

## WISE DIVISION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

**Attendance Pres.:** Breaker, Children, Hebner, Jaglinski, Miazga, Oseland, Russ, Sherman

**Abs.:** Hintz(ex), Janssen(ex), Kofroth(ex), Slater(ex)

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Russ at 7:01 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections. Slater motioned to approve. Sherman provided the 2nd. Motion carried.

**Paymaster:** Since the paymaster was absent there was no verbal financial report. Sherman motioned to approve. Oseland provided the 2nd. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

**Meets:** Russ reported that the October Meet went well. Attendance was slightly lower. The Lake Park facility worked well. There were a number of quality structures entered. Jaglinski was complimented on the activity that he created. Jaglinski was disappointed that the participants had not come prepared with the materials that were requested. The room could easily accommodate 40 people for a video presentation.

**Clinics:** Russ reported that he has 3 clinics set for January Meet. One clinic will be on Layout Command control(LCC). Topics for the other 2 are not known.

**Layouts:** Russ hopes to arrange for the new Milwaukee Transit Museum to be open for the January Meet. We may also be able to visit the Milwaukee-N-Southeastern Club layout, since it is close to the new Museum.

**Contests:** No report since Slater was absent. Russ indicated that there was a good turnout for the contests, especially in the structure category.

**Youth Group:** No report since Hintz was absent.

**Video Library:** Breaker reported that 18-20 videos were checked out at the Oct. Meet. Russ queried why so few members were taking advantage of the Division's large collection of videos. Board member

responses were, lack of time, concern about returning items at the next Meet, many videos available on YouTube or Video Plus.

**Owl Car:** Miazga reported that the next issue will come out in January. Features will include contest photos, layout tour photos and highlights from the October Meet and Trainfest. He also indicated that he is having problems transferring color photos to B&W for the mailed Owl Cars.

**Facebook/Website:** There were 466 likes. Russ introduced Jim Hebner who is the new webmaster for the Division. Hebner said he was interested in finding out what the Board members want to see done and ideas for future projects. He plans to move old issues of the Owl Car to a more accessible location on the website. Russ suggested making the constitution and by-laws more accessible also. Russ would also like to see a list of legacy layouts.

**Bus Trips:** Oseland reported that one person had signed up for the Mad City Show trip in February. Janssen had suggested to Russ that the bus trip could be promoted at the Division booth during Trainfest.

**Achievement:** Children had nothing to report.

**Membership:** Russ reported that Division membership is at 174.

**Trainfest:** Jaglinski reported that traffic is up on social media and ticket sales are ahead of last year. Breaker showed the Bridger diesel model that is available for purchase on line and will also be available at Trainfest. The model retails for \$199.00. It is available on line for \$65.00 and can be purchased at Trainfest for \$75.00. The Japanese manufacturer is providing 1,000 models. 20 people have already signed up to assemble the model at Trainfest. It operates on Lego track or Lionel "O". The model comes in 4 different colors so that multiple units can be run at the same time.

### **Old Business:**

1. Membership: Russ reported that, since his comments at the September Meet about lack of participation and involvement by members, he has had some members step up to volunteer for several positions. Tim Koch, Dave Sima, Dave Komina are several who have shown an interest in joining the Board.
2. Russ plans to have a nominating committee in place by December.
3. The NMRA responded quickly to a request for membership materials for Trainfest.

4. Russ reported that he has ordered a banner (12 ft. X 3 ft.) to go above the entrance to Trainfest promoting the WISE Division as sponsor of Trainfest. The cost is \$254.00.

**New Business:**

1. Russ reported that he is looking for a November date for the Board dinner.
2. Russ suggested the dates of April 12 and 13, 2019 for WISE-OP. Miazga motioned to approve, Children provide the 2nd. Motion carried.
3. Breaker reported that his church is willing to allow us to use its hall for a future Meet. A donation would be appreciated. The church is located on Hwy. 31 just south of Hwy. 20. This would allow us to visit layouts in the Racine/Kenosha area.
4. Breaker will print 1-2,000 Division "Schedule of Events" for distribution at Trainfest, hobby shops and future Meets.

**Adjournment:** Miazga motioned to adjourn, 2nd provided by Sherman. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM (?).

**Next Board Mtg.: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Michel, Acting Chief Clerk