

#### Superintendent:

Overall 2007 was a good year for the Division with an increase in membership.

Rick noted that CSX was running ads on local TV stations stressing the economic and fuel efficiency of railroads.

Plans for 2008 are still in progress. Meetings will continue to be on the third Saturday of the month. There will be a February meeting, but site has not been identified. Rick is discussing prototype tours of the CSX intermodal facility, NS Linwood yard, and the Duke Energy Marshall Steam Plant coal dump.

Progress is continuing at Wades Train Town with about 25% of the scenery done, the lighting is done in the residential section. Lighting work continues in the main city area. Members are encouraged to come in and help out on Thursday work sessions or the monthly Open House on the second Saturday each month.

Rick attended the train show at Winston-Salem and felt that it was somewhat less than a great show, a significant number of exhibitors were non-rail.

There will be a train show in Greenville, SC February 23-24 at the Speedway and Fairgrounds, flyers were passed out.

#### Elections:

Dick Bronson was the Director's nominee for Paymaster. Christenbury moved to close nominations, seconded by Parker. Christenbury moved for one unanimous vote, second by Thomas, passed on unanimous voice vote.

Jack Haynes was the Directors nominee for Clerk. Christenbury moved to close nominations, seconded by Miller. Christenbury moved for one unanimous vote, second by Miller, passed on unanimous voice vote.

Directors' nominees for the open Director(2010) position were Michele Chance, Ed Locklin, Roy Becker. Move to close nominations by Christenbury, second by Gregory. Becker elected with 15 votes on show of hands.

Steve August was the Directors nominee for Asst Superintendent. Christenbury moved to close nominations, seconded by Gregory. Christenbury moved for one unanimous vote, second by Lau, passed on unanimous voice vote.

Steve assumed chair of the meeting.

Rick Knight was the Directors nominee for Superintendent. Christenbury moved to close nominations, seconded by Allen. Christenbury moved for one unanimous vote, second by Miller, passed on unanimous voice vote.

Christenbury moved to adjourn the meeting, second Becker. Passed on voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Submitted 1/26/08,

Jack Haynes  
Division Clerk