

BOD MEETING MINUTES OF GARDEN STATE DIVISION, NE REGION, NMRA

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) Staff Meeting
Date/Time: Saturday, March 22, 2014
Place: Home of Bruce DeYoung
Attendees: Ciro Compagno, Bruce DeYoung, Andy Brusgard, Jim Homoki, Tom Casey, Anthony Piccirillo, Bob Dennis, Roger Oliver, Jim Walsh.
Not in attendant: Joe Calderone; Tom Wortmann, Jim Fawcett.

March 22, 2014 - Motions Submitted and Approved.

Annual Report will be distributed and coming.ents by membership and staff will be noted and approved by BOD Staff members at the next staff meet

A Summary of accomplishments will be written for the Annual meeting membership.

Reports were presented:

President's Report Ciro - Winter Meet March 2014 shows a good track with the largest attendance to date. Jim Fawcett did an outstanding job. I'm proud to be a member of the GSD. Thank you all for a great Winter Meet.

Vice President Report Bruce DeYoung – Very Pleased with the Winter Meet. Why this meet was so successful? Layouts were not the attractions! Location and WIP was the attraction. What added to the attendance were the keynote personalities Tony Koester and others. In the Mahwah meeting, prototype and clinics may not have been so successful.

Secretary's Report Please accept the November 2013 BOD minutes, Ciro accepted, Andy seconded. The Annual Business minutes should be accepted by the next BOD staff. It serves no purpose to read the Annual minutes one (1) year later to the general membership. There are no rules in the Bylaws or Constitution prohibiting BOD to accept minutes. Tom C caution can be perceived by membership the BOD staff is being secretive. Jim Homoki agrees not useful purpose to read one year old minutes.

Ciro – Election process for new candidates will be announced in the second quarter (2nd). The next WP should include Ballots and announcements.

Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet, financial summary, transaction Sheet was presented and accepted.

Bob Dennis has the ED Fred Caboose. Bruce indicated to keep the Caboose next to the coffee.

Twenty-eight (28) cups available for sale.

Education Committee and AP Report Staten Island week-end Saturday 29, 2014 9:30 am APP program for a number of sites. More qualified Judges are needed!

Membership & Club Chair's Report **GSD has 250 members at present.** Eighteen members need to renew membership for GSD to maintain our 250. Only 15 are renewing **monthly** at present. GSD helped NER at Springfield Show with Rail Pass for new members.

Event Report May 17 2014 – will meet at Middletown, NJ joining the NJD. Layouts are available including Ted's. Diesel Loco for contest in NJD meet.

Ciro will call Bob G for Clinics at NJD. GSD should host next join meet with NJD in fall of 2015. Also NJD to attend our summer meet.

Phillipsburg has no place to have meeting. 4H Center better location but we need a good venue. Bruce will meet Jan to discuss 4H meeting.

A good activity for the day should include WIP by Tom Wortmann's idea to build a model. A fee needs to be calculated for member to participate.

Fall Meet – who is in-charge??

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Whistle Post Report --Joe C would like to try something different, an editor is needed. Jim Walsh has 1 article now and 1 for the future for WP.

Discussion of remaining old business:

Person Responsible	Task	Origination Date	Comments
Andy	Member Survey	March 2014	Email test with BOD was successful. Survey ready to be sent. A good cover email is needed to better explain how to return.
Anthony	Boy Scouts Program	Sept 2013	Made contact with Cedar Knolls Region – received forms and rules. Bruce obtained and distributed RR manual. Bruce and Bob Dennis will submit forms to be counselors. Bruce has been approved. 4/1/2014
Anthony	Build a Dream	Nov 2013	Roger Oliver will build a “under the bed” roll away layout. Anthony will see if there is a National Program Page Martin?
Ciro	Conventions??	March 2014	Where, when, and with whom??
Ciro	GSD host a Region Convention	March 2014	Follow-up with Andy to see if he would accept Convention Chairman position

Meeting adjourned around 12:37 pm.

Next staff meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Piccirillo

Anthony Piccirillo, Secretary NMRA/NER/GSD