

MEETING MINUTES OF GARDEN STATE DIVISION, NORTHEASTERN REGION, NMRA

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

Date/Time: January 17, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Place: Ramapo Valley Railroad Club in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ

Attendees: Andy Brusgard, Bruce De Young, Tom Casey, Ciro Compagno, Chuck Diljak, Ed Fraedrich, Norman Frowley, Roger Oliver, Anthony Piccirillo, Bob Tumielewicz, and Tom Wortmann. Numerous GSD and Ramapo Valley Model Railroad Club persons were also present.

Reports were presented:

President's Report

Tom W. thanked everyone for their contribution in 2009. It was another successful year that included GSD Spring, Summer and Fall meets, and the addition of Huntington County to the Division.

Secretary's Report

Ciro provided a brief summary of the successful GSD events and meetings throughout 2009.

The proposed revisions of the GSD Constitution and Bylaws were handed out. The key revision was adding a 5-year term limit for GSD Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). He motioned to accept the proposed changes. There was a second motion to accept the revisions as presented. The revised GSD documents will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Anthony presented a year-to-date transaction and net worth summary. A final written report will be submitted to the Secretary. The net worth of the Division is about \$5,400. He indicated is now the registered agent for the Division (transferred from Roger). The cost to change agent was \$75. He indicated there was no difference between not-for-profit and non-profit in the State of New Jersey.

Education Committee and AP Reports

Norman indicated 2009 was another busy and successful year with the Achievement Program (AP) within the GSD. Norman asked for continued encouragement in this Program particularly the Volunteer AP Certificate. He presented a ribbon award for Tom P. for his transfer-table model

Convention Committee Report

Bob provided a brief overview of GSD's participation in 2009. There was continued success at the Greenberg's Train & Toy Shows in Edison and Youth Day at Lake Mohawk, Sparta, NJ.

Membership & Club Chair's Report

Tom C. provided a brief summary of ongoing efforts to reach out to the general membership, updating contact information and sharing updated with the National. Presently, there are 259 GSD members. Andy Brusgard provided a detailed summary of his efforts in 2009.

Whistle Post Report

Chuck Diljak presented an overview in 2009:

- Converted the *Whistle Post* from an old version of Quark to Microsoft Publisher 2007 adding and enhancing many features.
- Using Inkscape, a freeware drawing program similar to Illustrator and CorelDraw.

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- Published four issues with major articles in resin casting, the Hartford National Convention and Tom Piccirillo, MMR.
- New regular feature introduced that follows the progress of Ciro building his Richmond Harbor layout.
- Scanned the back issues of the *Whistle Post* beginning with issue #83 in 2001.
- Planned 2010 activities include modeling Weehawkin article series and will begin featuring layouts, starting with model railroads on Staten Island.
- He reinforced the importance for good articles and photographs. The *Whistle Post* is only as good as the material provided by the GSD members.

All above reports were unanimously accepted.

2010 GSD Elections

Tom Wortmann presented nomination of Officers and Directors for 2010:

President	Tom Wortmann (2010)
Vice-President	Norman Frowley (2010)
Secretary	Ciro Compagno (2010)
Treasurer	Anthony Piccirillo (2010)
Directors:	Tom Casey (2010-2011)
	Andy Brusgard (2010-2011)
	Tom Piccirillo (2010-2011)
	Chuck Diljak (2010-2011)

All nominees were unanimously accepted.

Ciro presented a clinic on *Layout Room Preparation*.

Following the meeting, Ramapo Valley RR Club allowed members and guests to operate trains and further explore their layout.

The next meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned around 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ciro Compagno, Secretary