



# North Georgia Live Steamers

December 4, 2021 at 1 p.m.



## 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, December 4, 2021 at the railroad.

### Attendees

Susan Wizner	Norm Wizner
LaVay Sheldon	Vivian Abernathy
Calvin Abernathy	Bob Cummings
John Tuten	Richard Thomas
Joe Fabregas	Andrew Sanders
Scott Moore	Sherry Moore
Gene Lurwig	Joan Lurwig
Rick Kight	Ben Kight
Dave Levy	Tyler Griffin
Elijah Gooden	Paul Lator
David Eisman	Ian Nicol
Dan Crumbley	David Miracle
Connie Miracle	Wes Rogers



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## II. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (November 29, 2021)	\$9,368.13
<b>Income</b>	
New Member Dues	\$150.00
Run Day Income	\$1,364.00
Dues	\$725.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Container Moves (Shop & Member containers)	\$500.00
Run Day Advertising on Facebook	\$150.00
2022 Printed Calendars	\$693.86
Bank Fee	\$2.00
<b>Available General Funds</b>	<b>\$5,553.84</b>
Petty Cash on hand	\$375.00
Member Container Fund	\$1,684.88
Riding Car Fund	\$2,987.58

Norm also mentioned upcoming income being from dues and expenses including weed spraying and insurance in the spring.



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NGLS Shop Fund Donation by Norm Wizner	\$2,207.00
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### III. Old Business

1. Copy of the November minutes where notes read since they were forgotten.
2. Norm and Peter praised the success of the final run day of the 2021 season and thanked everyone for all of the work that went into the day.
3. Discussion was had regarding what was thought to have been a needed repair to the club diesel. Here is a summary of the conversation - An email had been sent out saying that the club diesel was in need of immediate repair. Peter explained that the club diesel was put on a steaming bay next to Norm's locomotive which is an identical model. Upon examination of the club diesel in comparison to Norm's, it was determined that the cross bars that were added to the club's trucks were not needed with evidence that Norm's identical trucks had no issues after running for miles. It was unsure why the cross bars were added and it was decided to continue to run the club's diesel in the current state unless any future problems arise.
4. Current project list continues to be the member container. Norm briefly covered the following items that need to be worked on to make the new member's container inhabitable. Some of these items have already been accomplished.
  - a. Adjust door and repair small holes in container
  - b. Clean/pressure wash the inside of the container
  - c. Set forms and pour concrete
  - d. Determine how we are going to bring power into the new container and what the supply list will be. Plus, supplies for running power inside the container along both walls. We will use container 2 as the example for this container.
  - e. Drill and lay flat bar in container for all three tracks
5. Calvin rescinded his motion for bylaw change- Peter read the following - Calvin had provided in writing a motion to amend that bylaw to allow spouses who are also full members the ability to serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. Calvin had spoken with Robby a day or two later about whether or not this was in violation of our nonprofit status. Because of information discovered he has rescinded his motion in writing and this item is no longer on the table for discussion.
6. New member application from Harry Starring had been tabled from November. He is working with Robby to get his dues submitted. Once this is completed his application will be brought forth for a vote.



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## IV. New Business

1. Peter read the list of all of nominations that were submitted online including the members that did not want the position and declined the nomination. No additional in person nominations were submitted. Per the By-Laws, if an office only had one eligible nominee willing to serve, that office is automatically filled at the December meeting for the next year's Board. The President, Vice President and Secretary each only had one eligible willing nominee and are set for 2022. The Board Of Directors At Large has seven nominees to be voted on during the January meeting. Peter reiterated that members need to have paid their 2022 dues before being allowed to vote in the January meeting.

President - Peter Cramer

Vice President - Scott Moore

Secretary - Robby Mossman

Treasurer - Norm Wizner (continuing his three year term)

At Large (3) - to be voted on at the January meeting (in alphabetical order)

Bob Cummings

Calvin Abernathy

Dan Crumbly

David Eisman

Joe Fabergas

John Tuten

Rick Kight

2. Future work planning - Norm briefly went over multiple items that we will be working on in the future, but details were not specifically given at this time since each project is large and has many parts



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3. Workshop Installation update from Norm - Named a list of future work to be done to the new container shop with no specific deadline including bolting, welding and sealing the containers together, cutting out interior walls, adding utilities such as electricity and water, adding a mainline siding, train lift / transfer table and future steaming bays.
  
4. 2022 Printed Calendar - Peter mentioned that the calendars have been printed and are available to be picked up for \$16 a piece, and that a few extra were printed if you did not order one. It was mentioned that the cover photo was of Ben Kight and Robert Cat and that much of the construction represented in the calendar, and over the years, would not have been possible without the continued support and work of Ben. Peter then read off a few upcoming events in early 2022 with a few details on some of the events.
  - a. **January 1st** - Annual New Year's Day Club Fun Day
  
  - b. **January 8th** - Club Meeting and Election (Dues are to be paid prior to voting on this date)
  
  - c. **January 29, 30th** - Trains! Trains! Trains! Event at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History event. The museum has asked if we are able to participate again and Robby is working on additional details on what we can do. We may want to print up some fliers promoting out 2022 run day schedule. It is recommend that we print a smaller than normal amount of run date fliers since this is a small event. Peter mentioned that this is a great club outreach since everyone going there is a "train person".
  
  - d. **February 5th** - Club Meeting and workday if weather permits
  
5. New Member applications from Richard Thomas was accepted and will be applied to the 2022 season. This was also extended to Andrew Sanders.
  
6. Peter mentioned that the NGLS website has a section on locomotives. He asked members to check that page to verify the information is correct and to contact Robby directly if any member has a description and history of their locomotive that they have to add or correct for the web site. Also, if you have photos to share of the locomotives, provide them as well if you wish to share. Robby plans to add some of the club member's rolling stock in the new year, so prepare to provide photos, details and the history of your equipment.



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7. Peter said that Sherry had some good ideas for merchandise. Peter turned the floor over to a surprised Sherry to briefly describe one of the ideas. Wes had donated some leftover supplies from a railroad birthday party. One of the items were a few yellow plastic bag with a RR crossing symbol printed on it. Sherry assembled a few "Combo Bags" of some of merchandise that included a bandana, temporary tattoo, hat, whistle and the yellow bag. It was priced about 1\$ less than individual item pricing. As soon as the gate opened they almost immediately sold out, and the last one sold shortly later. Sherry and a few people will look into what to put into combo bags for next year as it drew more attention than single items.
  
8. Davy Levey asked if the Board Of Directors had ever thought of creating a club's "**Publisher's Position**" separate from the Secretary's position. The idea is that someone might be a good secretary, but not well familiar with the web or Facebook marketing or the flyer publishing. No specific action was proposed.
  
9. Norm stated that some of **Charlie Glass's train equipment** was still for sale and could be viewed immediately after the meeting in the Container Shop.
  
10. Lifetime Membership motion was made by Norm - Norm made two motions simultaneously to honor two members with a Lifetime Membership.
  - a. **Charlie Glass** - has been a long time member and is one of our earliest members.
  
  - b. **Ben Kight** - has also been a long time member and has provide so much in the construction of the railroad especially with the help of "Bob" his Bobcat Companion.Norm made a motion to grant both Charlie Glass and Ben Kight a "Lifetime Membership". The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
  
11. Norm mentioned that Dave Levy is installing a **RR crossing signal** near the grade crossing near the member's container.

## IV. Adjournment

North Georgia Live Steamers adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.