

Minutes – CSDiv Board Meeting
Hunter Acres Baptist Church
May 23, 2015

Attendees: Roy Becker, Gil Brauch, Nancy Campbell, Jack Haynes, Fred Miller, Larry Paffrath, Andrew Stitt, John Stevens.

Superintendent Jack Haynes called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. He announced that the principal topic for discussion would be the reassignment of the various activities previously covered by Rusty Doss. Jack related that he believed Rusty would continue as a member of CSDiv (and NMRA) but has indicated that he did not want to continue with his various assigned activities. The vacated assignments include:

Haberdasher – to receive and process orders for Division decorated wearables and acquire new items when appropriate. Gil reported that the ordering activity has been sparse after the initial spurt. Nancy Campbell volunteered to take over the Haberdasher role.

Library – to house, sell or otherwise distribute books and magazines initially acquired from the “Larry Lau Lending Library.” A small portion of the magazine collection has been distributed at our train show booth and other division meetings. The group thought that was appropriate to continue. Gil Brauch suggested the books could be taken, or listed, to see if any of the “train book sellers” at train shows might have interest in buying any or all of the books, or at least indicate the values. Fred indicated he would put a “classified-like” ad in the upcoming Brass Bounder and Gil indicated he could do the same on our website. No conclusion as to responsibility for the Library was reached but Larry suggested and Jack acknowledged that a call for a Library volunteer should go in the next CSDiv eNews.

Publicity – to promote the CSDiv and it’s events. The sense of the group was that those individuals responsible for specific events, e.g., RMU, Rail Ops, etc., should address the publicity for their events. Andrew stated he will broaden the advertisement of CSDiv events applicable to the general public, by posting in as many of the model magazines as possible. The group discussed the use of Facebook to further disseminate information about CSDiv and it’s events. However, those present agreed that someone more attuned to Facebook and social media would need to take on the Facebook role. Andrew suggested Marcus Neubacher should be asked for possible interest since he is an avid fan.

RMU – to plan, coordinate and oversee the activities of the division’s annual event. Roy and Gil indicated that they will continue in the “Registrars” role. Roy further indicated he would be glad to act as a “second” in the overall planning and coordination. It was suggested that Doug Algire might be interested in taking the lead. John suggested we should consider raising the fee for RMU since we may not have as successful book sales in upcoming RMU events. There seemed to be little interest in raising the fee at this time.

Other topics

The group discussed the recently published NMRA ruling about non-NMRA members attending NMRA events on more than an introductory few occasions. The emphasis on this is acknowledged as a result of the liability insurance coverage for all NMRA sponsored events. The group acknowledged that our division does have this problem and it will need to be addressed. Membership chair Nancy

acknowledged she will privately address the several members whose NMRA membership has recently expired.

Andrew presented his Events Program Calendar for the remainder of the year. The calendar includes his Clinic on June 20th, a layout tour of Marcus Neubacher's N scale layout on July 18th, a meeting hosted by Tom Hoots for several layouts in Sun City on August 15th, an RMU extension course on AP Judging by Dave Chance on September 19th, a tour of the Lionel Corporation facilities in Concord on October 17th and the Division Swap Meet at Brookford on November 14th.

The group indicated that September 19th is usually the CSD picnic hosted by Jack Parker. No conclusion was reached on whether this would be combined with Dave Chance's presentation. Some concern was also expressed on the focus of Dave's presentation. The consensus of the group was that he should emphasize modeling and not AP paperwork.

Gil announced that he has permission to dispose of the excess materials acquired to refurbish Wade's Train Town layout. He will plan to make these items available for sale at the Swap Meet and perhaps other venues.

The meeting was brought to a close at 12:00 PM

Respectively submitted
Fred Miller, MMR
Clerk

ADDENDUM

Although not specifically delineated at the meeting, Jack would like to list the following ACTION ITEMS inferred by the discussions:

- Need to confirm the RMU date (as far as possible at this time) so that we can publicize at Metrolina Train Show. – Roy to check Church dates available.
- Nancy will assume responsibilities for Haberdashery, and Gil/Dick will redirect that email address to her
- Jack will forward info for interface with supplier
- Roy will contact members who might be willing to store magazines/books donated to Division
- Jack will get Library books from Rusty for SER Convention sale.
- Jack will contact suggested members for Publicity/Facebook admin
- Andrew will identify and initiate process to send event announcements to MER, neighboring Divisions, and hobby publications. Jack will provide contact info for SER Piedmont and Asheville Divisions.
- Jack will send Andrew copy of insurance waiver form for non-member event hosts.
- Jack will contact suggested member candidates for RMU Chair
- Jack will contact Marcus to establish basic details on RailOps weekend for Train Show flyer.