

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

Wednesday July 31, 2019

Location: Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club

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

- BOD Present -** Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Mark Hintz (Youth), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest) (joined via phone), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary), Mike Slater (Super); Ted Zieger (Contest)
- Chairs Present** Andy Greco (WISE Ops),
- Absent -** John Hagen (Layouts), Jim Hebner (Website), Joe Russ, (Past Super)
- Guests -** None
- Minutes -** June minutes, Zieger made motion to accept, and seconded by B Breaker. The motion carried unanimously
- Paymaster -** Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. A lot of trainfest money coming in because end of the month, and the discount window closing. When asked his opinion on where we stand, Janssen stated we are in fine shape. Trainfest fee discount window is closing for most people. Children made a motion to accept, Zieger seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Meets: (& Clinics)** Slater stated he will be emailing the Sheraton Hotel the floor plan for the September RPM Meet. Slater went to the St Louis RPM meet to promote our RPM meet scheduled for September; and to promote Trainfest. While there, he talked with Circus City decal to make a special decal set (HO scale) for the RPM Meet and agreed to give them out to attendees for FREE, they also will have a table at RPM to sell their decals. Ozborn clinic has just canceled. Slater to look for other clinics . Layout Tours could be NAPM. Need to get hotel room rates for out of town guests
- Layouts:** Hagen not present – no report
- Contests:** Zieger reports all ok except for RPM Meet (No contests at RPM meet.) Need CB&Q picture for this coming year. Contest months are Oct, Dec, Jan, Mar, Apr. And one award for “Most entries for last year” contest in October. (After the meeting, the group reviewed pictures and selected best candidate) Now using 8 x 10 plaque instead of 10 x 12.

Date of March 15, 2020 is set for meet in Racine (a bit later start, due to church service release)
- Youth Group:** Slater stated 4 boxes of trains from Wilson Park Senior Center Group MRRC have been received. Slater suggested to have Hintz and the youth group write them a thank you note, and for the division to send them a donation thank you letter. These were items just sitting around not in use.
- Video Library:** B. Breaker – no news to report
- Owl Car:** Miazga: Need stuff for Sept Owl Car, deadline is Aug 25. Would be nice to have a full page Trainfest article from Jaglinski, and need any pictures of the Big Boy touring the area. Will have article on: upcoming WISE Ops, RPM Meet

description and/or explanation.

Facebook: Slater has posted about the Big Boy – Pictures and Video, St. Louis RPM Meet. If there are other things, please forward to Slater.

Website: No Report.

Bus Trips: Oseland stated no bus trip setup yet for Madison, will schedule this in August or September

Achievement: Children stated nothing new. Slater (personally) to work on obtaining the Golden Spike award and document his journey, as a future clinic topic or Owl Car article.

Membership: Slater there are 4 people 30 days past due from Kalmbach, will be mailing a letter to those past due. When next roster report coming August 1st

Trainfest: Jaglinski joined via phone call. Submitted the following email report:

Display	19	Z -3, N - 10		
Hist-Sell	8	HO - 28, S - 1		
Historical	4	O - 7, STD -1		
Layouts	60	LEGO - 3, G - 7		
MFG	51		OP YES	31
Vendors	37		OP NO	29
Trainfest Builders	11			60
TOTAL	190			

(Editor Note: “OP” above means = Layouts that can be OPerated by the kids/public)

(Editor Note: The number in “Trainfest Builders” is # of modules to make up display)

Above is our current status for Trainfest. As of this time we have not heard from 52 exhibitors. We have 31 new exhibitors which includes the Trainfest Builders Program

Based on our response level and the fact that we will once again have the oval of track by MLES we need more space. We will either do the 30,000 sq ft of the WI Products Pavilion or we will have tent space on the South Side of the EXPO Center. At this time we have not committed to one or the other. I expect that with the new programs for 2020 and 2021 we will also require this additional space.

We had a promotional booth at the Waukesha County Fair which was staffed by Mike Carlson, Harry Grieshaber and Dennis Jansen. We had 50 Make and Take kits of each type donated by Walthers for this event. Attendance was so so due to the weather. But we did have several kids from 4H and St Johns Military Academy participate.

Kato USA will be sponsoring a T-Trak contest and is hoping to draw 100 entries from across the county. Once they get their marketing plan together we will post some of this information on our website.

The Rio Grande Historical Society has agreed to be the Celebrated Railroad in 2022.

We still do not have someone to take the lead on the WISE Division layout.

As of this writing we have no youth groups who have committed to volunteer. We need to have volunteers to man the MLES crossings.

These last two items are of concern to me.

Ken Jaglinski
Trainfest Chair

While discussing the Owl Car article Ken went into Trainfest issues:

- Need staffing for youth area, builders layout, MLES crossing guards.
- Need someone to run the WISE Division Youth layout.
- Ken also has 4 builder modules under construction in his garage. So he can get his garage back

Janssen & Jaglinski discussed the extra room needed and the costs. Last year we had the additional building, lost money. Trying to get State Fair to throw in the cost of either transport, or ticket takers, or cost of the tent. We need to rent additional space, which maybe either the WI Products Building or erect a tent south of the Expo Building. We need to discuss more with State Fair, and need to vote on this before signing a contract.

WISE Ops

Greco reported we have 8 layouts, but need operators. Same core group, but looking for any additional interest.

Old Business:

- Slater stated the RPM Meet Saturday Sept 21 has 2 clinics so far.
 - Fred Firkus, from Manitowoc Wisconsin, Weathering Locomotives & rolling stock. AND
 - Jim Osborn, Photography clinic (which was just canceled)
 - Slater & others will work on more
- Milw Rd 75th Convention Photo – has not moved it to Walthers yet. Need letter written to Russ to arrange for item to be returned at earliest convenience. Clerk to create and send. Request to provide the painting no later than the October Meet.

New Business:

- A Breaker – Handling advertisements, has contacted Freeman, JS / NOW papers, and others for pricing.
- Meet ups Websites, Bike Rides,
- Racine Fall Harvest Days

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:02: PM. Motioned by Hintz, seconded by Zieger.

The next meeting is Wednesday August 21 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk