

## **WB&A Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2024, 12:00 Noon**

**Grumps Café**  
2299 John Hopkins Rd  
Gambrills, MD 21054

Meeting Start Time: 12:00 noon

Meeting End Time: 1:00 pm

### **In Attendance**

Present: John Buxton, Bob Gray, Chuck McGinnis, Ron Edwards, Bob Heine, David Eadie, Michael Ackerman, Tom Salen, Charles Doring, John Gomoljak. Guests: Carol McGinnis, Jack Fisher, Stuart Hirsch

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

**II. President's Welcome Comments** – President John Buxton welcomed the Board members and guests.

### **III. Reports**

- A. President's Report** - President, John Buxton, explained that main the purpose of this special meeting of the WB&A Board of Directors was to determine if the Club was going to get an update on planning for September WB&A Train Meet to be held in Springfield, Virginia on September 21, 2024. In addition, we must begin the Election of Officers process for 2024.
- B. Approval of Minutes from Previous BOD Meeting** – Bob Gray distributed copies of 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 distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report and answered questions regarding the report.
- D. Membership Report** – Bob Gray reported that the WB&A membership stands at 221. He reported that of that number all but 65 have paid their 2024 dues.
- E. Social Committee Report** – Carol McGinnis reviewed the current WB&A Calendar of Events.
- F. Eastern Division TCA Report** – WB&A Representative to the Eastern Division of TCA Bob Heine, updated the Board on planning for the October York Train Show.

### **IV. Ongoing Board Business**

- A. Springfield Show Update** – Event Chairperson, Ron Edwards reported that most of the tables for the event are spoken for with only 4 eight-foot table left and 6 of the six-foot table left. Food truck set up for 9:00 am and a sno-cone Drink truck from 10- 1 . Train repair person will be coming and an o-gauge test track will be available. Set up time is 6 am with opening at 8 am. Advertising is going forward in local newspaper. Flyers for future WB&A 5 tables allocated for layouts. Dave Edie reported of the status of table payments. Tom Salen will set up an O-27 small layout. If the Richmond club comes to the event we won't need the small layouts. Bob Gray noted that we ads in the TCA Headquarters magazines.
- B. WB&A Fall Mini-Meet & General Business Meeting Update** – John Buxton noted that the we must begin the Election process underway. The 2024 Election Committee will include Bob Gray, Dave Eadie, and John Buxton. The Baltimore Streetcar Museum has been reserved for November 9, 2024. Trolley rides will be available. WB&A may have a sign made for display on the Museum's Trolley's. John will get an estimate for the cost of this banner.

- C. **Manassas Railway Festival Update** – John Buxton will meet with the organizers on having an advertising presence at the Christmas (December) show and possibly a small operating layout and advertising table at the Spring (June) show. We will need staffing for this event.
  - D. **Arbutus Meet Update** – Chuck reported on table rentals. He also noted that there was no advertising on the WB&A Facebook Page. Bob Gray noted that there has been information about the Arbutus Show on the WB&A website for the past three months.
  - E. **Annapolis Show Update** – Event chair, John Gomoljak reported that we have a signed contract with the Elks Club for the event. He also noted that we need volunteers for the show setup the night before the show. John said that flyers for the Annapolis show will be available at the Springfield and Arbutus Shows. We will look for volunteers to man a WB&A table at the October Timonium Show.
  - F. **Trolley Update** – Copy for the upcoming issue is due by September 1.
  - G. **Website Update** – Bob Gray reported that we had 4500 hits in last 12 months and in the last 30-days we had 343 hits.
- V. **New Business**
- A. John Buxton requested reimbursement for refreshments at the previous WB&A Start Your Day. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for reimbursement of \$52.00 to John Buxton. Motion made and \$52. We'll collect money for refreshments from attendees at future Weber's event.
  - B. Carroll McGinnis asked if we want her to send a postcard advertising events to people without email addresses. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for \$30.00 to cover this mailing.
  - C. Bob Gray distributed a WB&A Membership List to Board members and asked members to review the list and provide updates or corrections.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next BOD meeting will be held on September 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Michael Ackerman's home.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 12:00 noon.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Gray, WB&A Secretary

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_