

MEETING MINUTES OF GARDEN STATE DIVISION, NORTHEASTERN REGION, NMRA

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) Staff Meeting

Date/Time: March 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Place: Home of Tom Wortmann in Staten Island, NY

Attendees: Andy Brusgard, Tom Casey, Bruce De Young, Ed Fraedrich, Norman Frowley, Roger Oliver and Tom Wortmann

Before the meeting, Roger Oliver distributed flyers for the 2009 National Convention in Hartford, CT. Roger asked to distribute flyers to local clubs, hobby shops and individuals so that they may be hung in windows in each person's home area.

Reports were presented:

Secretary's Report

- Ed Fraedrich read the January 2009 meeting minutes by Ciro Compagno.
- Tom Casey noted that the word "model" should be removed and only read "Ramapo Valley Railroad Club". The report was accepted with this correction.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Wortmann read the report for Anthony Piccirillo. The report was accepted as read.

Education Committee and AP Reports

Norman Frowley reported that there will be three awards presented at the upcoming spring meeting in Union, NJ. He also suggested to bring a model for show-and-tell, or for judging toward an AP award if the individual so desired.

Membership Report

- Andy Brusgard reported that he sent about 50 letters to members that have no reported e-mail address. He has received only two replies to date, and does not expect much more.
- Tom Wortmann motioned that the names of potential members gathered at the recent Greenberg's Train & Toy Shows be turned over to the Membership Committee for follow up. The motion was accepted.
- Roger Oliver reported that he had submitted a petition on March 15, 2009 to the Board of Trustees to define Region and Division boundaries. If accepted, it will be submitted to the Mid-Eastern Region for their approval followed by National.
- Roger reported that there is a meeting (the 2009 Northeastern Region Annual Meeting) scheduled during the upcoming National Train Show in Hartford, CT. He asked if any staff members going to this show would also attend this meeting.
- Roger reported a meet (actually the Maritime Federation of Model Railroaders Convention) in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada in May 2010. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested can contact him for additional information. This event is not sponsored by the Northeastern Region (NER).
- Roger reported that the next NER Convention will be in Burlington, VT in September 2010.

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Events Report

- Bruce De Young agreed to assist Bob Tumielewicz in his duties of the Convention Committee. Bruce's new title is Co-Event Chairman.
- Tom Wortmann proposed that we contact individuals that opened their home layouts during the GSD hosted 2006 Regional Convention, and ask if they are willing to open them again during GSD quarterly meets. He asked to contact individuals before the summer meeting in North Haledon, NJ. Two or three home layouts would be sufficient for each meet.
- The food for the upcoming spring meet in Union, NJ should be enough for 40 persons. It was reported that the soda supply is depleted. Norman Frowley volunteered to replenish the supply.
- Norman Frowley suggested that due to the increase in food costs that the meet admission price should be increased from \$5 to \$6. The staff agreed to this price increase.

Norman Frowley is hosting the next staff meeting. The date and time will be determined.

Meeting adjourned around 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Fraedrich, Director at Large