

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
November 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: N. Bulgarino, J. Barker, W. Horlacher, A. Oslapas, D. Schultz, and C. Wubbel

Advisors present: D. Carlton, P. Hanson, B. Kjelland, S. Kurzawski, R. Randall, R. Shawyer, and S. Shippy

Members present: None

Agenda. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The October 2023 Minutes were accepted.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn opened the meeting by welcoming three new advisors: Don Carlton (Train Show Coordinator), Scott Kurzawski (Website), and Ryan Shawyer (Social Media). He reminded the board that the first OSC segment on New Tracks would be Wednesday, November 15th and the next O scale Online would be on Sunday, November 19th. He observed that OSC ads are appearing in hobby magazines. Vaughn noted that the Cleveland O scale show was better attended than expected and announced that Skyler Shippy would be taking over leadership from Sam Shumaker.

Vice-president. Peterson directed attention to his written report.

Treasurer. A report was sent to all board meeting participants. The bank balance as of October 31, 2023, is \$8,083.68.

Committee Reports

Marketing. Treasurer and committee chair Norman recommended that with the new initiatives occurring in social media, the website, and train shows, plus the print advertising, it was time to consider restructuring the marketing effort.

Membership. Director and committee chair Barker submitted a written report. The current membership is 179.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland reported that The Coupler #8 was sent to members. He has sufficient material for two more issues.

Website. Advisor Kurzawski submitted a written report. The transition is proceeding smoothly. Kurzawski would like to add more photos of modern era equipment to interest younger modelers.

NMRA SIG. Peterson's report was sent to all board meeting participants.

OSC On-line. In Advisor Viggiano's absence, Vaughn provided an overview of the Sunday session. The highlights will be a photo etching clinic and an introduction to onboard power (aka dead rail).

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative. Advisor Shippy submitted a written report outlining a new approach to engaging groups and clubs.

New Tracks OS2R Segment. Director Schultz reiterated that the first episode will air on November 15th.

Social Media. Advisor Shawyer submitted a written report focusing on efforts to build up OSC presence on Facebook and You Tube.

Train Show Outreach. Advisor Carlton provided an initial written report. He is developing a logistics checklist for OSC support of train shows.

Old Business

2023 O Scale Hall of Fame. Vaughn noted that there are two candidates: John Dunn and John Wubbel.

2023 Nominations and Elections. Vaughn stated that the ballots were distributed as presented last month. There were no additional nominees.

Motion to Participate at Amherst/Springfield MA Train Show. Secretary Nesper's asked the board to ratify the decision made by email to participate in the multi-scale train show. The motion passed without objection. (See addendum.)

2023 Annual Members Meeting. Vaughn summarized the meeting. No items were proposed that require board action.

Progress Reports on Deferred Topics

Future Convention Planning and Format--Deferred
OSC Outreach Going Forward—Deferred

Membership Directory--Deferred
OSC Strategic Direction—Deferred

New Business

Motion to Participate at O Scale West Train Show. Vaughn received an invitation from ??? Thomas to co-sponsor the 2024 O Scale West train show. A 25% co-sponsorship was proposed, possibly amounting to \$4,000. While there was no interest by the board in co-sponsorship, there was some discussion of other ways that OSC could help similar to actions taken at the 2023 O Scale National Convention.

Resolution of Lifetime Achievement. Vaughn proposed that Sam Shumaker and George Wallace be issued OSC Lifetime Achievement awards. Shumaker has put on the Cleveland O Scale Train Show for 25 years, but retired after the past show. Wallace has been a stalwart force for maintaining O Scale Kings and O Scale Central. The board approved the motion. Vaughn will create the award statements.

Three-Rail Scale Outreach. Barker and Vaughn noted the many areas of shared interest between OS2R and OS3R. Shawyer reported that he is active on social media with both groups and that OSC social media would be an avenue for increasing awareness and cooperation.

3D Model Railroad Library and Repository. Deferred due to Viggiano's absence.

Good and Welfare. Board participants were invited to stay online after the meeting for a time of deeper introductions and sharing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 8:30 pm (ET)

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Addendum

Motion to Participate at Amherst/Springfield MA Train Show (Email Vote)

On October 17, 2023, President David Vaughn requested Board approval for OSC’s participation in the Amherst/Springfield Train Show to be held on January 27-28, 2024 and payment of \$267 (or this year’s equivalent) for the booth. He advises that this is an all-scale show with an attendance of 20,000 in which OSK/OSC has participated for a number of years. It is a great opportunity for some “all-scale” exposure. We have an opportunity to use Amherst as a pilot for participation in these mega shows. Please vote to approve participation and payment.

Name	Motion				
D. Vaughn	Yea				
E. Peterson	Yea				
K. Nesper	Yea				
J. Norman	Yea				
N. Bulgarino					
J. Barker	Yea				
W. Horlacher	Yea				
A. Oslapas	Yea				
D. Schultz					
C. Wubbel	Yea				

The motion was approved by the board.