

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
April 11, 2023

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Directors present: N. Bulgarino, J. Barker, and C. Wubbel

Advisors present: A. Askerberg, P. Hanson, B. Kjelland, R. Randall, S. Shippy, and J. Wubbell

Members present: None

Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Accept March 2023 Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn shared his reaction to the Chicago Spring Show. OSC has a good relationship with the sponsors which resulted in good visibility and distribution of lots of flyers. The reception and member meeting went well. The focus has shifted to the O Scale National Convention with twice weekly meetings. Vaughn praised VP Peterson for being everywhere to keep the organization on track. Vaughn prepared a video clinic for the NMRAX program on O scale. He intends to do another on John Armstrong. Meeting participants were invited to make additional video clinics.

Vice-president. Report was sent to all board meeting participants. Peterson noted that standards and modular material were being added to the website.

Treasurer. OSC has \$7996.50 in the bank. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

Committee Reports

Marketing

The first advertisement appeared in the March/April edition of the Cow Catcher. Further work is delayed by "tax season."

Membership

Committee chair Barker referred participants to the written report. One more solicitation will be sent to the non-renewals from 2022. Vaughn and Barker are working on an email to the former members.

Conventions

2023 March Show (Chicago IL)

In addition to his earlier remarks, Vaughn noted that there was a very good turnout of model railroaders at the show.

2023 National (Denver CO)

Convention chair Bob Kjelland noted the need for more registered participants. There is also a need for volunteers for two key positions: Clinic Manager and Marketing Coordinator. Both are pre-convention positions that do not require being on-site. Many other volunteers will be needed during the convention. Vaughn encouraged all meeting participants to review the OSNC website.

Publications

Report was sent to all board meeting participants.

Website

Report was sent to all board meeting participants. Meeting participants were, once again, urged to browse the website and submit additions and corrections.

NMRA SIG

Report was sent to all board meeting participants.

OSC On-line

The next presentation is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. Vaughn is working on a featured guest.

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative

Shippy reported getting about a 25% response on the initial emails that he sent.

Product/Services Guide – Updates and Improvements (Al Oslapas)

Director Wubbel reported that she is still running test queries to keep listings up-to-date.

Old Business

2023 Activities and Assignments.

Vaughn noted that the principal activities on his list are underway.

OSC Participation at 2023 NMRA National Convention (Dallas, 8/20-26/2023) (David Vaughn and Eric Peterson)

Preparations for the NMRA Convention will be secondary to the OSNC activities. OSC still plans to have a display in the SIG room, provide clinics, and sponsor a modular layout.

Future Convention Planning and Format. (Nick Bulgarino)
This topic deferred to later in the year.

New Business

OSC Outreach Going Forward (Nick Bulgarino)
This topic deferred to later in the year.

Good and Welfare

Peterson noted continued testing of an O scale truck from Kadee. There is a possibility that Kadee may participate in the OSNC.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 8:30 pm (EDT)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

O Scale Central Board of Directors Status Report

The purpose of this report is to provide timely status information to all OSC leaders on topics that do not require immediate action by the board of directors.

Meeting date: 4/11/2023 by Eric Peterson

O Scale Central topic/activity: VP Report

Activities since last report:

We have made progress on the website including module support
I am working on the OSNC 2023 Denver convention

Planned activities and expected time required:

Support overall operation of OSC

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

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: 165 (This number includes 36 people whose membership expired 12/31/22. OSC has 129 paid members as of 10 April 23.)

Renewals Since Last Report: 3

New Members Since Last Report: 6

Planned activities and expected time required:

1. I plan to draft a standard welcome to OSC email that will be sent to new members.
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. The board needs to let me know when to remove the 36 people whose membership expired last year from the membership list and from access to the OSC website, etc.
2. 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.

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

None

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The April Issue # 7 of the Coupler was distributed a little early in April to give more advance notice and information of the National Convention in June.

No action is anticipated for the BOD. Again, I request all to reach out to any members you know and encourage them to submit material. We're still not getting spontaneous submissions from the members at large.

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Meeting date: 4/11/2023 by Eric Peterson

O Scale Central topic/activity: OSC Website

Activities since last report:

Standards has been added to Reference Area with the following topics

- O Scale Standards

- NMRA Technical Information

- Module Information

- Module Group Construction Information

- Construction Information by Richard Randall

- Construction Information by The Detroit Model Railroad Club

- Construction Information from Others

Primary activity has been support for the OSNC

Updates for Clubs and Organization received were posted.

Cleveland O Scale Meet was posted to the OSC Website

Planned activities and expected time required:

- Update generated by the outreach to clubs, organizations and module groups

- Post Module Construction Information from groups when received

- Support improved membership records, process and directory

- Support improving the Product Guide updating process

- Add Clubs, Organizations and Module Groups

- Learn how to view web access measurements.

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

Keep paying Dan Dawdy

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

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Meeting date: 4/11/2023 by Eric Peterson

O Scale Central topic/activity: NMRA Special Interest Group

Activities since last report:

Reconfirmed space request for the NMRA August convention in Dallas
Continue to work to increase the exposure of O Scale 2 Rail Modeling

Planned activities and expected time required:

Continue plans for O Scale at the NMRA National Convention

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