

Burning River News Letter

March 20, 2015

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.
Approx. 18 members present.

We would first like to thank Tom Dunbrook for hosting this month's meeting and letting the guys play on his layout. Thank You Tom.

Treasury Report

\$4,490.00 in the Capital Improvement Fund
\$3,046.60 in the General Fund
\$7,536.60 Total

In with this total, we again would like to recognize and thank Sandy Jacobs for donating another \$400 towards the purchase of the trailer after reading in the newsletter that we were a bit short of the funds needed. Thank You very much Sandy for all that you have done for this club.

There were several more pledges that came in, but I didn't have the numbers at the time this was written.

President's Report

The Lakeland show went very well. There were a few problems while running, and it is thought that the layout was setup kind of fast and the proper care in leveling out the layout was ignored a bit. Lesson learned, Do It Right.

There is a problem with our jointer track box that needs to be addresses. It seems that some of the tracks have been customized a bit and not all the Yellow, Blue, or what have you, they are not the correct lengths. Two Reds can be put next to each other and be two different lengths. Please don't do this. We are looking into getting more jointer tracks to refill or box. Please do not modify them. Cut a piece of flex track if you need a special size.

One solution to this problem could be as simple as your tracks being in the right spot. Ntrak Standards say that the tracks should be placed 2.47 inches from the edge of the module. This measures 1/64th shy of 2 1/2 ". It's in the Ntrak manual.

Some of the other clubs have a tri-fold pamphlet that could be handed out to prospective members that tells then a bit about the club and Ntrak with pictures. We would like to put something like this together to hand out. Charlie and Joe said they would get this going.

Old Business

Charlie Colitre has volunteered to be the Pledge Coordinator. 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. This is completely voluntary.

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

Jerry Capehart has volunteered to put our Web site up and get it running. He is using Google to host the sight. There is no charge for this on Google. Once the sight is more together, several people will be given access to it to be able to update info. www.BurningRiverNScale.com is where it will all be. It's basic at the moment, but it will grow.

Making a facebook page was brought up, and that could be another avenue to go into.

The trailer has been ordered.....It is going to be Silver, Have Diamond Plate around the base of the trailer, LED lighting, and is 24ft. long, 8ft. wide, 7ft inside height giving us a 6 1/2ft. door opening. It will be ready for pickup early May and Gordon will pick it up on his way home from vacation.

Anyone interested in a new Module, contact Mike Farrow. He will be building some in the near future.

We've heard this before, but it's time to work on it. It was suggested that a "Welcome Packet" be put together for any new members to receive when they join us. It may have things like and N Scale Manual showing Requirements, Specs, and Regulations for them to get into N Scale and Ntrak. And it may have a club roster and who to call about "Stuff", Coordinator rules, Yard master info, and maybe even coming up with a Mentoring System or a Bubby Plan to help Newby's along. These are just some ideas for this. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this, Please contact Jamie.

Up Coming Events

April 12, Medina

April 17, Club meeting at Mike Anderson's home. DCC Programing Clinic by Gordon and Jerry K.

April 18, Firelands Show, Ohio Layout

May 15, NO CLUB MEETING

May 15-17, N Scale weekend in Columbus

June 17, Club Meeting at Jerry Kolar's Home

July 18, Second Annual Club Picnic at NEOLS. (Live Steamers on Lester Rd, Medina)

July ?, Proposed Work Sessions

Meeting adjourned

Secretary's Note

Jamie and Gorgon are co-coordinating N Scale Weekend. At the moment, we have about a dozen or so members going. Gordon is coordination the layout and is looking at something a bit different this year. Our dinner will still be Italian, but I have moved it to the Spaghetti Warehouse. More on that in the future. If you have not Paid Jamie yet, please do. The money needs to be to Jamie by April 19th at the latest so that it can be sent to the Columbus Guys and they can get there orders in. Al's hobby shop is a good place to drop of money if possible. I will be sending more out on this very soon. Thanks, Jamie