



**Seacoast Division NMRA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Report  
July 13th, 2023  
10:00 am - 11:45 am**

**Commencing:** 10:00 am

**Participants:** Glenn Mitchell, Tage Erickson, Nelson LeMay, Tom Oxnard, Jack Lutz, Jim Seroskie, Geoff Anthony, Jay Ehlen, Bruce Campbell, Guy Mason, Dave Delorey

**Presidents Opening Remarks:**  
A general greeting to one and all

**Reports:**                   **Treasurers Report:**  
See attached treasures report

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's report made by:  
2nd by:

Geoff Anthony  
Guy Mason

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary's Report was e-Mailed out to the B.O.D. on:

Monday

May29th

6:24 pm

**Switch Tower Report:**

From Geoff Anthony:

The Switch Tower; Vol.30, No.3, July 2023 has been published and sent out to the membership.

A copy for your perusal is posted on our website.

**Membership Report:**

From Bruce Campbell:

Membership is at 148 including club memberships.

A note regarding the demise of one of our Life Members a Mr. Paul Marsh was made. No additional data is available.

Our colleague Mr. Seroskie inquired as to what benefits a club membership entails. The general consensus was that clubs like/need the insurance coverage.

**Webmasters Report:**

See attached report

**Chip Faulter Fund Report:**

See attached report

**A.P. Program - NH & Me Report:**

From Tom Oxnard

No AP activity to report

### **Nominations Committee Report:**

An e-Mail posting has been sent out requesting nominations for position on the ballot for the next Board of Directors vote.

### **NER Board Meeting Report:**

Glenn reported on:

The passing-away of three NMRA-NER members.

NER Convention registrations have been slow.

An inquiry was made regarding the number of new members that were made via the "Rail-Pass" program

### **Activities Report:**

Guy Mason displayed a sample screen of the new NMRA "Interchange" protocol. At this time it is a sophisticated messaging service.

Jim Seroskie spoke of Mr. Dave Isley wanting to develop a standardized Convention template for each division to use.

Tom Oxnard offered for consideration that new members be asked to stand and introduce themselves at future events and that current members take advantage of that self introduction to approach the new members with a sense of welcome, and camaraderie.

October 28th, 2023 is set as the date for the up-coming Fall Event.

Jack Lutz reported that there are 43 events listed on the website calendar. The calendar runs on to April 2024 at they time

There are 147 clinics listed in our database at this time and that included those scheduled for our Summer Event.

Tage Erickson reported that a bulletin has been sent to the membership detailing our Summer Event. Date, time and location were clearly displayed.

Additionally, lunch would be the responsibility of the attendees. There are no layout tours planned exclusive of the Great Falls Model Railroad Club tours.

Mr. Wil Everett will be learning how to use our Audio/Visual equipment so as to serve as a back-up operator in the future.

**Convention Committee Report:**

**See attached Convention Committee Report**

At this time it was announced that volunteers for the Seacoast. Div. Convention are absolutely needed

**END of Reports**

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**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Glenn will forward to our colleague Mr. Mason Sam Carr's contact information. This will provide Mr. Mason the published listing of all the train shows that Sam Carr has.

Next B.O.D. meeting is August 31st, 2023 at 10:00 am

The October 2023 B.O.D. meeting has been moved to October 26th.

There will be no September B.O.D. meeting

**Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at.....11:35 am



# Seacoast Division of the NMRA

## Financial Statement for July 7, 2023

Date	Check #	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
6/7/23		Beginning Balance			\$6,630.79
No Transactions					
				<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,630.79</b>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,630.79</b>

Respectfully Submitted  
*David B Kolsonis*  
SDNMRA Treasurer

<b>2/16/23</b>		<b>CHIP FAULTER FUND</b>		<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$9,814.55</b>
<b>6/20/23</b>		<b>Interest paid \$0.09</b>			<b>\$9,814.64</b>
				<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$9,814.64</b>

## **Webmasters Report – July 13, 2023**

The Seacoast NMRA Division's web site is at <https://seacoastnmra.org> and has been updated recently with the July 2023 Switch Tower, the Spring 2023 NER Coupler, NMRA 2023 May and June Turntable, links to Great Falls Model Railroad Club July 8th Assets Sale, May 18th Board of Director's meeting and the Spring 2023 President's Letter.

Also maintained is a pre-production web site hosted with my compliments on a separate web server: <https://seacoastnmra.com>, which used to test new features and posting of new/changed documents/images prior to putting them into production on <https://seacoastnmra.org>. Most of the time both sites have the same content.

If you wish to add content to the web site or have ideas to improve it, please feel free to call or email me to discuss your proposal. Updates to the production web site are authorized by the President and sent to me via email for posting, while enhancements or adding other content materials may need board approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Delorey, Webmaster, Seacoast NMRA Division  
(603) 562-6257

Publicity Report  
July 13, 2023

The Seacoast Division currently has the following social media accounts:

Facebook Group:

[Seacoast Division NMRA | Facebook](#)

- 59 members
- 6 posts in past month

Instagram:

Seacoast NMRA

- 13 followers
- Following 9 member accounts (local clubs and organizations)

Goals of social media publicity:

- Share Seacoast Division events
- Share member organization events
- Promote the model railroading hobby with occasional stories and photos of railroads and models

Other ideas / notes:

NMRA promotional materials - there's a new recruitment guide [Promotional Materials | National Model Railroad Association \(nmra.org\)](#)

Pizza box model railroads for kids : [Pizza Box Model Railroad Club – Northern Utah Division, NMRA \(northernutahnmra.org\)](#)



This is my Faulter Fund report. Please send this out to the Board members.

I received the email below from the Southern Maine Model Railroad Club on May 18, 2023. I have passed this on to the other 2 members of the Faulter Fund Committee, and we are all in agreement that this is an undertaking that is worth the support of the Faulter Fund. Since this original email, I have heard nothing. I have reached out to the SMMRC and have gotten no response as of today.

Regardless, I think this is worth submitting to all the Board members for discussion at the Board meeting this week.

Best regards,

Tage

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Southern Maine Model Railroad Club <[southernmainemrc@gmail.com](mailto:southernmainemrc@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** SMMRC Setting up Space & Layout at WCC

**Date:** May 18, 2023 at 8:55:02 PM EDT

**To:** Glenn Mitchell <[glenn.t.mitchell@comcast.net](mailto:glenn.t.mitchell@comcast.net)>, Ernest Erickson <[etagee11@earthlink.net](mailto:etagee11@earthlink.net)>

Hello Glenn & Tage,

I wanted to reach out to let you both know that our club has come to an agreement (not formally signed just yet but we have agreed to terms) on leasing a 752sq ft space at the Westbrook Community Center beginning Sept 1st. The cost of this will be ~\$9000 annually which we plan to support through dues, donations and fundraising. We've been extremely successful in managing our operations 90% off fundraising but now I'd like to pivot some of that towards donations and grants. Specifically I'd like to ask for support from the NMRA Seacoast from the Chip Faulter fund, as our layout will serve as a primary outreach tool within not just the Westbrook Community Center, but the entire region, as we intend to have regularly open times where the public can visit and see trains operating.

Since you both are already familiar with the Community Center as a facility this room, which is available in the front of the building, will be 100% dedicated to our group and have our layout setup at all times. Since the space is more than

enough for the size of our current layout, we will also be expanding that, as well as building out a work bench for painting & model repairs, an area to host clinics, a DCC programming computer & track, ect.

The beauty of the Community Center is that it has its own facilities, security, maintenance/cleaning crews, ect as well as an entire other community of non-profit neighbors by which we can learn and collaborate. There are so many events and programs as well, that we will be launching our own outreach programs designed to build the interest in the hobby to the next generation. Ultimately, I believe that this falls under the mission of the Faulter Fund by promoting the hobby to younger generations by simply having our layout setup and available to the general public at the WCC.

Our club, again as you know from our relationship with the Seacoast Division, is extremely well equipped in terms of talent and energy, but also now we have taken in several collections (some rather massive ones actually) so we are also resource rich. This will certainly over time help with the funding of the space, but also allow us to build out our layout on a lower cost. We also know that finally having an established space will accelerate membership growth of our club, which further bolsters the sustainability of the fundraising and other efforts such as expanding our Train Show offering to a bi-annual (Fall and Spring) event.

Please let me know your thoughts on this request and I'm happy to speak with you further. Also, with a permanent operating layout the Seacoast Winter event will have access to our room and layout to host a true operating session if you so like.

Last request-- please do not publicize this yet, as we haven't signed the lease just yet. I do have a written agreement but again holding the exciting news until its 'officially official'. You may share within the Seacoast general officers to discuss our request but we will make it public very soon.

Best,  
Chuck

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Southern Maine Model Railroad Club

<https://southernmainemrc.wordpress.com>







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**Nominations Committee Report:**

**NER Board Meeting Report:**

**Activities Report:**

**Two items:**

**From Jack Lutz:**

**No formal report, but...**

**There are currently 43 events listed on the website calendar (some out as far as April 2024).**

**There are now 147 clinics in the database, including those upcoming at the Summer Event.**

**From Tage Erickson:**

**A formal bulletin was e-Mailed to the membership on June 17th at 3:09 pm  
Seacoast Division, NMRA**

**It detailed our**

**Summer Event. Saturday, July 15, 2023. 10:00-2:00**

**Hosted by The Great Falls Model Railroad. Club**

**144 Mill Street, Auburn, Maine 04210**

**Convention Committee Report:**

**See attached Convention Committee Report**

**END of Reports**

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Motion to Accept ALL the various reports following the Treasurers Report was made by:

2nd by:

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at.....

