

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

**Wednesday October 16, 2019**

**Location: Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Superintendent Slater

**BOD Present -** Burnell Breaker (Library), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Super); Ted Zieger (Contest).

**Chairs Present** None

**Absent -** Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), John Hagen (Layouts), Jim Hebner (Website), Mark Hintz (Youth), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Joe Russ (Past Super).

**Guests -** Robert Biersack

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

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Meets: (& Clinics)** Slater stated the clinics for October is Jim Osborn & Andy Breaker. Also, will have quick presentation on an estate for sale in Oconomowoc. December meet (Dec 8) will be a hands-on event, probably air brushing, and decaling. There will be a contest, but no swap meet. (limited space, and city / county rules). Mileage reimbursement is allowed for clinics, use the latest IRS published rate.

**Layouts:** Slater stated we have Don Strike's layout for October. Need more operators. December layout in the works.

**Contests:** Zieger reports plaques are ready for October Meet.

**Youth Group:** Hintz not present – Youth are requesting purchase of some Digitrax equipment. The board would like a report on the youth before approving. Like: number of youths involved in the group, etc. Mercury is getting more laptops for Trainfest.

**Video Library:** B. Breaker stated videos can be checked out at October Meet. Will have new videos on Sunday.

**Owl Car:** Miazga: October 25th is deadline for November Owl Car. Would appreciate any pictures from WISE Ops.

**Facebook:** Slater posting some YouTube videos from the TCA Meet soon.

**Website:** Hebner not present - no report.

**Bus Trips:** Oseland stated the bus has been setup for Madison, and for DuPage Wheaton. Question on doing a bus to the next joint meet, which will be in Madison. Will have to investigate, and need the date.

**Achievement:** Children – No Report.

**Membership:** Slater stated one new member. But have lost a few due to death.

**Trainfest:** Jaglinski - not present – no report

**WISE Ops** Greco reported the fall Wise Ops did happen, had to eliminate a number of layout, due to the number of operators. Bad timing of the next event in April with Easter. Originally picked Apr 10 & 11 (& 12), but this is Easter weekend. Should move this to April 17 & 18 (Fri & Sat). We need more operators.

**Old Business:**

- Milw Rd 75<sup>th</sup> Convention Photo – Still open item.

**New Business:**

- MWR BOD Mtg (Midwest Region Board) will be Sunday AM of Trainfest. Was requested to advertise WISE Ops.
- Storage Locker at Storage Master - New Berlin is getting full, and need better storage method or bigger/additional unit. The storage at the Sturtevant Museum's boxcar is not ready yet. With more modules from Trainfest Builders, need more space. Zieger motioned, Greco seconded to investigate and get another unit if needed after Trainfest. All approved. The plan is to meet this weekend at the storage unit to access the situation. Slater to send email with address and access code, for Saturday 10:30 am Oct 19.
- RPM Meet for 2020 will be planned for Sept 26, 2020. Hotel charges could be \$400/\$500 for more/bigger rooms, we may charge \$10 per table for the swap meet, NMRA Members can enter for free, but have a \$5 per person charge for Non-NMRA folks.
- Electronic storage of data files. We supposed to have bought Cloud Storage somewhere, in the last regimen. Need to work with Hebner/Janssen/Joe Russ for more details. Miazga to check with Janssen.
- Insurance – Cyber policy is done, per email from Janssen.
- A number of folks have asked for help working on their layouts (Darin that is in a wheel chair close to the airport, Matt Keen in Racine).

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:31: PM. Motioned by Children, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zieger, all in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday November 20 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin

Other future BOD meeting dates should be Dec 18 (If needed)

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk