



# North Georgia Live Steamers Minutes from April 1, 2017



## I. Call to order

Bill Leahy called to order the regular meeting of the North Georgia Live Steamers at 1 p.m. on April 1, 2017 at Hawthorn Suites.

## II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Rob Hoppe read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

## III. Current Business/Old Business

- a) George Seal read the Treasury report and was approved as read. Expenses from February 4, 2017 through April 1, 2017

Gene Lurwig	Club Diesel	(\$156.75)
Norm Wizner	Club Diesel	(\$696.09)
Gene Lurwig	Club Diesel	(\$152.41)
Hydradyne	Club Diesel	(\$214.38)
George Seal	Club Diesel	(\$25.00)
	Total for Club Diesel	(\$1,244.63)
Rexel	Container Electrical	(\$87.29)
Rexel	Container Electrical	(\$76.02)
George Seal	Container Electrical	(\$277.99)
	Total for Container Electrical	(\$441.30)
Naturchem	Weed Spray	(\$500.00)
	Total for Weed Spray	(\$500.00)
George Seal	Club Steamer	(\$157.19)
Gene Lurwig	Club Steamer	(\$225.00)
	Total for Club Steam Engine	(\$382.19)
Insuramerica	Track Insurance	(\$2,368.08)
Wells Fargo	Bank Fee	(\$4.00)
Robby Mossman	NMRA Banner	(\$78.24)
	Total for Misc. Expenses	(\$2,450.32)
Membership Dues	Dues	\$ 75.00
Donation	Donation	\$ 176.36
	Totan Income	\$ 251.36
	Starting Bank Balance (2/4/2017)	\$ 11,211.12
	Total Expenses for period	\$ (5,018.44)
	Total Income for Period	\$ 251.36
	Ending Bank Balance	\$6,444.04



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- b) George reports that we have a total of 34 members as of April 1, 2017
- c) Boy Scouts- Norm talked with Walt, who is the superintendent with the NRMA about doing a merit badge program at NGLS. Further discussions will be needed.
- d) Grade Crossing- Project is pending weather and labor but everything is ready. The plan is to try and do the project during the week in order to save money on concrete costs. Discussed need for about 7 days for concrete to set with an estimated cost of about \$400
- e) Training and Certification- Discussion was had around training and certification to use the club steam engine and club diesel.
- f) Construction Plans- Discussion around track construction plans where had which included grade crossing, sidings, loop, bridge, along with track repair needs to close gaps and check gauge. Estimated costs for ballast supplies between \$600-\$700.
- g) New building workshop
- h) Robby Mossman- Grants request with J.B. Hunt is still pending and no updates available at this time.
- i) Boiler Inspections and regulation changes. Rob Hoppe is still waiting to schedule his state representative to come to the site to explain what we are looking to do legislatively. It was suggested that we include the 2 Reps for the Horse Park. A position paper is still needed before reps are invited. A need to provide a distinction between commercial and hobby boilers is one of the focuses of the change request.
- j) Boiler Inspection is set for September 16, 2017.



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- k) Gene and others completed the club diesel project. Some small adjustments may still need to be made.



- l) Rob Hoppe presented possible souvenir tickets that could be used by the club. He is going to work on providing samples.
- m) Joan has created a quilt for a fundraiser with raffle tickets being sold for \$2 each with the drawing being at our last run day in October.





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- n) Charlotte discussed trying to do some fun decorations and bake items like we do for the Halloween run day for Easter.
- o) Bill Leahy- Train show was great. Had a few people interested in joining the club. Sunday had about ½ the attendance of Saturday.



- p) Sign created for the train show can be used for run days which helps promote joining the club.
- q) Dan and Rob have completed the signals. They will be ready for our next run day. Dan discussed possibly created a training video. A recommendation was also made to extend the block release position.
- r) Our next run day we will operate with a single train in a block to help with spacing.

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017.

#### IV. Adjournment

Bill Leahy adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Robby Mossman