

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Annual Meeting**

Sunday April 28, 2019

Location: Four Point Sheraton - Milwaukee Airport

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 PM by Superintendent Mike Slater

Mike Slater introduced the WISE Div. Board of Directors, and others that have assisted over the year. Superintendent Mike Slater, Assistant Superintendent Andy Breaker, Chief Clerk David Rohr, Paymaster Dennis Janssen, Board Members: Art Oseland (Bus Trip), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest Chair), Mark Hintz (Youth), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Ted Zieger (Contest), Burnell Breaker (Library).

(Forgot Andy Greco (WISE Ops)), John Hagen (Layouts), Jim Hebner (Website).

Mike also introduced and thanked Past Board Members Bob Sherman, Ed Kofroth, Joe Russ, and Neal Michael (Interim Clerk, who filled in for Al Lederman as Chief Clerk).

Minutes - Chief Clerk David Rohr read the annual meeting minutes from April 22, 2018, that were recorded by then Chief Clerk Al Lederman. Ted Zieger made motion to accept, seconded by Gary Children. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Slater stated we still have two open positions – Membership & Clinics, please see Slater or a BOD member if interested.

Committee Reports:

Trainfest: Trainfest Director Ken Jaglinski reported:
Trainfest is going per plan, will have committee meeting next week (April 2019). This may be last meeting till the committee meets in October to process name badges.

Junior Engineer and Make-&-Take, will continue. Now adding Trainfest Builders program, which is sponsored by Walthers. Will start a session on May 14 to do layout design and construction, and build modules in following sessions. Builders program are for ages 5 > 14 where can bring layouts to Trainfest. There are 3 categories: 1) Table Top Display; 2) Model Railroad Display; 3) Module built to program specs to link up with the WISE Div. Youth layout. Currently have 2 entries to the builder's program, from OK & IL, in 2 different categories. Several others are in the works. This is open to individuals and clubs or groups like 4H, scouts, youth groups, etc.

We have a 2-year financial commitment from Walthers, and may expand to three years additional, after we review the first year.

Last year (2018) was a success, per Ken.

Need a WISE Layout Coordinator, as the current Junior Engineer/Youth coordinator is going to concentrate solely on the Junior Engineer Program.

Currently we have 105 exhibitors signed for Trainfest 2019.

Gary Children stated because of age and construction of their layout, the Badgerland Club layout will not be present this year.

A Thank You to the Badgerland Club for their quality display.

We are always looking for quality layouts and displays. This brings in the general public.

We are the largest one weekend show / event in Milwaukee.

Paymaster - Reports were distributed by Dennis Janssen.
Trainfest 2018 had about \$31K profit.
Ken Jaglinski made a motion to accept, seconded by Skip (Quentin) Meracle.
The motion carried unanimously.

Election & Results: Election Committee Chair Dave Nelson reported the results of the election.

Total ballots cast were 35.

Superintendent Ballot was for Mike Slater with 33 votes.

Assistant Superintendent was for Andy Breaker, with 35 votes

Director – Burnell Breaker received 35 votes, and Steve Miazga received 35 votes.

Motion to destroy the 2019 ballots made by Ted Zieger, seconded by Gary Children. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Slater discussed coming activities are the RPM Meet on Sept 21, 2019 at the Four Point Sheraton Milwaukee Airport. 9 > 4 pm

This will be similar to events held in Green Bay, Twin Cities, and Pennsylvania.

No judging, great way to share knowledge between MR folks and other modelers.

December 2019 will be a Beginners Meet. A one on one Q&A session.

Looking to do a joint meet with Rockford & Madison, may happen in May 2020 and will look into getting a bus to provide access.

Next WISE Div. Board meeting will be May 5, 2019 at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin.

Achievement: Gary Children reported on AP Award
Steve Miazga is working on three projects.

Contests: Ted Zieger reported that we would like to get more entries to the contests

Gary Children stated he did an Operation Lifesaver Safety Clinic.

Welcome to a few visitors today.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM. Motioned by Gary Children, Steve Miazga seconded, all in favor.

The next Annual meeting is Sunday April 19, 2020 at 3:00 PM, at the Four Point Sheraton – Airport

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk