



**Seacoast Division NMRA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, April 6th 2021  
10:00 am - 11:31 am**

Commencing: 10:02 am

Participants: T. Erickson, T. Oxnard, N. LeMay, L Champagne,, J. Lutz, D. Kotsonis, B. Kotsonis, J. Ehlen, B. Campbell, M. Pedersen, G. Mitchell

Opening Remarks: Tage reported that given the Covid-19 pandemic there was not much worthy of note, to report on at NMRA national level.

Agenda: A motion was made to accept today's agenda by Mike Pedersen, and seconded by Jay Ehlen. The motion passed.

Reports: Secretary:  
Nothing of note, still learning the ropes as it were. A motion was made by Mike Pedersen to accept the minutes of the previous BOD meeting held on 2/16/2021. The motion was seconded by Jay Ehlen. The motion passed.

Treasurer:  
Dave Kotsonis reported a balance in the Treasury of \$5,501.54.  
Activity since the last BOD meeting was an NER rebate of \$121.91.  
Dave also reported a balance of \$10,612.12 in the Chip Faulter Fund.

Switch Tower:  
Geoff Anthony notified Tage via email, that there were uploading issues with the website that have to be resolved before the SwitchTower can be published. Tage stated that three weeks ago the Seacoast Div. website was down for some reason. Dave Abrams was notified and that particular problem was fixed. This is a different problem than the issue with uploading the SwitchTower. In his email, Geoff suggested that the Switch Tower be send out via e-Mail. Tage offered that Geoff needs more article from members to publish. Tom Oxnard reminded us that minutes of B.O.D. meetings should be sent to Steve for publication in the the "Reports" section of our website. Nelson will insure that it happens in the next week.

Membership: No Report

Webmaster:

The Website is NOT up to date. Something changed or broke on the website and the latest Switch Tower cannot be uploaded. Steve Russo has contacted David Abrams regarding resolution.

Webmaster asked if the Switch Tower can be emailed to members.

No major changes are planned for the website at this time.

A.P. Program:

Tom Oxnard reported no activity in Maine.

The field visit to John McHughs project was done observing social distancing and Covid-19 protocols. A synopsis of that visit will be published in the Switch Tower

Convention Committee:

No Report

Nominations Committee:

No Report. It was mentioned that the terms of Directors Tage Erickson, Mike Pedersen, and Dave Kotsonis would be expiring at the end of 2021.

NER Board Meeting:

Tage summarized the recent NER Board of Directors meeting. The current NER treasurer, Roger Oliver, has elected to step-down from that post, effective June 30, 2021.

A regional membership Program was proposed and \$ 2000.00 was set aside to implement it.

No nominations for the Spate Award or the Presidents Award were presented.

Regarding the NER Convention in Oct. 2021, that is still in the offing per Dave Insley, the NER Convention chairman.

Planned for 2022, the Nutmeg Div. will present that convention.

Planned for 2023, the Sunrise Div. will present that convention.

The April 2021 NERx virtual convention will take place on April 10th and 11th.

Tom Oxnard will lead a discussion about the NMRA Achievement Program during that time with a Q & A session.

The Nutmeg Div. held an in person monthly meeting with 8 persons showing up and 8 more participants viewing the meeting virtually. Appropriate social distancing and Covid-19 Protocols were observed at all times during this meeting.

Tage mentioned that the Maine 3-Railers will host a their show on the same weekend in October that NER will have their convention in Westford, MA.

Tage mentioned that Sam Carr's monthly listing of New England Train Shows is getting shorter each month and still reflects numerous cancellations of shows.

Old Business:

For the foreseeable future, the Seacoast BOD will continue to meet via Zoom.

No further information is available on the D & O Insurance question.

Glenn sent out the first notice for the Seacoast Division Spring Virtual Event. The Spring Event will include a layout tour, 2 clinics and 2 workbench projects. Glenn is still looking for an additional layout tour(s).

Chip Faulter Fund:

Dave Kotsonis led a discussion regarding a donation from the Central N.Y. Div. of an NCE Starter Kit and how to turn that into cash. Tage reported that Seacoast member Ken Moller has volunteered to serve on the Chip Faulter Fund Committee.

New Business:

Tage would like to see the creation of an information page regarding donations, be included on our website home page.

The Board of Directors has decided that there will be no in person meetings scheduled as of yet. A motion was made by Tage Erickson to hold the July 17, 2021 Summer Event as a “Virtual Event.” The motion was seconded by Jay Ehlen and then passed unanimously.

Tage requested that consideration be given to having the Seacoast Division Fall Event, scheduled for Oct. 23,2021 in Stratham, NH, as the next favored date and location for an “in-person” meeting.

Tage offered for the boards consideration that building on our treasury is a matter of importance. He requested that board members submit ideas to him. Tage would like to present these ideas for discussion at our next BOD meeting on May 18th.

Tage enrolled the Seacoast Div. for one more year of ZOOM service.

Next B.O.D. Meeting:

Will be held as a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.