

**North Georgia Live Steamers
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2016**

I. Call to order

Bill Leahy called the meeting to order at 1:05pm at Hawthorne Suites.

The attendees list was circulated.

No minutes from the June meeting were available.

Treasury: See attached.

II. Old/New Business

- a) Grants – a grant for a container is possible. After a short discussion it was decided to pursue the grant.
- b) Club Steamer – Bob Cumming wants to get it running. No objections to doing this were heard.
- c) New Crossing – a new permanent crossing was discussed. The crossing would be place near the rear gate on the west side. It would primarily be used for inside-the-loop skid steer access.
- d) Mainline Change – after the installation of the extended passenger loading area, it has been decided to move the mainline to a new bridge placed just south of the current mainline bridge. The Lavay loading ramp would be used for the bridge. The discussion also included the eventual install of the Doe bridge.
- e) Water – it was decided to install a water line to the passenger loading area to allow steamers to take on water while loading/unloading. It could also be used to water the garden area near the bridges.
- f) Scenery Contest – the idea of having a scenery contest was discussed. The idea would be to build/install scale scenery (industries, sidings, towns, etc.) to add interest to the mainline route.
- g) Steaming Bay Cover – A cover for the steam bay area was discussed. All agreed it would be nice and that it should include a cover for the transfer table.
- h) Transfer Table - Norm noted that he has obtained an 110V electric pump we can use on the transfer table. It has a large reservoir so the lift can go higher.
- i) Boy Scouts – the idea of offering a Boy Scout merit badge was discussed. No objections were noted.
- j) Train Shows – the question of how many train shows NGLS should attend was discussed. The majority thought the 2 was a good number.
- k) Grants – Robby has been scouring the internet for grant opportunities (work must be slow at his office ☺). Several opportunities have been identified:
 - a. Amazon Smile
 - b. Kroger

- c. Belk's
- d. IBM
- e. Home Depot

- l) Fund Raiser – Quilt – Joan is organizing a quilt fund raiser. She has made a railroad-oriented quilt and will be raffling it off. Tickets are \$2. Everyone is asked to participate.
- m) Calendar – the remainder of the 2016 calendar was reviewed.
- n) Boiler Inspection – after some discussion it was decided to hold the annual boiler inspection on Nov., 5th this year.

Motion was made, seconded, and pass to adjourn at 2:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Levy, Secretary

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RUN DAY 06/18/2016

Ticket Sales		645.00
Drinks & Snacks		63.00
Tee Shirts & Misc		67.00
Donations		22.00
Total	Run Day	797.00
Charlotte Breese	Belk's Fund Drive	131.00
Total Deposit		928.00

Treasurer's Report

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Expenditures

Bill Leahy	Food for Run Day	78.58
Bill Leahy	Cleaning Supplies	48.86
Sheppard Trucking	Crusher Run	302.22
Sheppard Trucking	#57	410.40

Deposits

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Cash on Hand

\$8358.48