

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

Wednesday February 19, 2020

Location: Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent Slater

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

Chairs Present - None

Absent - John Hagen (Layouts), Jim Hebner (Website), Mark Hintz (Youth),

Guests - Mark Willmering, Bob Sherman

Minutes - January minutes, Zieger made motion to accept, seconded by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership: Updated roster received, not much has changed.

Meets: (& Clinics) March Meet is set. Need April Clinic. May ask Carl Prepeike for April.

Layouts: Ralph Plachter's "Midwest Lines" layout will be open for March.

Contests: Zieger stated new plaque is ready for October 2020 Meet.

Youth Group: No report

Video Library: B. Breaker stated 4 new videos were purchased, Kalmbach had a sale

Owl Car: Miazga stated he will complete his term as Owl Car Editor, but we will need to find replacement editor. He is willing to help train the new person. April issue will be DuPage Trip details, Tri-Meet details.

Facebook: No report

Website: Coming events is missing (It is actually in the past events) No Owl Car files are appearing.

Bus Trips: Madison bus trip had 21 riders. Jim S fell at College Ave. drop off
DuPage Bus May 3 will have 2 HO layouts (Valley Model Club & Prairie Scale Club) after the show.
Pickup will be 8 am at College Park & Ride South West lot. Fare is \$39.

Achievement: Children stated Miazga has 3 awards, with 3 pending

WISE Ops: Greco stated the WISE Ops website is up, we have 9 layouts.

Youth Group: No report

Trainfest:

Slater represented Trainfest and WISE Div. at the Mad-City Show Feb 15 & 16th. Several vendors asked about Trainfest, and we will be sending them applications to attend. So far two layouts that have refused to attend Trainfest in the past, have stated they will be submitting applications to attend.

- Sold \$300 of old merchandise (Bridger, T-Shirts, etc.)

Old Business:

- Reviewed 2020 WISE Div Budget, Miazga motioned to approve, Greco 2nd, passed unanimously
- Trainfest Tickets – going to be using the group that State Fair uses, eTix. We will have a link to them on Trainfest.com. We can use a \$3 convenience fee, instead of \$4 mentioned last month. Credit Card fee is 2.75%. Hotels can also get a link to sell advance tickets. eTix will handle any problems, and should not have any issues of duplicate charges that PayPal caused last year. Those folks declined the “Duplicate” which was actually one charge, not two.
- After extensive review by Slater and Janssen, the BOD discussed the marketing firms. Slater & Janssen preferred the IM Proposal. – Greco motioned to use Image Management from Racine, Miazga 2nd, B. Breaker abstained as his firm works with IM. Motion passed.
We will purchase and pay for printed material, from artwork created by IM.
- Milw Rd 75th Convention Photo – received an email from Russ stating he is making arrangements to take the painting to Walthers
- RPM Meet Sept 2020 – Admission fee for non NMRA members was set at \$2. Now we can get info ready to advertise this event.

New Business:

- March Meet in Racine, need to have a person at the entrance doors to hold them open (no key available to unlock them)
- Motion to pay the church the same amount we pay for the Hotel (\$500). Motion made by Janssen, 2nd by Zieger, B. Breaker abstained as he is a member of the church. Motion passed.
- Discussed the G Suite administrator duties (to control @Trainfest.com & @WiseDiv.org email accounts) Burnell volunteered to take this on.
- Janssen stated the 990-tax return has been completed and was given to Sherman to review, then to the rest of the BOD for final review.
- We discussed plans for printed Trainfest items
- We discussed hotels for Trainfest

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:22: PM. Motioned by Children, Zieger seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin. (2nd Wednesday)

April BOD will be April 15, as the Meet will be April 19.

May BOD meeting will be May 13 (2nd Wednesday). Slater to be out of town on May 20th.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk