

**Carolina Southern Division  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2015**

Attendees: Jack Haynes, John Stevens, Roy Becker, Blayne Olsen, Andrew Stitt, Nancy Campbell

1 MER reports:

Jack reported that Larry had filed required reports with MER. They were: Officer membership Certification, and Annual Division Report. Both are required to have the Division activities under the NMRA Liability Insurance program

Jack stated that he had checked the NC Department of State web site for the Division incorporation information. The address for the Principal Location is still Steve August's and the current Primary Representative address is Rick Knight's. He requested authorization to spend the \$15.00 filing fee to update the records. Board voted to approve the expense. Updated addresses will be Jack's as Superintendent and Fred's as Clerk.

2 2015 Activity Calendar status

Andrew reported on discussions he has had with potential presenters and hosts for upcoming Division events. Seth Gartner has offered to host an educational operating session on his layout, Marcus Neubacker has offered to host a session on preparing a layout for operations, and Carl Wessel has offered to make a presentation on his work on the Lynx line extension. After discussion the Board recommended that Andrew try to schedule Seth for May, Carl for June, and Marcus for July. (See **Note** below)

The August meeting date is open at this time.

September we will have a regular Division meeting with Dave Chance presenting a class on AP judging and then do some actual judging. September will also have the annual Division Picnic, hosted by Jack Parker.

In October, we will have the RailOps weekend and November will have the combined Swap Meet and Open House at Brookford.

Andrew asked for opinions on whether with two events in September and one special event in October whether we should also have a regular Division meeting in October. The general feeling was that we should have a regular event on the third Saturday to maintain that as a regular predictable time and to provide an activity for members who might not participate in RailOps. Andrew will work on filling in something for the October meeting.

**Note:** Subsequent to meeting, Andrew confirmed Seth for May and Marcus for July. June is open. He is waiting on confirmation from Carl for August.

3 Division Train Show Presence.

Andrew asked about having some kind of clinic or demo, as part of the Division display at Train Shows. Jack said he had the same thought and also wanted to update/upgrade the Division Display Board to show more recent activities and have holders for flyers for future Division events like the 2015 RailOps weekend and 2016 RMU.

Blayne mentioned a demo he had seen at Narrow Gauge Convention on coloring a junk pile with adhesive powders. He will contact manufacturer so see if we can get some supplies for having a hands-on demo/clinic at a train show.

Jack suggested and the Board concurred that we need a supply of flyers for the upcoming train shows at Hickory in April and Metrolina in June. Andrew and Roy will look into updating the

2015 RMU flyer and work with Rusty to get some for both that and RailOps. Jack suggested that we don't necessarily need a full color (expensive) flyers for this purpose, many events have just plain black printing on colored paper on the entrance table at train shows to publicize their events.

#### 4 RMU

Discussion of RMU was limited because both Larry and Rusty were not able to attend.

Roy will try to confirm a date with Northside Baptist targeting the third Saturday that we have had the past couple of years.

Jack said that one thing Rusty was looking for from the Board was suggestions on potential featured speakers. Roy offered to contact a manufacturer of DCC products he has worked with to see if they would be willing to make the featured presentation at lunch and also hold a clinic session on using some of the special features of their products.

With respect to a budget, John expressed his concern (as Paymaster) that without the income from the White Elephant Sale at RMU, the profit we made was just enough to cover the utilities cost for Brookford. We need to be cautious in committing to any significant expenses.

#### 5 501(c)3 status at National

Jack reported that he had emailed MER officers and the National East Director requesting info on the current status of the program to cover regions and divisions under the National 501(c)3 status. He has received several responses. It appears that National is working on a pilot effort with MCoR. Main obstacle has been slow processing by IRS.

#### Other items:

Andrew mentioned that while he was at Brookford last Saturday, Gil mentioned that someone asked about having it open for a child's birthday party. He does not know what the town's policy toward that would be, but if they approve of it, maybe we should consider opening it for such special events. We discussed what compensation we would ask for, whether the town would allow us to ask for something, and how we would staff it so that everything didn't fall on Gil.

#### Action items:

Jack,Fred: file corporation paperwork with NC Dept of State

Andrew: Confirm dates with hosts and distribute updated Division event calendar

Roy: Confirm 2016 RMU date with Northside

Rusty, Roy, Andrew, Marcus: work on supply of flyers for RailOps and RMU in time for spring Train Shows

Roy: contact DCC manufacturer re presentation at RMU.

Blayne: contact vendor about materials for demo of weathering/painting at train shows

Blayne, Jack: Update/upgrade T.S. display board

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Haynes, Superintendent.