

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
March 14, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:33 pm EST using Zoom.

Roll Call

Officers present: D. Vaughn, E. Peterson, K. Nesper, and J. Norman

Directors present: J. Barker, W. Horlacher, A. Oslapas, and D. Schultz

Advisors present: A. Askerberg, E. Bommer, P. Hanson, B. Kjelland, and R. Randall

Members present: None

Adopt Agenda

The revised agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Accept February 2023 Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn shared that his focus was providing support to the Chicago show which was scheduled for March 16 to 19.

Vice-president. Report was sent to all board meeting participants. There were no questions or comments.

Treasurer. OSC has \$7519 in the bank.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Committee chair Norman announced that the first advertisement would appear in the March/April edition of the Cow Catcher. The committee is working on advertisements more oriented to the O scale community for placement in O Scale Resource and O Scale Trains.

Membership

Committee chair Barker referred participants to the written report. There are 39 non-renewals from 2022. Barker agreed to send a copy of the current membership list to the board meeting participants.

Conventions

2023 March Show (Chicago IL)

Director Schultz described the highly visible positioning of the tables for OSC and the O Scale National Convention, Volunteers are still needed for staffing the table.

2023 National (Denver CO)

Convention chair Bob Kjelland expressed desire for in-person meeting with OSC leadership while in Chicago. Convention souvenirs will be sold at the OSNC table.

Publications

Report was sent to all board meeting participants. There were no questions or comments.

Website

Report was sent to all board meeting participants. Peterson noted that the move from OSK to OSC is nearly completion. Authors are needed to develop new material and to update existing material. Meeting participants were encouraged to browse the website and submit additions and corrections.

NMRA SIG

Report was sent to all board meeting participants. Peterson noted that he is now listing OSC and O-scale events on the NMRA international calendar.

OSC On-line

Vaughn announced that Norm Buckhart of Protocraft will be the featured speaker in March.

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative

In Shippy's absence, Vaughn reported that as outlined at the February meeting, Skyler Shippy continues to collect information about groups and clubs. Board meeting participants were asked to share group and club data with Shippy.

Old Business

2023 Activities and Assignments.

Vaughn would like to see progress on the development and publication of modular standards. He asked that Walter Horlacher, Rich Randall, and Skyler Shippy coordinate their efforts.

OS2R Product (and Services) Guide

Vaughn announced that Director Oslapas has agreed to lead the effort to keep the product/services guide complete and up-to-date. Oslapas indicated that he has just begun looking into the assignment and is developing a process flow chart.

Future Convention Planning and Format.

In Bulgarino's absence, Vaughn recalled the recommendation made last month that the OSC board not solicit a sponsor for a 2024 national convention. A vote on the recommendation was not taken.

New Business

OSC Participation at 2023 NMRA National Convention (Dallas, 8/20-26/2023)

Vaughn and Peterson recounted the possibilities for OSC participation, which includes switching layout, clinics, SIG Room display, and/or National Train Show booth.

OSC Outreach Going Forward (Nick Bulgarino)

In Bulgarino's absence, discussion of this topic was deferred.

Switching Puzzle Prize

Peterson moved and Horlacher seconded a motion to purchase an 2023 OSNC car to be given to the person who wins the switching puzzle competition in Chicago. The motion was adopted.

Good and Welfare

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 8:30 pm (EDT)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

O Scale Central Board of Directors Status Report

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Meeting date: March 13, 2023

O Scale Central topic/activity: Vice President Report

Activities since last report:

Continued to work with Dan Dawdy updating and improving the website
Unable to have NMRA Judges for Chicago 2023. We have 2 judges for 2024.
Assisting the OSNC 2023 Denver with the NMRA joint sponsorship.
Testing preproduction trucks for Kadee working with DMRC.
We will run Kadee trucks on the DMRC modular layout during the O Scale March meet.
I am also considering scanning the Weaver Troop Sleeper floor.
Got access to O Scale Central Facebook and YouTube.
Walt Horlacher agreed to join the Marketing Group leadership.
Updated O Scale Central Organization spreadsheet.

Planned activities and expected time required:

Complete OSNC 2023 Denver joint sponsorship.
If possible, setup NMRA judging for OSNC Denver contest.
Continue to assist Kadee with the truck project.
Possibly scan and print the Weaver replacement floor and center sill.
Encourage all to post on O Scale Central Facebook.
O Scale Kings refers to O Scale Central Facebook.

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

Yes, we need a person(s) to work with O Scale Central Facebook.
We also need all of you to post items on Facebook.

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?

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O Scale Central Topic: Membership

Activities since last board meeting:

Membership: 159 (This number includes 39 people whose membership expired 12/31/22. OSC has 120 paid members as of 12 March 23.)

Renewals Since Last Report: 6

New Members Since Last Report: 9

Planned activities and expected time required:

1. I plan to draft a standard welcome to OSC email that will be sent to new members as they join this month.
2. The membership application and payment process is too complex. It needs to be streamlined. This is a 2023 project.
3. Draft a Membership Instruction Manual. This is a 2023 project.

Is there any action by the board for your Topic? Yes.

1. At David's request, I emailed a list of former OSK members to him and several others. People were asked to review the list and let me know the names of people who are no longer active in the OS2R hobby. David, Eric Peterson and Rod Miller responded. I deleted the people that they indicated who are no longer in the hobby from the list. This resulted in a list of 705 OSK members. Of these, we have 442 email addresses. I suspect that many of the email addresses are no longer valid. David edited an email that I drafted that invites the former OSK members to consider joining OSC. This email is ready to be sent to the 442 people with email addresses. I suggest that we delay sending this invitation until after the March Meet. I will bring a copy of the list to the meet and ask attendees to review it for more deletions.
2. Approve the welcome to OSC email once it is drafted.

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?

1. None.

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Editor's Report, March, 2023

I have begun preparation of the April, 2023 Issue #6. I have some possible submissions that I'm working with the authors on. I'm expecting some good coverage of the Chicago meet. I'm hoping Craig Smith or someone can get some photo coverage of the meet.. I'll be there only for a brief time, and want to spend that limited time mostly chasing trains. My ride wants to leave early to take in another show in northern Indiana

I can use a good cover photo, and always looking for small filler items and photos. No action required by the board.

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Meeting date: March 13, 2023

O Scale Central topic/activity: Website, Eric Peterson

Activities since last report:

Continuing to edit and add pages.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS has been updated.

NMRA SIG new page is ready to be loaded.

STANDARDS with 8 topic pages are ready to load in REFERENCE AREA.

Note: This includes Module Information.

O Scale Secondary Market Guide has been updated and ready to load.

FOR NEWCOMERS was added back and 3 of 7 pages have been edited.

Planned activities and expected time required:

Learn how to measure website access including individual pages

Continue website edits and additions

Support module groups and club additions from outreach.

We can include module group different construction details when shared.

Support adding member directory

Support improving updating process for Product Guide

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

No.

Keep paying Dan Dawdy

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?

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O Scale Central topic/activity: NMRA Special Interest Group

Activities since last report:

Unable to provide NMRA judges for O Scale March 2023 due to schedule conflicts.
Have two judges for O Scale March 2024

Planned activities and expected time required:

Supporting NMRA joint sponsorship for O Scale National Denver 2023-2 weeks max
Clarified criticism of OSC and NMRA by an O Scale leader.
Added O Scale Events to NMRA Website International Calendar
Jointed NMRA /Interchange channel on Discord Now over 500 modelers involved
Added and started posting to NMRA/Interchange/O Scale Central SIG channel

Is there any action by the board for your topic? YES.

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?

O Scale Central as a NMRA Special Interest Group, needs a board resolution cosponsoring the O Scale National Convention 2023 in Denver. This is further support for support and involvement of the NMRA Rocky Mountain Division.

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OSC On-Line (John Wubbel)

My report for the Online is very short. Last week I finished editing the January OSC Online recording and uploaded it to the YouTube channel. Today, I completed the editing of the February recording and just now posted it to the channel. I would encourage everyone to subscribe to the channel if they have not already.