

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday March 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent Slater

Present - A. Breaker, B. Breaker, Children, Jaglinski, Janssen, Miazga, Oseland, Slater

Absent - Hintz, Kofroth, Russ, Sherman, Zieger

Chairs - Greco, Hebner

Guests - Rob Niedermann, Dave Rohr

Minutes - Janssen said to add that the 2019 Budget was also presented as part of his paymaster report. B. Breaker made a motion to accept, Miazga seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted to the BOD via email. Jaglinski made a motion to accept, Children seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Janssen passed around the Conflict of Interest forms which were signed and returned.

Committee Reports:

Meets: Everything is set for the March 17th meet at the Oconomowoc Historical Society. We need to confirm clinics for the April 14th meet. Slater, Greco and A. Breaker volunteered.

Proposed dates for 2019 – 2020 year.

Sept. 15 – Division Meet

Oct. 20 – Division Meet

Dec 1 – Division Meet

Jan. 19 – Division Meet

Feb. – Bus Trip to Mad City (date not set yet)

Mar. 15 – Division Meet

Apr. 19 – Division Meet and Annual Meeting

May – DuPage Bus Trip – no date set yet

Contests: Ted is out of town on vacation. He is ready for the next meet as contest chair and has a laptop setup with a printer. He is expecting Mike will bring the rest.

Owl Car: The March issue is at the printer and will be in the mail by March 8th. The April issue article deadline is March 26th and should be posted/mailed by April 4th. The May issue deadline is April 26th and should be posted/mailed by May 4th. A Summer issue will be dependent on getting enough content.

Youth Grp: No Report

Video: The library will be at the March meet in Oconomowoc with a limited selection available for checkout. The Video Library will also be growing again at just the cost of purchasing more blank DVD's and cases. After finding Bob Breaker's railroad videotapes and DVD's, we have over 100 VHS tapes that can be converted over to DVD, along with 31 DVD's to add. Carl Priepke has again offered to do the transferring. There will be no checking out of items at the April meet. Only the returning of checked out items.

Membership: 174 on the roster. A member passed away recently. Slater made a proposal to send emails to those who have not renewed and to welcome new members. Everyone thought this was an excellent idea.

Achievement: No Report

Bus Trips: So far two have signed up for the Du Page trip.

Website: No Report.

Trainfest: The Badgerland S Gaugers have disbanded. Invitations have been sent to the 3 other S scales groups including Chicago who participated with Badgerland.

New for 2019 will be the "Trainfest Builders" program. We will have two categories in this program the "OPEN" category where youth will be invited to display their layouts in any format and scale like Angel's layout, we have had for the past 5 years. We will have a contest in the OPEN category and will provide awards. The second category is the "STEAM CHALLENGE". This category is open to groups consisting of middle schools, youth groups and organized summer camps like Discovery World. They will create HO scale modules that will link up with the WISE Division Layout. Specifications have been created and distributed to 4 groups. Mike Slater has sent one to a school in Racine, Bonnie has sent one to Discovery World and Catholic Memorial, and I have sent one to a STEM program in St. Francis. We are hoping to get one or two of these modules for this year. Both programs will continue at least for the next two years and hopefully longer. Awards will also be provided.

We are looking for someone to head up the WISE Division Layout as Rob Prox will now only handle the Jr. Engineer Sign Up area. I have asked a couple of individuals to date without a commitment. We will combine this layout with the WISE Division booth and have a separate sign up area for the Jr Engineers. If anyone knows of a possible candidate to head up this area, please let me know.

For our 49th year, 2020, we are going to try to go INTERNATIONAL and for our 50th year we will try to get layout participants from all 50 states, the "50 for 50" program. We will be releasing articles to several publications but especially Scale Rails. We will ask for portables from all over the world to let us know their interest in attending Trainfest 49. We will try to find funding sources to help us get these layouts to Milwaukee. I have been in contact with a British layout for the last three years and they are willing to come.

Slater needs to get the email addresses of all divisions located outside the US to Mercury so that we can send out a formal invitation to come to Trainfest 49.

WISE Ops: Andy Greco reported that Jim Hebner did an excellent job creating a website providing all the information on the layouts that will participate. Member sign up began last Saturday and he has 20 of the 56 available slots filled. He will open general sign up this coming Saturday. He stated that he has several additional sessions that can be offered if response is good. He has gathered additional emails of past operators which we should check against our current member and non-member lists and add anyone who is missing from them.

If the spring event goes well, we will set a fall date at the BOD meeting following the spring event. It will not be the same weekend as Oktoberfest and will be open to all to sign up at the same time.

BOD Dinner: No report

Locations: Rohr indicated that we can use the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee as much as we want. Jaglinski said that we can also use the Lake Park Community Center as well. The West Allis Library is unavailable due to a conflict

Elections: The slate of candidates and the ballot was included in the March Owl Car which was mailed to all members. Miazga brought up a situation where he was contacted by a new member who did not receive a printed Owl Car. It was suggested that we get an updated member list so that no one will be missed.

Facebook: Hebner and Slater are administrators for the site and Miazga and A. Breaker are editors. All have the rights to post to the Divisions Face Book Page.

Awards: No one could determine where the Mel Andriesen or the Milwaukee Traction awards were made. Children found two of the Milwaukee Traction awards. A motion was made by Jaglinski and seconded by Janssen to stop any current awards as no one on the BOD knows anything about them. The motion carried unanimously. It was then decided that we reinstate the above two awards. These awards are given out to modelers who participate in the contest room at the Regional Conventions. The Mel Andriesen Award is for the best Great Northern model that meets contest guidelines and the Milwaukee Traction Award is for the best Traction model that meets contest guidelines. When we need any of these awards to be created in the future, we will use the Ralley Company who produces all of the Trainfest plaques and awards to make them.

New Business: All BOD members and committee chairs are to write up a guideline for their responsibilities and how they are to be carried out. These guidelines are to be sent to Slater so that we have all procedures in one location.

It was also discussed that all files commonly used by the division and copies of the Owl Car should have permanent storage in the cloud. Hebner is to investigate.

Slater appointed Dave Rohr as Chief Clerk. A motion was made by Jaglinski and seconded by Children to accept the appointment. The motion carried unanimously. Dave was welcomed to the BOD and thanked for his future participation. Jaglinski will email the files of the minutes of the last three meeting to him and give him the hard copies at our next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM. The next meeting is Wednesday April 17th, 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Jaglinski