

Rappahannock Railroaders Museum BOD Meeting

04/04/26

Meeting called to order by Mike Thomas at 1:02 PM

Present were the following BOD members: Mike Thomas, Chip Schimmenti, Leo Zerheusen and Dennis Overcash. BOD member Gregg Robinson did not attend. In addition, four museum officers were present: Virginia Smith, Jake Taylor, Don Kirkpatrick and Andrew Sentipal.

A motion was made to accept the February 2026 BOD meeting minutes by Dennis and seconded by Chip.

Virginia Smith made a treasurer's report.

Account #1 checking \$23,091.98

Account #2 savings \$7,560.44

Account #3 grant \$2716.10

MUSEUM CURATORS REPORT:

B60 Ramp: No fund requests have been made for this project

Station Floor Replacement: The museum has the material for the repair

Sylvania Model Project: Not started yet. A discussion was made in regard to using parts of the old modules for this project. Other projects

on the current layout are being focused on before work on the Sylvania Model Project begins. No timeline has been made for the project.

Pulling Rails at the Culvert Washout: A discussion regarding possible fixes for the washout, with input from many attendees, took place. All agreed that at this time there is no up to date information on how the County will handle this issue. This will be an ongoing topic that will be updated as information becomes available.

Installing Signals: This was designated as a project to take place later in the year. No date set.

Gate at Capital Lane: This area is owned by the County. The gate needs to be repaired. The removed diamond is stored in this area. Requests to reinstall it may be made in the future.

Work Parties: A number of projects, including those mentioned above, need to have dates set to complete. Also identify other areas that need work.

Track Conditions: Due to limited, and perhaps no County, maintenance to the track all members must be on the lookout for areas that need repairs. This includes blocked flanges, loose spikes, etc. Any noted issues need to be reported ASAP by members.

MODEL TRAIN UPDATES:

Small projects are being worked on.

Old modules are scheduled to sell and various options were discussed as to how to get them sold. A work in progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion in regard to how the archives are being documented and who the current individual is that is handling this led to various options for the future. The transition from Allan to a new archivist (see below) was talked about at length. Issues such as passwords and exactly where this data is stored needs to be resolved ASAP.

More storage for the museum's computer is needed. A donated printer also needs to be setup.

The GoDaddy account and the yearly insurance payment has been made.

A signed museum lease from the County has yet to be received. The museum's check was cashed. County officials were recently reminded about the lease.

The County can request the museum vacate the current location within 30 days. No such request has been received nor is it anticipated, This was mentioned as a FYI only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Positions filled by the president as follows. Museum Liaison is David Wujick, Museum Archivist is Dennis Overcash. The Museum webmaster position is still open and several individuals were mentioned as possibilities in the near future. The museum also needs a Museum Events Coordinator. Dennis Overcash volunteered to help with this in the short term until a permanent person can be located.

All open positions need to be discussed at our monthly meetings.

A change to the website needs to be made as it currently states that the Little Yellow Train goes to the mainline.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM. Next BOD meeting June 27th.