

Burning River News Letter

February 20, 2015

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.
16 members present.

Treasury Report

As of December 30th 2014:

\$2811.60 in account

\$ 385.00 in from shows

\$ 20.00 out Insurance balance

\$ 195.00 out quarterly Insurance

\$ 91.00 out Trailer Plates

\$ 181.00 in from Jan. show and club party

\$3071.60

\$4000.00 in Mr. Jacobs Pledge

\$7071.60 total

There are a couple more pledges and some show money to add into that, but these numbers were not available at the time of the meeting.

President's Report

An executive meeting was held on February 16th.

Gordon received and accepted the resignation of Randy Wolfe as Secretary of the club.

Jamie Macko was appointed by the board to fill the remainder of the secretary term.

The board approved the purchase of a new trailer. More info later in this newsletter.

Old Business

A Capital Improvement Fund was discussed and voted in. It will involve a **Voluntary** Pledge Program.

These are **not** dues. It will be strictly for those who want to do it. With the pledge (done on a form) you can set the amount you want, and pay it over the year. You set the amount, it's up to you. Noral's only request is that all payments be made by check to allow for simpler record keeping.

Charlie Colitre has volunteered to be the Pledge Coordinator. Again, these pledges will be for Capital Improvements like sending our DCC system in to get worked on or outfitting the trailer, and things like that.

And speaking of Pledges,

Ed Eaglehouse has pledged \$120

Noral Copeland has pledged \$100

The proposed trailer is an 8 ½' by 20 or 24', 2 axle trailer. 2 axles will better balance and support the weight. It will have a fold down rear door which will make a ramp, and Gordon and Mike Farrow have been doing some sketches to come up with cart racks to be able to load and store the modules on, **and** to be able to just roll the cart rack out of the trailer and into the show to unload modules instead of

hauling them in one at a time. Just a little more research will be done by Gordon before the trailer will be ordered.

There were some criteria discussed on what would be hauled in the trailer.

*All club modules and equipment

*Members modules that can be used at any time for a layout without the owner having to be at the show. Basically, if we can't use it, you haul it.

**Members voted and approved to buy a new trailer not exceeding \$4600.

A concern was made about hauling vehicles for the trailer. The same vehicles used now will be able to haul the new trailer. A brake system switch will need to be added to these vehicles for about \$35 and a pair of removable extendable mirrors will be needed also. There will be one pair which can be put on either tow vehicle.

Save the date: Saturday, July 18th, BRNS will be having the **second annual club picnic** at the Northeast Ohio Live Steam Club Layout. Same place as last year. All had fun last year, so we're gonna do it again. Dale and Joe#1 will be organizing this event.

New Business

Gordon has a list of Bob Mervis's collection. We will get the list out to you soon. Club members will have first look at the collection before we try to sell it at the shows. Dale will be helping to sell off the collection when it's time.

Dave Rothchild sent us a message that his job has him pretty tied up until April, but the website will happen. It's just going to take a bit longer till his work slows down.

Up Coming Events

March 7, Marymount Place Nursing Home in Garfield. Al Fenton is coordinating. Setup 9 a.m. Run 10-2. Ohio Layout

March 13-15, Railfest at Lakeland Community College. Noral is coordinating. Setup Friday ? Run 10-4. Ntrak Layout

March 20, Club meeting. Location TBA. Anyone interested in Hosting it?

March 22, Dalton Show at the Buckeye Sports Center. Charlie Colitre is coordinating. Setup 8 a.m. Run 10-4. Ntrak layout

April 12, Medina

April 17, Club meeting at Mike Anderson's home

April 18, Firelands Show, Ohio Layout

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Tree building clinics

Tom Dunbrook gave a clinic on making trees from Garland and Sedum.

Mike Farrow demonstrated making easy to model Pine trees and Poof Ball trees.

Thank you to both for your very informative clinics that made tree making look so easy.

Secretary's Note

Does anyone have a Club Corner in their position? We have a few out there that members were redoing and we are trying to locate them. Please let me know if you have one....Jamie

Noral is coordinating Railfest this year. And he will be sending out info on it. Just real quick, we have...

*14 x 34 layout space.

*Not sure, but I think it's still 15 wrist bands for participants and ½ price for the rest.

*\$6 lunch boxes available with Italian subs, turkey and cheese, or veggie wraps. Either Potato or Macaroni salads comes with them. Get your money to Noral as soon as you can please.

*Red Roof Inn at the I-90 – Rt 306 exit ramp is offering rooms for \$42 plus tax. Keyword Train Show if making a reservation.

*Saturday Nights dinner will be at the Pine Ridge Country Club. Tom Pappas will be the featured speaker, Topic, Nickel Plate – Gone But Not Forgotten.