

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

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) Staff Meeting
Date/Time: Saturday, June 14, 2014
Place: Home of Jim Homoki
Attendees: Ciro Compagno, Andy Brusgard, Tom Casey, Anthony Piccirillo, Bob Dennis, Roger Oliver, Jim Walsh, Joe Calderone; Jim Homoki.
Not in attendance: Tom Wortmann, Jim Fawcett, Bruce De Young,

June 14, 2014 - Motions Submitted and Approved.

(2014.6.14.1) Unless otherwise specified activity fee for all meetings will be \$5.00

June 14, 2014 - Motions Submitted and NOT APPROVED.

(2014.6.14.2) Have an Annual meeting fee for the year.

Reports were presented:

President's Report Ciro – Over the past two years, we have worked to improve our division meets – looking for venues, clinicians and afternoon home layout tours. As a result, we have succeeded at increasing our attendance and we may now have a formula that works. The challenge is to continue this success meet after meet and finding something different each time. It requires that we operate as an effective team with all members doing their parts.

Secretary's Report In response to the need for approval of the BOD for the Annual Minutes of 2/08/14 and BOD Minutes of 3/22/14, all approved the minutes. Note that based on 3/22/14 BOD meeting, the Annual Business meeting minutes will be approved by the BOD. The final approved minutes will be communicated to Tom Wortmann for posting to the website.

Roger commented that his position in the region will be up for election in September and there has been no discussion of candidates. Ciro assured him that the matter is being addressed.

The BOD minutes for 3/22/14 were approved as amended including Tom Casey's insertion of "monthly" in his report.

Treasurer's Report Year to date balance has not changes from year to year.

Action for Bob to report on investigating options for CD and money market funds and consider that we will need cash on hand. P&L and balance sheet submitted to Anthony – Approved and Accepted.

Education Committee and AP Reports We are still waiting on AP certificates from National. Merit awards come from the region and are timely enough but certificates from the National are always late. Bill Brown from the NER sent Joe D'Agostino a merit award with an incorrect name. Bruc DeYoung is following up with Bill Brown. An open item concerning a mistake on a certificate from NJD for Howard Lash will be resolved with Ciro addressing it to Bob Clegg of the NJD.

Event Report Dual meet with the NJD as host in May 2014. They use a different method and organization for the door prizes. Frank and Joe donated door prizes but they were not credited and the items were not put out for door prizes at the meet. Door prizes and the raffle are done differently for each division. The donated door prizes in NJD may be used at a future meet. For a future NJD/GSD meet we will need to communicate our issues with respect to donated door prizes. NJD collects \$10 for the year and GSD asks for \$5 to \$6 at each meet. Motion to change to an annual activity fee was not approved. A motion was made that indicates "unless otherwise specified, our fee will be \$5 at each meet" and the motion was approved. Joe Calderone suggested that a sign should be displayed to explain the entry fee. We should host the next dual meet and there are details that must be considered. NJD planned far ahead for 2015 and we may have some difficulty with scheduling

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because we moved our business meeting. Ciro should ask Bob Clegg to determine when we could schedule a joint meet. Roger suggested having a dual meet at a Greenburg Show during the show.

Future Dates: Set up a schedule with all meets and historical society or RPM meets for 2015. Jim Homoki and Joe Calderone considered where to have a dual meet in 2015. Summer Meet – Jim Homoki noted that he paperwork was submitted for Hillsborough Township. The target is mid-August (Aug 16 or 23) but it has not been approved. The 4H center in Bridgewater will be for the fall meet but no date yet. An alternative summer meet location could be The Model Railroad Club, Inc. in Union, NJ. Jim Fawcett LDsig/Opsig/RPM meet in Scotch Plains dates are 25-26 October – co sponsored by the GSD. We need clinics for the summer and fall meets. Build a kit clinic needs planning to buy kits and admission fee collection. Special Event – 2015 Kit class – Tom Wortmann clinics. To find clinicians, Andy will send an email. We need to consider a Plan B.

Membership & Club Chair's Report Membership down 8% - 238 Andy makes calls to members passed 60 days. Renewals should be at 18 per month but they are averaging 15 per month. Rail Pass results indicate that 1/2 join to be a full members and 1/3 stay on as members. Bob Dennis will call members that are 60 days passed due. To improve retention for Rail Pass members we could engage those members – mentoring by membership – assigning a member to a new Rail Pass member. At sign in, identify Rail Pass members and inform Ciro.

Whistle Post Report July 10 is the due date for the Whistle Post – need articles and pictures – send direct to Joe Calderone. Need a ballot for the fall WP. Tom Casey – compare last WP for new members since last issue. Joe will be handing off the Whistle Post to Jim Homoki probably in the fall or early 2015. We will need to post the nominations to the WP.

Old Business Member Survey – Andy needs to develop the results, submit to the members in the fall. Boy Scouts – Bruce and Bob Dennis are merit badge counselors – Staten Island troop was mentioned. Build a Memory – “Under the Bed” Layout already built 3 by 5 feet – The Model Railroad Club, Inc. – Bill Jambour has plans. Bob Dennis will call the The Model Railroad Club, Inc. Convention – we would need 2 years – 2016 and future New Website – NER- Tom Wortmann Next BOD meeting in September

Discussion of remaining old business:

Person Responsible	Task	Origination Date	Comments
Tom W	Special Event – Kits Class	2/2014	
Ciro & Anthony	Need Ballot and nomination form for 2015	6/14/2013	

Meeting adjourned around 12:07 pm.

Next staff meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Walsh

Jim Walsh, Secretary NMRA/NER/GSD