



THE BULLETIN

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PIEDMONT AND WESTERN RAILROAD CLUB

President Tim Skidmore called the meeting to order at 7:42 November 3.

Members present were Joe Bost, Tony Putnam, Jeff Whisnant, Dr. Ben Garrou, Mike Outen Jr., Dr. Frank Steele, Dick Miller, Lynn George, Alan Coleman, Ken Humphreys, Gene Austin, Grant Robbins, and Kenny Mann.

Financial report: Gene reported we are in decent shape. He is keeping track of who paid what. We are comparable to where we were last year factoring in the Murphy Room and the Narrow gauge convention.

Tim talked about other fund raising activities. He suggested being open more than twice a year.

Ken discussed various tour groups slated to come see the layout. The

next major open house is Saturday December 3rd.

Gene brought an old flyer that was precursor to current flyer. He suggested updating the current flyer to reflect the Murphy Room addition and the museum.

We need a revised membership application to reflect new bylaws. Larry Weed indicated a preference to join.



Scenery taking shape in the Murphy Room.

Track and wiring: Tim wants to get back in the main layout room. The Ben's Cut turnout has proven unreliable. Tim indicated we will need to replace the turnout, though access will be a problem. The current idea is a portable bridge over the layout to reach there and hard to reach areas. Joe suggested that there be no ballast or scenery in the area of the turnout to avoid a repeat of the problem. Jeff will be able to work on Murphy Room track and wiring in a few weeks. Multiple people needed to install and/or construct most wiring applications. Tim is making progress reworking the main panel to avoid opening the fan door to power up the layout. Joe stated we need to work on the dehumidifier. Spikes are loosening due to humidity. Alan suggested moving the dehumidifier to the former Fenestra site.

Scenery: Alan has been working on Robbinsville, installing a lake and ground cover. Tim is still working on the major bridge in the Murphy Room. Shooting for this weekend for completion. Tim called a workday for Sat. Nov. 26. Mike Senior still working on the plans for the stairs.

Nominations for officers:

Tim Skidmore was nominated for President.

Alan Coleman and Joe Bost were nominated for Vice President. Alan later withdrew his nomination.

Kenny Mann was nominated for secretary.

Gene Austin was nominated for treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Minutes submitted by Kenny Mann.

November 20, 2011

**2nd Annual
Thompson's Old Fashioned Model
Train Show**

Village Inn Golf and Conference Center
6205 Ramada Drive
Exit 184 off I-40
Clemmons, NC

Show Hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Admission: \$5.00, Children 10 – 12:
\$2.00, Under 10 Free

This show will feature operating model train layouts and model railroad vendors. Door prize and food concession. Free parking. For more information contact D. Thompson at 517-304-0638