

MEETING MINUTES OF GARDEN STATE DIVISION, NORTHEASTERN REGION, NMRA

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) Staff Meeting

Date/Time: November 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Place: Home of Tom Wortmann in Staten Island, NY

Attendees: Tom Casey, Ciro Compagno, Bruce De Young, Chuck Diljak, Ed Fraedrich, Norman Frowley, Anthony Piccirillo, Tom Piccirillo, and Tom Wortmann.

Reports were presented:

President's Report

Tom W. thanked everyone for their contribution over the years that lead to a successful re-organization of the GSD Division. He is proud to have served the Division as President the past 6 yr. A personal accomplishment includes re-alignment of the original GSD border.

Secretary's Report

Ciro read the 9/26/10 staff meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Anthony provided a brief financial summary.

Education Committee and AP Reports

Norman indicated there was an increase in AP activity. He announced:

- "Certificate for Approval" for an AP Judge given by the NER AP Chairperson (Norman).
- The 2010 Paul Mallery Award is Norman Frowley. He indicated he would withdraw his entry if at least one AP earned model were entered in 2011.
- The NER Fall Convention will be jointly hosted by the Little Rhody and Nutmeg Divisions. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI the weekend of 10/13 – 10/16/11. Participation by GSD staff and members was encouraged. He will give a clinic on "How to be an effective AP Judge".
- He will provide a clinic at the 2011 Winter Meet on "How to win a model contest".
- He developed a questionnaire to determine judge qualifications.
- Inter-regional judging is acceptable with knowledge and agreement between the two group's AP Chairpersons.

Events Report

- Greenberg Show, 11/27-28, in Edison, NJ.
 - Reviewed of the proposed staff schedule.
 - No Wi-Fi available.
 - Need RailPass Applications.
 - Ciro provided Norman 50 copies of the GSD pamphlets.
 - Ciro will bring another 25 copies of the GSD pamphlets on Sunday morning.
- GSD Business Meeting & Winter Meet, 2/13/11 (snow date 2/20/11), hosted by the Pacific Southern Railway Club in Rocky Hill, NJ.
 - Bruce will call Bob to finalizing event details.
 - Ciro will e-mail Bruce what further information is needed.
- World's Greatest Hobby, 02/26-27, 2011, in Edison, NJ.

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- No contact has been made.
- Bob T. will reserve a table.

- GSD Spring Meet, 4/10/11 or 5/01/11, hosted by The Model Railroad Club in Union, NJ.
 - An Ops Session is desirable and needs to be discussed with the club.

Membership & Club Chair's Report

- Tom C. is sending membership correction to the National.
- Andy continues to send e-mail announcements with minimal turnout; i.e. 25 out of 400 show up at GSD events. Tom P. indicated this was a good turnout. Andy is considering asking in the e-mail announcements to confirm receipt.
- Add new members to the Whistle Post?

Whistle Post Report

Chuck provided a summary of items needed for the upcoming winter issue. He also discussed upcoming work for the Spring 2011 issue that includes the Richard Ross layout. Tom W. offered a series of articles on his layout expansion including hand-laying track for the first time. Other layout articles are welcomed.

Discussion of old business:

1. Solicit home layouts in northwest section of New Jersey in late March 2010. Update: Bruce will take the lead on contacting individual home layouts near a GSD venue. Focus will in the Phillipsburg, NJ area in late March.
2. Solicit layout photos from the GSD membership to possibly include in future Whistle Post newsletters. Update: Chuck will provide Tom W. with a questionnaire to gather layout information. A photo will be attached.
3. Possible future GSD venues: Mount Tabor Volunteer Fire Department Hall, Parsippany, NJ (Ciro); East Hanover, NJ (Anthony). Additional locations were given to Bruce to follow-up on. No Update.
4. Andy presented a nicely done card promoting New York Society of Model Engineers. Andy volunteered to create a similar card for the GSD. No Update.
5. Tom W. and Andy agreed to look into GSD golf shirts and its cost. Update: Approx \$25/shirt with an embroidered GSD logo.
6. Election 2011
 - Andy is chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
 - Chuck is on the Nominating Committee.
 - Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election with at least one name for each elective office per Article 7 of the GSD Constitution.
 - Positions up for election in 2011:
 - President (2011) – 5 yr. term limit is in affect
 - Vice President (2011) – 5 yr. term limit is in affect
 - Secretary (2011)
 - Treasurer (2011)
 - Directors: Bob Tumielewicz (2011 and 2012)*, Ed Fraedrich (2011 and 2012) and Bruce De Young (2011 and 2012)

*Bob called into the meeting and asked if someone could replace him as Director. If no one is found, he would serve another term.

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Discussion of new business: None

Next staff meeting is planned at Bruce's home in March 2011.

Meeting adjourned around 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ciro Compagno, Secretary