B&A Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025
VIA ZOOM

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting End Time: 9:15 PM

In Attendance

Present: John Buxton, Bob Gray, Bob Heine, Michael Ackerman, Tom Salen, John Gomoljak, Charles Doring, Dan Rollyson, Absent: Ron Edwards, David Eadie, Wayne Fletcher. Guests: Claude Bernard, Tom Vojir, Stuart Hirsch

I. Call to Order/Certification of Quorum - A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order by Charles Doring, WB&A Vice President.

II. President's Welcome Comments – Charles Doring welcomed the Board members and guests.

III. Reports

A. **President's Report -** President, John Buxton

Welcome to the 1st ZOOM Meeting of the WB& Board of Directors for 2025. I am sorry I will be late to the meeting, but I have another meeting until 8 PM. After a busy and fun 2024 and a successful Annapolis Show in February, I look forward to the rest of 2025. A Big thank you to the Board of Directors Leadership Team for all they have done in the Past year to make our activities successful. We have had Start Your Day gatherings every month, which will continue through the end of 2025 and beyond. We have planned a full slate of 2025 Show & Events and I look forward to each one being a club supported gathering. Thanks to Chuck & Carol McGinnis for running the Arbutus Show for several years and have now found it time to retire from that duty. We need to start thinking about next year's Board of Directors and Officers, and how to attract some new members to leadership. I look forward to a fun and successful 2025.

B. **Approval of Minutes from Previous BOD Meeting** – Bob Gray reviewed the minutes from our previous Board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

C. **Treasurer's Report –** Michael Ackerman referred the group to his Treasurer's Report and noted that the Club's finances are sound at this time. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.

D. **Membership Report –** Bob Gray reported that the WB&A membership stands at 203. Bob noted that several of our members had passed away during this membership year, Also, two have moved from the area, and that another group had not maintained their TCA membership and were, consequently dropped from our roles. Thus our membership is down by about 18 members at this time. Dan Rollyson volunteered to contact current TCA members who live in our region, but are not members of WB&A and ask them to consider joining our club.

E. **Social Committee –** Bob Gray reviewed notes from the recent Social Committee meeting provided by Carol McGinnis and the current WB&A Calendar including Start Your Day w/ WB&A dates and locations, the upcoming York Train Show, the MARC Train Excursion to Perryville, and Baysox Baseball Game outings.

F. **Eastern Division TCA Report –** WB&A Representative to the Eastern Division of TCA Bob Heine, shared information on the upcoming York Train Show.

IV. Ongoing Board Business

A. **Annapolis Show Update –**John Gomoljak will meet next week with the Elk Lodge manager regarding the number of tables available.

B. **Arbutus Meet Update –** John Buxton and John Gomoljak will organize this year's Arbutus Show to be held On December 13, 2025.

C. **Kids' Strain Show –** Bob Gray reported that the date for the 2025 Kids' show is set for May 17 and proposed a budget of $650.00 to cover the expenses of this year's event. The motion was seconded and approved. Bob noted that WB&A members are invited to attend the KIDS" SHOW without paying an admittance fee at the National Capital Trolley Museum.

D. **Trolley Update –** Copy for the next issue is June 10, 2025.

V. New Business

A. **WB&A Elections** – The WB&A Bylaws call for the establishment of an Elections Committee by June 1 of each year. Charles Doring asked for volunteers. Responding were Bob Gray, John Gomoljak and Bob Heine, who will make up this year's Elections Committee.

E. WB&A General Business Meetings – A motion was made to hold WB&A's semi-annual General Business Meetings via Zoom. The motion was seconded and approved. This change was prompted by the low turnout to previous meetings and the increasing costs incurred in renting venues for the events.

B. Printing of the WB&A Trolley Newsletter – Data will be collected regarding the cost of printing the newsletter in-house. A decision will be made for 2026 regarding the method of printing.

VI. Questions and comments from members in attendance

NEXT MEETING – The next BOD meeting will be held on August 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Gray, WB&A Secretary Minutes approved on 8/14/25