

# NAUSET MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

**Date:** Feb. 7th, 2020

**Place:** Train Room at Hilltop Plaza

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

**By:** Jim Seaboldt, President

**# of people present:** 23 (Tim Willett)

**Before the Secretarial report. I would like to have a moment of silence in memory of the passing of our fellow O Gauge member Gerry Fink. Gerry's Obituary is posted on the bulletin board.**

**Secretary's Report: Retired Secretary Jeanne Karaim for Tim Willett**

**MOTION:** To accept January's Business Meeting Minutes as submitted.

**VOTE:** The Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report: Peter Adam**

The report for Jan. 2020 to be accepted as read and Filed

At present a sum of \$150.00 were given in memory of Gerry Fink in four (4) checks.

**New Members: 5**

Jack Page - Regular – O Gauge (joined in late Dec. and listed in Dec. Minutes)

Bill Choquette - Regular – S & HO Gauge

Robert Crowell – Regular – S Gauge

Kellen Perry – Regular – O & HO Gauge

Steve Wasby – Regular - N & HO Gauge

**Visitors:** None

## **CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION**

Bob Borthwick – At Cape Cod Hospital for testing.

Walter Bennett – Talked to Mike-Leen, didn't have a ride.

Tim Willett – At Club – (Recent Auto accident)

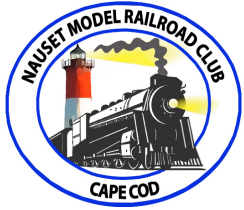
Bruce Gibbs – Back Surgery

## **RECOGNITION**

**a)** Thanks to all who supported the Club by riding the Bus to the "Big E" model railroad show. A total of 29 riders with all enjoying the show.

**b)** Thanks to Bob Blick for his Layout Visit Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

**c)** Special Thanks to Brian and Jeanne for their efforts in recording the minutes of the Jan. Business and EC meeting when Tim was not available.



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## 1. ACTIVITIES: Ross Hall

- a) Ops Session – The next Op. sessions will be Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – 7-9 pm;
- b) Possible Clinics for 2020; Next Activities Meeting Feb.14<sup>th</sup> -7:30 pm;
- c) Cape Cod Scenic Yard visit –Greg is trying to schedule.
- d) Railroad Derby – Postponed until Brian returns.
- e) **Tour de Chooch** - Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- f) Layout visit – Jim volunteered for March. Date to be determined, directions will be made available.
- g) Pioneer Valley Steamers in Southwick, possible visit in spring.
- h) Chatham Railroad looking for volunteers.

## 2. FINANCE: John Charlton

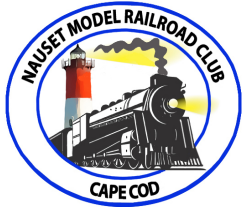
- a) Report on Investment plan;
- b) 2020 Club Budget (See new business);
- c) See Web site for all up-dated reports.
- d) Summary each month instead of Quarterly Balance on Investments.
- e) Budget income is better than expenses so far.

## 3. MARKETING: Greg Pavlov, New Co-Chair –Mike Geylin, Co-Chair

- a) Thanks to John Charlton for setting up posters for 2020 and helping the new Co-Chair.
- b) Next Marketing Meeting Feb.28<sup>th</sup> -7:30 p.m.
- c) Transfer of Chairmanship took place from John Charlton to Greg Pavlov.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP: Dick Boberg & Mike Leen

- a) Current membership status: 91 members as of beginning of meeting (9 new members joined during January)
  - We have had lower than normal renewal rate.
  - Of 103 members, we have only 82 renewals, below our expectations of 90+



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- Overall membership is now just around 91 members.
- Regular/Family 51, Supporting 20 (Needs to be verified)
  - Our dropout rate for 2019 new members is almost 1/3.
    - Some joined or never showed back up.
- Notices to members who haven't renewed by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

b) Next Membership Meeting: Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00-7:30 p.m.

c) Membership Badge report – under New business

d) 2020 Goals for Membership Committee

- Goals were reviewed and agreed upon.

## 5. EXECUTIVE: Jim – Met January 15<sup>th</sup>

- a) Met with Membership Committee to discuss cost for membership badges and providing for extra Badges to family and supporting members. (See New Business)
- b) No new up-date on the 501(c)(3) Foundation Documents.
- c) Discuss goals for year 2020, (See New Business)

## 6. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (if required), 7 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Space to display Donated Items** – Brian and Peter have installed the second length of shelving in the Train Room.

