

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

Wednesday September 18, 2019

Location: Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), John Hagen (Layouts), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Super); Ted Zieger (Contest)

Chairs Present None

Absent - Burnell Breaker (Library), Jim Hebner (Website), Mark Hintz (Youth), Joe Russ (Past Super)

Guests - None

Minutes - Aug minutes, Children made motion to accept, and seconded by Zieger. The motion carried unanimously

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

Insurance carrier best quote is with West Bend. This covers Liability and D&O (Directors & Officers). Trainfest was not covered in the past. Insurance coverage for credit card breach is still waiting for quotes. Was explained we need this, in addition to existing coverage. Motion by Hagen & 2nd by Children and approved to switch to West Bend.

Committee Reports:

Meets: (& Clinics) Slater stated we have 4 clinics for the RPM meet on Sept 21. Some from the Winnebagoland Div. is interested in attending. Will be held in the Rembrandt room from 9 > 4 pm. People are asking for next years event. We may have to move to one of the main ballrooms.

The October Meet may have a clinic on LAD Line, or Andy Breaker and / or Slater,. Trying to get the author on the Milw Rd SW Div book. Some discussion on having two clinics instead of three.

Layouts: Hagen stated no layouts for September, may have Don Strike on tap for October, provided he can find enough operators. Don's layout maybe the last time to see.

Contests: Zieger reports no contests till October meet. New awards have arrived.

Youth Group: Hintz not present – No report

Video Library: B. Breaker not present - No report

Owl Car: Miazga: Sept 26 is deadline for next Owl Car. Will have Trainfest Ad, and Mad City Ad. Need coming events & dates, Slater to provide Rock River NMRA Schedule of events,

Facebook: Slater .some items posted, if anyone have items, forward them to Slater

Website: Heber not present - no report.

Bus Trips: Oseland stated the bus has been setup for Madison, and for DuPage Wheaton

Achievement: Children stated nothing new.

Membership: Janssen stated a few members have been dropped for invalid postal addresses. (Returned items). One has been corrected. Did the Kalmbach employees get added back in?

Trainfest: Jaglinski
One meeting has been completed with State Fair Park. There is a possibility we could use the Cream Puff Building, instead of the Wis Products Building. The Cream Puff Building is a short walk from the Main Expo Hall. It would have to have bathrooms, and food vendors, but could save other staffing expenses (ticket sales, tickets takers, ticket supervisors), and no need for a trolley bus.

There is an option of using Miller Park in 2020, since the grass will need to get replaced before the 2021 baseball season. They are normally not allowing things on the grass longer than one day.

We plan on putting flyers in the hotels and other locations targeting the DNC Convention July 2020 and the PGA Tour.

Prime Access ticket sales are good so far., as are advance ticket sales. Kato is doing a "T-Track" contest this year at Trainfest.

Still need volunteers
May have a "Company Store" to sell current and past items and other items that the WISE Div has obtained. Similar to Mad-City Company Store.

WISE Ops Greco reported we could use more yard signs, the Owl Diamond. Need about 5 more. Signups are about 50% full, 3 layouts are full out of 10 that have volunteered.. Need more operators, have 33 signed up so far.
How to get more people to join the fun, if they feel as a novice. Talk it up at the RPM meet

Old Business:

- Milw Rd 75th Convention Photo – Still open item. Russ's email mailbox is full, need to send letter. Suggest sending it certified mail.
- Insurance – covered in Paymaster report.

New Business:

- Clerk Rohr asked for clarification on Greco's position. Slated stated he moved from Committee Chair to Director, with Kofroth no longer on the Board
- Also Hebner remains as Committee Chair.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:27: PM. Motioned by Jaglinski, 2nd by Zieger, all in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday September 18 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin
Other future BOD meeting dates should be Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18 (If needed)

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk