

Meeting Minutes of Garden State Division, Northeastern Region, NMRA

Purpose: Garden State Division (GSD) 2009 Annual Business Meeting

Date/Time: January 18, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Place: Ramapo Valley Railroad Club in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ

Attendees: Andy Brusgard, Bruce De Young, Tom Casey, Ciro Compagno, Chuck Diljak, Ed Fraedrich, Norman Frowley, Roger Oliver, Anthony Piccirillo, Bob Tumielewicz, and Tom Wortmann. Numerous GSD and Ramapo Valley Model Railroad Club persons were also present.

Open remarks by GSD President Tom Wortmann. Motion to accept the proposed agenda submitted by the Secretary was offered followed by second motion. There were no dissenting votes. The order of a proposed agenda was revised at the request of Tom Wortmann. The reports were presented (not in the following order):

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Anthony Piccirillo presented a year-to-date transaction and net worth summary. A final written report will be submitted to the Secretary.

Secretary's Report

Ciro Compagno provided a brief summary of the successful GSD events and meetings throughout 2008.

Education Committee and AP Reports

Norman Frowley indicated that 2008 was a successful year in the NMRA Achievement Program within the GSD. Norman asked for continued encouragement in this Program. Tom Wortmann noted that that even giving a clinic can count toward a Certificate of Achievement.

Convention Committee Report

Bob Tumielewicz provided a brief overview of GSD's participation at the November 2008 and January 2009 Greenberg's Train & Toy Shows in Edison and Somerset, NJ. The continued pleasant surprise was the overall number of names received (approx. 60) that were interesting in joining or learning more about the GSD. Bob indicated that he will continue to need clinics for 2009 GSD venues. There was a general discussion about ways to complete this.

Membership Report

Tom Casey provided a brief summary of ongoing efforts to reach out to the general membership, updating contact information and sharing updated with the National. Andy Brusgard provided a detailed summary of his efforts in 2008:

- 100+ members were called by telephone
- 62 e-mail addresses were added and/or updated
- 16 members reached have no e-mail address
- 36 members, using believed correct telephone numbers, were not reached
- 20 members had no published telephone listing
- 5 members we learned to be deceased

In the coming weeks, Andy will reach out to more than 50+ members by mail to confirm contact information. Andy indicated that it is important to keep updated e-mail address, as it is the most efficient way to communicate to the general membership.

Whistle Post Report

Chuck Diljak presented an overview of the progress made in 2008:

- Many contributing articles and photos
- Paul Mallery Trophy
- Featured one home layout
- Point and Counter Point articles
- Created for the first time an official GSD logo
- Model product overview

Chuck noted that each new issue continued to get better than the last. There is a good balance with the types of articles and photos. There is good contribution from the membership.

All above reports were unanimously accepted.

2009 GSD Elections

Tom Wortmann presented nomination of Officers and Directors for 2009:

President	Tom Wortmann	(2009)
Vice-president	Norman Frowley	(2009)
Secretary	Ciro Compagno	(2009)
Treasurer	Anthony Piccirillo	(2009)
Directors:	Bob Tumielewicz	(2009-2010)
	Ed Fraedrich	(2009-2010)
	Bruce De Young	(2009-2010)

All nominees were unanimously accepted.

We announced and welcomed a new Director Bruce De Young. Bruce replaces Roger Oliver. Roger has decided to focus his efforts on his present role as the GSD Regional Director.

Discussion of any new business:

Roger Oliver emphasized for those are considering going to the 2009 National Convention to register as-soon-as-possible. Excellent activates are planned. There is a continued need for volunteers to assist with many Convention activities.

Several awards were presented:

- Roger Oliver – Achievement Program certificate for Association Official
- Norman Frowley – 2008 Paul Mallery Award
- Anthony Piccirillo, Ciro Compagno, Ed Fraedrich, and Bob Tumielewicz – Certificate of Appreciation for volunteering their time at the annual Railroad Day in Lake Mohawk, Sparta, NJ.

Bruce De Young presented a clinic on *Using Ground Goop*.

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Andy Brusgard presented a clinic on building the yard throat for the passenger terminal on the O scale layout at the New York Society of Model Engineers.

Following the meeting, Ramapo Valley RR Club allowed members and guests to operate trains and further explore their layout.

The next meeting to be determined.

Anthony Piccirillo is hosting the next meeting on March 29, 2009.

Norman Frowley offered to host a GSD meeting in June 2009.

Meeting adjourned around 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ciro Compagno, Secretary