2. **Monthly Banking Summary** – Monthly Banking Summary for Jan. through Dec. has been updated.

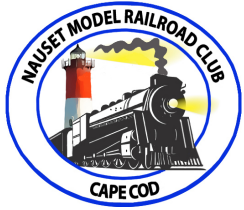
-Special thanks to Margy.

3. **Update on Procedure for Donated Items** – A new procedure has been written to eliminate any future confusion regarding the process in handling Donated Items, either from the front room “Walk-Ins” or picked up by Club Members. This procedure will be included in “Procedures” on the website.

4. **Website Update – Brian and Jeanne** – In the *Members Only* section of the Website, the *Members List* has been updated with the information for the new members who joined in January, including photos, if available.

5. **Maintenance Item** – The Furnace Filters have been replaced thanks to Peter.

6. **Other Old Business:** Soda money paid for name Plaque for Gerry Fink on Memorial Plaque.



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## NEW BUSINESS:

### **1. Distribution of Membership Badges – Membership Committee – Mike Leen/ Dick Boberg**

- At our Jan. Executive Committee meeting with the Membership Committee, Mike Leen gave a presentation of the distribution of Membership Badges. Since the Membership Committee had originally requested that the budget for 2020 be increased for the cost of badges, (nearly double), the Executive Committee at their Nov. meeting approved a recommendation decreasing the number of badges given out. They recommended that one badge only be given to each new regular member and if a family member wants one, they would have to pay for it.

In our discussion with Mike, the Executive Committee agreed to compromise by approving a motion to limit distribution to one badge per regular- “**Active**” member. If a family member is involved and will be the “**Active**” member, that member would get the badge. A supporting member would be given one badge. Any additional badges would be paid for separately. This requires membership approval.

**MOTION: Limit distribution of badges to one active member in a Family/Regular membership and supporting members will receive one badge. If more badges are wanted by “Inactive” members, they may purchase additional badges.**

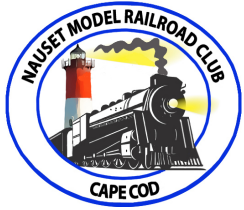
**VOTE: The Motion passed.**

### **2. Approval of Budget for 2020 – Finance Committee**

- The Executive Committee has approved the New Budget for 2020 and will be included on Website.

### **3. Proposed Goals for 2020 – Jim**

- a) To provide communication between Club committees to promote a cohesive effort for the “**Good of the Club**” and **maintain regular meeting schedules emphasizing all regular members are invited.**
- b) To make every effort to keep new members “**Active**” and remain active in Club involvement through the membership Committee’s Orientation and Mentor Programs.
- c) To continue our investigative efforts to expand our Club space, updating membership on progress.



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- d) To maintain expenditures relative to the existing Budget.
- e) To continue to support our Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to establish a 501(c)3 non-profit status.
- f) To complete (by June) Inventories of **"High Value"** equipment for insurance purposes on each Layout. (Controls, Engines & Rolling Stock, Buildings)
- g) To maintain Marketing and Image awareness in Cape media about Club Activities and Events.
- h) Continually update Web Site and maintain responses to our Nauset Face Book Site and continue to monitor and respond to messages on our Website – [nausetmodelrrclub@gmail.com](mailto:nausetmodelrrclub@gmail.com)

## GOOD OF THE CLUB:

1. **Club Train Room – Layout Improvements** – Time to update Layouts and add improvements before next Open House.
2. **Club Clothing** – Jan Charlton is still available to accept orders for Club Clothing Hats for \$10.00 minimum
3. **Maplewood-Brewster – Marketing Com.** – Would like presentation on Model Railroading sometime in January or February. Possibly include small portable layouts. (O or N for demo).
4. **Cape Abilities –Actives** - Would like to Visit Club sometime during the week to see our Layouts. We need to confirm that enough members are available to run trains.
5. **Doug Scott- Video Presentation- (Tips & Troubles Postponed)**  
The subject will cover a short trip to Pennsylvania to photograph the N&W J #611 during its residency at the Strasburg Railroad last fall. The images will cover the time period of October 5 & 6, 2019.
6. **Next Business Meeting: Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Train Room**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Willett, Secretary