

1-16-2010 Div. 15 Meeting Minutes

The January 16, 2010 meeting was held at the Fletcher Library.

Superintendent Pearsall called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

There were 12 NMRA members and one guest in attendance.

Pearsall stated that there would be an election of officers and vote to approve the Division 15 Bylaws at this meeting as noted in the December 2009 Newsletter.

Pearsall stated that the Annual Meeting will be the January meeting.

Candidates for office were:

Superintendent: Frank Pearsall - 2 Year Term
Asst. Superintendent: Ken O'Brien - 1 Year Term
Clerk: Ben Bartlett - 1 Year Term
Paymaster: Mike Nicoletti - 2 Year Term

No additional candidates came forward by Dec. 31.

In response to question regarding floor nominations Pearsall reiterated that nominations were closed on Dec. 31, 2009.

There were additional questions regarding 1 and 2 year terms to stagger elections not identified in the Bylaws and inconsistent with the newsletter.

Since all offices were uncontested the Clerk registered a "Fore" vote for each candidate per Bylaw Article VI section 6.

Bylaws vote. Pearsall noted that the Bylaws had been available since early December and he had received two requests for copies.

Clint Smoke made motion to approve the Bylaws and Dan Lang seconded the motion. Some discussion was had before voting. The primary discussion centered on the fact that the Bylaws did not have term limits for the officers. Pearsall was asked to make sure there was no "mandatory" term limit for the Superintendent or other officers.

By voice vote the bylaws passed unanimously.

Mike Nicoletti asked for updated e-mail addresses for those present. He is working on an "invitation only" division yahoo group to help Division communication. The group is LANDOFSKYDIV. Division members will be invited to join.

Fred Coleman discussed the status of the WNC train show march 5/6 2010.

Dan Lang discussed the status of demolition and reconstruction of the Apple Valley MRC Asheville Division.

Chuck Place discussed the status of the French Broad N-pire N scale group. Next show will be 4-24-10.

Frank Pearsall discussed the Division 15 Mini Meet scheduled for 4-17-2010 at the Dana Community Center. He indicated that he expects primary emphasis on clinics. Dan Lang asked for some direction on his DCC clinic – how detailed.

Show and Tell - Frank Pearsall brought an O scale scratch built barn. He discussed the Valejo acrylic paints he uses how he produced the signs on the barn.

Meeting was closed and setup for day's clinic commenced.

Ben Bartlett presented a clinic on the NMRA Golden Spike Award. Ben discussed the requirements and provided some examples that would be suitable for achieving the Golden Spike Award. He also presented some ideas that would not meet the spirit of the Golden Spike Award. Following the clinic he had some of his rolling stock models on display.

Ben Bartlett SER Div. 15 Clerk