



North Georgia Live Steamers

June 17, 2023 at 1 p.m.
Meeting originally scheduled for June 3, 2023



Agenda

I. Call to order

Peter Craymer called to order a meeting of the North Georgia Live Steamers at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the railroad.

Attendees

Robby Mossman	Rick Kight
Norm Wizner	Joe Fabregas
Susan Wizner	Bob Cummings
Wayne Lass	Ethel Nicol
Calvin Abernathy	Scott Moore
Vivian Abernathy	John Tuten
Thomas Kwan	Wes Rogers
Dale Grice	Peter Craymer



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II. Treasurer's Report - Norm Wizner provided the following treasurers report. Was accepted as read.

Beginning Bank Balance (May 1, 2023)	\$13,630.79
Income	
Donation	\$20.10
Run Day, Dues, and Donations	<u>\$2,305.39</u>
Total Income	\$2,325.49
Expenses	
Steel - Wes Rogers (Container #4 Project)	<u>\$191.17</u>
Club lawn mower Repair - Sam Ferguson	<u>\$34.23</u>
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$2.00</u>
Story Lumber Railroad Tie Material	<u>\$770.40</u>
Total Expenses	\$997.80
Available Balance as of April 1, 2023	\$14,958.48
Reserved Project Money	
Riding Car Fund	\$2,897.24
Shop Fund	\$1,009.88



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Member Container #4 Fund	\$675.10
Reserved Money	\$4,582.22
General Fund	\$10,376.26
Petty Cash	\$375.00

Beginning Bank Balance (June 1, 2023)	\$14,958.48
Income	
Amazon Smile Donation	\$18.36
Amazon Smile Donation	\$60.75
Run Day Income	\$1,053.00
Dues- Mike Monroe	\$75.00
Thomas Kwan Donation	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,407.11
Expenses	
Run Day Advertising and other supplies- Robby Mossman	\$180.88
Riding Car Maintenance parts - Norm Wizner	\$24.38
Club Diesel Repair- Scott Moore	\$123.99
Club Diesel Repair and Railroad maintenance items	\$186.65
Run Day Advertising	<u>\$91.00</u>



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Total Expenses	\$605.90
Available Balance as of June 1, 2023	\$15,709.69
Reserved Project Money	
Riding Car Fund	\$2,822.86
Shop Fund	\$1,009.88
Member Container #4 Fund	\$675.10
Reserved Money	\$4,507.84
General Fund	\$11,201.85
Petty Cash	\$375.00

III. Old Business

1. Peter read the April meeting minutes and where accepted as read
2. Norm reviewed the run days numbers
3. Robby provided information regarding our run day advertising. Because of a false report online that our train content was inappropriate, our run day advertising was halted a few days before the actual run day event. This caused our advertising to only run about 60% to completion. This means we only spent \$91 out of the \$150 budget so no money was lost to the club because of this issue. The problem has since been addressed and are ready to start advertising again when the time comes for our October run day. Robby also reports he is exploring other advertising avenues to help prevent this in the future.
4. Norm and Scott also reported that the rebuild of brakes on all six club riding cars is now complete.
5. Bob Cummings discussed the propane usage on the club steamer. A discussion as had regarding the cost and usage of propane.
 - a. Bob mentioned that he felt that more practice was needed by the operators in order to improve on the propane usage.
 - b. It appears that too much draft or blower is used which is actually cooling the fire vs adding more heat inside the boiler.



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- c. Additional discussions were had regarding the cost of propane and several suggested that if the club steamer is being used for non-run day events and training that anyone operating the steam engine for fun should make a donation each time they use the locomotive in order to help cover the cost of the propane.
- d. Bob also reports the locomotive appears to be in good shape otherwise based on the repairs that have been completed over the past several years.
- e. Ethel asked if a logbook exists for both the steam engine and diesel locomotive and Bob and others confirmed they do exist
- f. Bob also discussed refill options and how some places refill by the pound while others by the gallon. Also discussed refilling existing tanks vs. swapping out and the differences in how full the tanks are with a swap being less than actually being full.
- g. Bob also mentioned that we should keep the propane tanks and keep an eye on the dates stamped on the tanks as to when they need to be replaced.
- h. Bob also talked about the purpose of the third tank in the box car. He said normal operation should be to use two tanks and the third tank should also be used when one or more tanks have been emptied.
- i. Peter said based on the information shared today that we should make sure everyone is following best practices around operating the club steam engine.
- j. A suggestion was made to possibly get a scale so we can weigh the tanks and identify how much propane is really left based on weight.

IV. New Business

6. Peter mentioned the dates for our next workday, club fun days, and boiler inspection.
 - a. Current work day plans are for Saturday, July 15th and August 19th but others may be scheduled as work on the shop and club house project will be starting soon.
 - b. Our Summer Nights Club Fun Day will be on Saturday, August 26th
 - c. Fall meet is Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 22nd. Please reach out to anyone in the hobby you know and invite them.
 - d. Boiler inspection is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th



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V. Adjournment

North Georgia Live Steamers adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Robby Mossman