

MEETING MINUTES OF GARDEN STATE DIVISION, NORTHEASTERN REGION, NMRA

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) 2010 Annual Business Meeting

Date/Time: February 13, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

Place: Pacific Southern Model Railway Club in Rocky Hill, NJ

Attendees: Andy Brusgard, Joe Calderone, Tom Casey, Ciro Compagno, Bruce De Young, Chuck Diljak, Norman Frowley, Anthony Piccirillo, Tom Piccirillo, Richard Ross and Tom Wortmann. Many NJD, GSD and club members were also present.

Reports were presented:

President's Report

Tom W. thanked everyone for their contribution in 2010 citing examples of successful GSD events in 2010. He also thanked everyone for their support the past 6 yr., and indicated it was the staff that made the GSD comeback a success.

Secretary's Report

Ciro briefly commented on the successful GSD events and meetings throughout the year, and the continued good progress by the Division. He read the 2010 Business Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Anthony presented a yearend financial summary. A \$75 non-profit registration fee was paid. He indicated a final written summary would be submitted to the Secretary.

Education Committee and AP Reports

- Norm summarized a new NER judge qualification and certification program. NER members need to be approved by him to judge within the NER. A questionnaire is provided to interested NER members. Recently, Bruce was appointed as a judge. Norm provides a business card to each approved judge indicating a "Certificate of Approval".
- Norm wrote an article in a recent NER newsletter announcing the "Year of the Car" in 2011. This is to promote car model building in the region. He is planning to write an article for the next NER newsletter on how to be an AP Judge.
- Norm presented Volunteer AP Certificates to Tom C., Ciro, Anthony and Bob Tumielewicz.
- Norm indicated the Paul Mallery Award was first introduced in 2008. He indicated he will withdraw in 2011 if a model is entered that won a merit award.

Membership & Club Chair's Report

Andy provided a year-end summary:

- All new members are e-mailed a welcome letter. The letter explains who we are, GSD activities, GSD website link and the most recent copy to the Whistle Post Newsletter.
- When no e-mail addresses are available, he will reach out by phone or mail.
- During the past year, about 60 e-mail addresses were added as friends to the GSD. There are now a total 450+ on the e-mail distribution.
- The Whistle Post Newsletter, along with the GSD website link, was e-mailed to the membership. Throughout the year, meeting notices are sent out. Notices are sent three times before the meet. Notices from the National, Region and other groups that would be of interest to the members were also sent. Continual notices keep the contact between the Division and the membership active.
- When an e-mail bounces, he calls them directly.
- Andy thanked the New York Society of Model Engineers, Carlstadt, NJ, for their support throughout the year in underwriting all the mailings.

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Whistle Post Report

Chuck Diljak presented an overview in 2010. The upcoming Spring 2011 issue was reviewed:

- Scratch building Article (Bruce)
- Richard Ross's layout (Chuck)
- Pacific Southern meet (Chuck)
- Spring Meet promotion (Bruce)
- Regular features include:
 - President's column (New President)
 - Richmond Harbor column (Ciro)
 - Finalized November 2010 meeting minutes (Ciro)
 - AP column (Norman)
 - Maintenance of Way photos (All)

Clinic Program Committee (CPC) Report

Tom P. provided a summary of activities:

- Tom P. met with the Andy, Ciro and Anthony and confirmed their participation in the CPC. Numerous potential clinic topics were accepted by the Committee, and called for clinicians in early January 2011.
- The action items for the Spring Meet were established:
 - The list of topics will be distributed among the GSD members to recruit Clinicians for each topic.
 - We need a way to project demonstrations onto a screen that is portable and easily transported. A monitor is ideal
- Progress will be reviewed two times per month, and inform the President of notable progress.
- Five individuals have answered the call for clinics (the first 3 will be presented at the Spring Meet):
 - Jim Fawcett — Model Builder Software
 - David Ramos — Railroad Marine Operations
 - Jim Grill — Card Forwarding System
 - Joe Calderone — Car Forwarding System (held for a later date)
 - Norman — Achievement Program (held for a later date)

All above reports were unanimously accepted.

Discussion of new business:

Ciro proposed revisions to the GSD Constitution highlighted below:

Article 4 Officers and Directors

Section 3 Officers and Directors at Large shall be elected at the annual meeting. Officers shall serve a term of one year. **President and Vice President may serve a maximum of five elected consecutive terms. Secretary and Treasurer do not have term limits.** Directors at Large shall serve a term of two years, alternating so only half of the Directors at Large will be elected at any time. Directors at Large do not have term limits. All references in the Constitution and Bylaws to Secretary - Treasurer shall be interchangeable with either Secretary or Treasurer except Bylaw Article 3 Section 5 where the duties of these offices are set forth.

Norm motioned to accept the proposed revisions. Tom P. amended the motion to revise the term definition. A GSD staff member seconded the amended motion. There was a general

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discussion on the amended motion. GSD membership was polled (10 yeas and 14 nays) for the amended motion. The original motion was presented a second time. There was a general discussion. GSD membership was polled (20 yeas and 11 nays) for the original motion. The original motion was accepted.

2010 GSD Elections

Andy presented nomination of Officers and Directors for 2010:

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| President | Norman Frowley (2011) |
| Vice-President | Tom Wortmann (2011) |
| Secretary | Ciro Compagno (2011) |
| Treasurer | Anthony Piccirillo (2011) |
| Directors: | Bruce De Young (2011-2012) |
| | Andy Brusgard (2010-2011) |
| | Joe Calderone (2011-2012) |
| | Rich Ross (2011-2012) |

All nominees were unanimously accepted.

Pacific Southern Model Railway Club members presented three clinics:

- Short history of the club and the reasons why they decided to go with DCC.
- Show how numerous row houses were quickly made using molds using an article that appeared in Railroad Model Craftsman magazine.
- Issues encountered and unique solutions with the DCC conversion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Club members operated trains and allowed attendees to further explore their layout.

The next meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned around 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ciro Compagno, Secretary