

WB&A Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 19, 2022
John Buxton's Home

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 AM
Meeting End Time: 1:00 PM

In Attendance

Present: Tom Salen, Nada Boswell, Michael Ackerman, Bob Gray, Bill Moss, John Buxton, Carol McGinnis, Chuck McGinnis
Absent: Charles Doring, Arnie Meyrow, Dave Eadie, Bob Heine, Skip Lee

A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order by Tom Salen, WB&A President.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT – President Tom Salen opened the meeting by noting that this is the first face-to-face meeting of the Board in two years. He expressed his gratitude for the work done by the Board and members in making the 2022 Annapolis Show a success and thanked Skip Lee for organizing the event. Tom stated that Skip was moving from the area and would no longer be able to manage WB&A events and that we needed someone to replace him. Tom said we need think about recruiting new Board of Director members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Secretary's Report – Bob Gray

The minutes from the January 8, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed by members. A request was made for additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as written, was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – Michael Ackerman

The Treasurer's Report (copy attached) was distributed to the BOD previous to the meeting. Michael answered member questions regarding the report. The Treasurers' Report of March 19, 2022.

3. Membership Report –Bill Moss

Bill stated that we added 6 new members at the February Annapolis Show and four new members via mail-in applications. That increase plus the return of a former member, increases our membership from 208 to 209. 164 of the 208 2021 members paid their 2021 dues. 104 members have paid their 2022 dues. There are still about 40 people that we need to follow up on for 2021. Bill noted that Bob Heine is working on the TCA membership list to recruit new WB&A members. Tom said that there appears to be about 100 Maryland TCA that are not WB&A members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Annapolis Show Recap – John Buxton announced that WB&A member John Gomoljak is willing to assume management of the Annapolis Show. It was noted that Skip Lee's files on Managing WB&A Shows are available on the WB&A Cloud Archive and that a new manager need not start from scratch in planning. Also, it was suggested that the new show manager meet with the BOD to discuss planning for next year's show. Tom Salen announced that he had secured the date for the 2023 show at the Elks Lodge. Tom added that week need to form an Annapolis Show Committee and he volunteered to serve on that committee. John Buxton said the WB&A table at Timonium was effective, handing out over 700 flyers and offering TCA and WB&A membership information.

2. **WB&A Train Drawing Recap** – The winner of the 2021-2022 drawing, George Wright, is out of town for a period of time and will pick up his prize at a future WB&A event. The BOD decided not to hold a drawing in 2022.
3. **WB&A – Charting our Course** – Bob Gray recalled that at a previous BOD meeting concern was expressed regarding the mission of the WB&A. A survey was suggested as a means to see what our membership was interested in. Bob noted that membership numbers are declining and that it might be useful to incorporate some activities into our events that appealed to younger people who might be interested in becoming WB&A members. Carol McGinnis and Michael Ackerman added that the TCA has been exploring transitioning its focus to meet needs and desires of younger folks. As part of this discussion, BOD members focused on the question, “What are we?” Are we an organization that is mainly about holding events where trains are bought and sold.” or do we recognize that our mission is broader, and if so, how might our club activities reflect broader interests?
4. **Membership Survey** – Bob Gray presented the latest draft of the survey and a budget. In addition, Bob presented a format for management for the Survey endeavor and suggested that it might be a useful template for other Club activities. Several suggestions by BOD members were made for modifications and modifications to the survey will be included in the survey. The target date for mailing the survey to members is March 31, 2022.
5. **Future WB&A Activities/Events/Meetings**
 - a) **Timonium Show – April 2&3, 2022**
We will have a WB&A table at this event to promote the York Show, the Trolley Museum Show, and to recruit members for TCA and WB&A. John Buxton will mail check to Scott at Timonium, Bob Gray set up and will cover the table on Saturday from 9-1, Carol and Chuck will cover from 1-4, and Bill Moss will be there from 10 – 2 on Sunday. Bill Moss. Carol will develop flyers for distribution at Timonium.
 - b) **York Train Show – April 28-30, 2022**
WB&A Will have a table at this event.
 - c) **Possible Arbutus Show – May 21, 2022** - Under consideration
 - d) **WB&A BOD Mtg. – May 21, 2022**
Tentatively this meeting will be held at the Arbutus Fire Hall.
 - e) **WB&A Mini Meet – General Business Meeting, June 4, 2022**
This will be held at a Virginia site.
 - f) **Trolley Museum Train Show – July 23, 2022**
Someone from WB&A will go to the Trolley Museum to see how the parking lot might be configured for this event.
 - g) **Open house at McGinnis’s** – Further info to come
 - h) **John Buxton offered to host Mini Meet with a guest speaker at his home**
 - i) **Bill Moss will set up a Bowie Baysox WB&A night**

The next WB&A Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 21, 2022 at Arbutus Fire Hall or on Zoom.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Gray

Minutes approved on _____