

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

Wednesday May 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library), John Hagen (Layouts), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary), Mike Slater (Super); Bob Sherman (At Large), Ted Zieger (Contest)

Chairs Present Andy Greco (WISE Ops),

Absent - Gary Children (Achievement AP), Jim Hebner (Website), Mark Hintz (Youth), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest), Ed Kofroth, Joe Russ,

Guests - Dave Oelstrom (LRRRC)

Minutes - A few changes suggested, B Breaker made motion to accept as amended, and seconded by Miazga. The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted to the BOD via email. Hagen made a motion to accept, Zieger seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Meets: Slater talked about upcoming clinics for the RPM meet and further out. Jim Ozborn needs date, Mileage reimbursement is IRS defined amount about \$0.50 / mile Racine Fall Harvest Fest – not sure what is schedule. WISE Div email address was discussed for Meet Schedule, need to discuss with Hebner Webmaster. TechSoup.org offers reduced software & hardware for non-profits.

Layouts: Slater needs to get certificates to Hagen, Hagen needs updated latest layout list. Put note in Owl Car we are looking for layouts for visit and / or operate.

Contests: Zieger reports:
Need Best of Show award CBQ picture, Miazga to help get awards ordered and needs has 8x10. Will have "Most entries for last year contest in October. No contests at RPM meet.

Youth Group: Slater stated Mark Hintz could not attend the meeting, not much new, except that the donation to the Youth group has still not been dropped off at Southside Trains, from Wilson Senior Center Group

Video Library: B. Breaker stated that all videos have been collected from the April Meet. Working on his dad's video collection.

Owl Car: Miazga: The next issue deadline will be in August for September publish date. The ad for Walthers was a success. Rail Rangers to do clinics. Newsletter alert email process, need to discuss with Jim Webmaster.

Ad criteria was discussed, Member focused. The NMRA Legal dept. stated we could not give Walthers the mailing list file, we could give Walthers labels with addresses. .best to have the ad in the mailing.

Facebook: No report

Website: No Report.

Bus Trips: Oseland stated May DuPage trip has 15 signed up so far. Layout that was visited may be a good source for clinics, like reduced cost signal heads.

Achievement: (Children not present) Miazga gave report, Children has back problems, Traction & Goat Award was given at MWR convention. We should do an AP MMR possibilities clinic

Membership: Slater mailed 16 letters on May 15 for folks that have not renewed NMRA dues.

Trainfest: Jaglinski absent - Janssen reported the builders program is moving forward. We are starting a "crowd funding" plan to support the international layouts
2019 car model details discussed Acurail.

WISE Ops Greco reported that seven are interested in October 2019 event. Looking for more operators, some are afraid of hosting. Need to create a Pilot Guide for new operators. Could have a panel discussion of being an operator as a clinic topic.

Insurance question came up for hosts; who covers if something happens. The answer is the host's personal home owner's policy is first in line, then the Division/NMRA coverage is second coverage.-

Old Business: Four Point Hotel confirmation for RPM meet and 2019/2020 meets, and have Racine meet room confirmation. Will contact area divisions for joint meet.

New Business:

- Need Archive storage Cloud storage – Need to discuss with Web Master Hebner
- \$500 was approved at May semi-annual MWR BOD mtg for Youth Group expenses
- Request from MWR for us to submit photo of activities for MWR publications
- Ed Kofroth resigned in the last month. Was recommended to nominate Hagen to board to replace Ed. Motion by Miazga seconded by Greco and approved.
- Bob Sherman has division records, and turned them over.
- Bylaws & constitution changes were discussed by Oseland and others. Need to discuss at another meeting. Jaglinski started this by an email that not everyone received.
- Was discovered that the Divisions decals are for sale on eBay. These decals use the WISE Div logos, new owner of "Herald King" also has the artwork. It's not trademarked, so not much power to say we need these returned.
- Convention Photo – Russ has not moved it to Walthers yet.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:38: PM. Motioned by Janssen, seconded by Zieger.

The next meeting is Wednesday July 24 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr