**Rappahannock Model Railroaders, Inc.**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**July 11, 2024**

**Roll call:**

Tom Bernardo Doug Boomer

Rich Boteler John Carlson

Dennis Cole Bill Craig

Bob David Robert Easton

Michael Fields Linda Garrett

Nick George (P) Thomas Gerseny

Michael Greaves Kathy Harris

Wayne Hart Dan Hicks (P)

Bob Hunter Sterling Hunter

Jim Kerley Robert King Mark McDonagh Jim McFadden

John McKeown Michael McVeigh

Tom Medsker Glenn Minshall (P)

Rich Murnane (P) Tim Murphy (P)

Steve Porcelli Mike Riabouchinsky

Gregory Scotten Phil Shaw

Steve Shaw Darrell Smith (P)

Alan Souers Bill Trueman

Tom Ullrich(P) Randy Vaughn

Bob Wilcox Eric Worth

**President Bill Trueman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes:**  Doug Boomer made a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes and Phil Shaw seconded it. The minutes were approved.

**President’s Report:** Bill Trueman thanked everyone who worked and/or attended the Open House.

**First VP report:** Jim Kerley thanked everyone again for the open house. We had a good turnout, and all the food was eaten. He then stated that the Youth Service at the Library went well with static displays and thanked those who helped. His next item was the setup for the fair on Monday July 15 at 10am. He asked members to let him know if they could help and stated that signup sheets will be on the web soon or you can email Jim.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ardell Greavesprovided the financials. The beginning balance in the checking account was $2,197.66. Inflows were $1,014.75. Outflows of $1,475.87 included rent and utilities. The ending balance in the checking account was $1,736.54. The difference is -461.12.

The business money market account beginning balance was $21,783.98. Interest of $35.38 was added. The ending balance in the business money market account is $21,819.35.

The Money Market Savings Account beginning balance was $6,703.25 and earned $10.89 of interest. The ending balance for the Money Market Savings account is $6,714.14.

The Business all Client CD (3899) has $20,934.41 and interest of $0.00 for a total of $20,934.41. Interest is only paid out at the end of the 7-month term.

The new Business all Client CD (8135) has $10,290.22 and interest of $0.00 for a total of $10,290.22. Additional interest is only paid out at the end of the 5-month term.

The grand total in the treasury is $61,494.66.

**Secretary’s Report:** No Report.

**Second VP Report:** No Report.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Donations to the Club:** Bob Hunter reported thatNick George has collected $13,090.00 in cash and checks.

**Christmas Show:** Bob Hunter reported thatNick said contracts will be sent out by the end of July.

**Youth Program:** John Carlson stated they are waiting for the allocation of space before moving any further.

**Committee Reports:**

**O Scale:** No report

**HO Committee:** Bob Hunter said they had a 4 x 8 set up at the Open House and he was told it went over well.

**N Scale:** Linda Garrettsaid they had some wiring problems at Open House but overcame them. They are going to be putting Velcro on the modules to hold them together better. Stafford Junction event is 722 through 7/25 which is the week of the fair.

**Z Scale:** Tom Bernardo reported that the module is painted, and they are ready to start laying track. He also showed some items-i.e. Engine, Tender, Light post and track to give everyone any idea of the size.

**Historian:** Bob Wilcox said that he is now back in business after being out of commission for a while. Bob also stated he was having trouble getting onto the web site to put on the signup sheets for the fair. He will work with Steve to get the issue fixed.

**Facilities and Property:** Rich Boteler said that he will be having a meeting with the expansion committee on Aug 14th at the clubhouse at 7pm. He also stated that he has ordered the air conditioning unit for Unit D and it should be delivered on July 17th.

**Expansion Committee**: Bill Trueman said that donation request needs to be specific request including what is being requested and the amount. These need to be approved prior so that we are not duplicating.

**Publicity:** Mark McDonagh said everything for the Fair is complete.

**Web Master:** Steve Shaw said that there were 79 interactions with the website in the last 30 days. New members can call Steve if they cannot get into members side.

**Raffle:** Ardell Greaves reported that we have sold $253.00 worth of tickets, our costs are $460.46, so we need to sell $207.46 worth of tickets to break even. The Fair and Christmas Show are two of the biggest events for sales. Since Toy Trains and Collectibles will be closing their doors, it was stated that we should purchase 2 O Gauge and 2 HO gauge sets while we can still get them from Toys Trains and Collectibles for the next 2 years raffles.

**New Business:**

**Banners:** Phil Shaw reminded everyone that he needs to know what size banner they want for their respective layouts so he can get the cost. Please contact him this week so he can have those numbers by the next meeting.

**Meeting Room:** Bill Trueman stated that the library is now requiring that we go on their website to reserve the rooms for meetings. This can be done on or after Sept 3 at 9am. Bill stated that we may need to order about 20 chairs in case we need to have our meetings at the clubhouse. A suggestion was made to wait until we get a hold of the library. The main concern about meeting at the clubhouse seems to be parking and acoustics.

Kathy Harris won the 50/50 raffle.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**