



THE BULLETIN

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PIEDMONT AND WESTERN RAILROAD CLUB

Tim called to order 7:36. Members in attendance were Tim Skidmore, Jeff Whisenant, Lynn George, Ken Humphreys, Dr. Mike McCall, Kevin Stine, Grant Robbins, Joe Bost, Dr. Ben Garrou, Dick Miller, Gene Austin, and Kenny Mann. Larry Weed attended as provisional member.

Tim gave financial report. Went through monthly and year starting expenditures.

Jeff put in feeder wires in Murphy Room over the break.

Open house in December had a constant turnout until about noon.

Tim sent out an email last week about club goals. What all we want to do and what committees we need.

Tim, Jeff, and Joe want to finish layout wiring; both sections. Some signals need to get replaced. Care needs to be given in track cleaning. Coal line and Gateway will get operational before the next open house.

Turnout in Ben's Cut needs to be fixed. It will not be ballasted in that area.

Tim discovered a wi-fi throttle through a smart phone or iPod touch.

Tim has almost found all of the components for the dispatch office.

John Watkins, a friend of the club, passed away recently. He will be missed.

The workroom needs a thorough cleaning to build the main bridge in Murphy.

Larry Weed was nominated for membership and accepted. Welcome aboard Larry.

A workday was scheduled for Saturday January 7 and January 28 at 8:30 am.

Jeff suggested we do a spot for Hal Rowe's radio program. Preferably close to the train show/open house in April.

Ken brought up several upcoming tours and a celebration in February for the owner of the speeder cart.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38. Minutes submitted by Kenny Mann.

Railroad Modeling University will be Saturday, January 14th, beginning at 9:00 am at Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte (I-85 at Sugar Creek Road). For the full list of classes and the registration form, go to www.carolinasouthern.org.

Cost for the day is \$10 per person. For an additional \$5 you can bring any or all of your family members, too. Lunch will be available on site for a modest price (not yet determined), or you can visit some of the nearby commercial establishments.