



North Georgia Live Steamers

August 1, 2020 at 1 p.m.
Meeting



Agenda

I. Call to order

Bill Leahy called to order a board meeting of the North Georgia Live Steamers at 12:55 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the railroad.

Attendees

Bill Leahy	Gene Lurwig	Joan Lurwig
Peter Craymer	Scott Moore	Sherry Moore
Norm Wizner	John Tuten	Elijah Gooden
Robby Mossman	Wayne Lass	Dan Connolly
Al Roeder	Wes Rogers	James Cunningham
Berta Adkins	John Howard	Charlotte Breese
Susan Wizner	Linda Wizner	Jaxon Eversole
Jim Eversole	Calvin Abernathy	



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II. Treasures Report by Norm Wizner

Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2020	\$12,653.41
Donation Fund	-\$3,773.17
Available Funds	\$8,880.24
Petty Cash	\$375.00

<u>Income</u>	
Member Dues	\$112.00
GoFundMe Donation	\$1,001.31
Container 3 Member Container	\$6,000.00
<u>Expenses from June 5 to July 31, 2020</u>	
Railroad Construction Material	\$556.84
Bank Fees	\$2.00
New Member Premiums (Shirts, Name tags)	\$176.94
Contain 3 Member Container Project	\$156.55

Ending Balance	\$18,796.33
Container 3 Available Funds	\$5,813.45



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Riding Car Available Funds	\$3,797.11

Available Cash	\$9,185.77
Petty Cash	\$375.00

IV. Old Business

1. Bill Leahy read the minutes from the June 1, 2020 meeting.
2. Peter Craymer reports that the Father's Day invitation was cancelled because of lack of advance notice to others outside of the club.
3. Peter Craymer also reports that the restoration of the Doe bridge is complete and the delivery of the bridge will happen in the coming weeks.
4. A discussion was had about the construction of the new riding cars. Feedback from the committee had been to build cars similar to the ones currently in place vs. individual riding cars. Several people commented that individual riding cars would be nicer and earlier for club members to use individual cars without having to modify the configuration when they are all attached. Additional feedback from the committee is needed.
5. Bill Leahy reports that the tiny town site has been cleaned and mulch has been spread and in the fall plants should be coming back from Barbara Lass that she has been nursing back to health.
6. The container extension project is nearing completion with Peter Craymer cutting out the ends.



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V. New Business

1. Bill Leahy brought to the membership the following new members to vote on:
 - a. John Howard - Associate Member - Accepted
 - b. Wes Rogers - Full Member - Accepted
 - c. James Eversole - Full Member - Accepted
 - d. Charles Morton - Full member - Accepted
 - e. Victor Warners - Full Member - Postponed until fees have been paid. Robby will reach out to Victor to check on his check.
2. Joan Lurwig asked if a memorial could be created around the railroad some place for Wayne Adkins because of the many track panels he and Berta built over the years for the east side of the railroad. A suggestion was made to rename the “East Loop” the Adkins Loop and have a plaque made. Motion was made and accepted.
3. A review of the 2020 run day schedule was discussed. Norm Wizner commented that any remaining run days this year will be dependent on horse park policy. Bill Leahy suggested a survey be generated to see how many in the membership would be willing to work a run day this year with COVID going on. LaVay asked if we have any obligations to the city regarding run days. Norm mentioned that under the current situation we are in good standing with the city. This also brought up our current agreement which was started in 2009 for 25 years. Norm said that original contract allows for 5 year renewals but suggested when we get to 10 years out from the end of the 25 years we may want to renegotiate.
4. Sheppard trucking continues to bring us loads of dirt that are being placed by the member containers and being used as fill and also to prepare for the next container.
5. Gene along with Ben and “Bob” have been moving dirt and cutting trees
6. Bill Leahy mentioned that a friend of LaVay’s donated a bell that needs to be mounted.
7. Bill Leahy brought up the ByLaw review and handed out a draft of the areas being revised with no vote planned until later this year. He pointed out a few sections which included the members sections, Fees and Dues, along with clarification to member



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reinstatement. Bill also mentioned that he would like the Club Safety Officer position to be created as an official board position.

It was also suggested that the Gauge 1 members should also have a position on the board. Several people commented on the Gauge 1 members and would like to get them more involved in the great club. Calvin asked if the Gauge 1 members are opposed to the current board structure and if they are looking for better representation.

Norm and Bill also talked about the ByLaws requiring a financial audit and from what can be determined an audit of the clubs finances hasn't been done in many years. It is unclear when the last audit even occurred.

Bill also mentioned a proposed adjustment to the nomination process and that it can be done via email, mail, or in person with the recommended changes to the ByLaws.

The details will be posted on the Members Only section of the club website and Robby will also send out a note to membership requesting input.

8. Berta Adkins also brought old live steam magazines from 2000 and near that anyone could have.

V. Adjournment

North Georgia Live Steamers adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Robby Mossman

Minutes approved by: