

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

Wednesday May 13, 2020

Location: Virtual

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

BOD Present - Burnell Breaker (Library), Andy Greco (WISE Ops) (joined at 7:30 pm), Harry Grieshaber (joined at 7:42 pm), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer/Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent), Ted Zieger (Contest).

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Website).

Absent - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Gary Children (Achievement AP), John Hagen (Layouts), Mark Hintz (Youth), Art Oseland (Bus Trip).

Guests - None

Minutes - April minutes: One correction was that Hintz is a Director, not a Chair. Corrected minutes were sent. B. Breaker made the motion to accept, seconded by Miazga. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership: One new member Bernard VanDerLeest from Mt Pleasant.

Meets: (& Clinics).

- Sept RPM meet, is now posted on website. Need Clinics.
- October 18th Meet will be at Burnell's church, with same clinic and location that was scheduled for March. Presenter will be the author of Milw. Rd Book.

Layouts: Hagen not present.

- We are still waiting for the NAPM group to meet, (delayed due to Covid-19) to approve to a visit during the September RPM Meet.
- The plan for October is to visit Ralph Plachter's "Midwest Lines" layout (provided he is ok with visitors), or the Tri-County Club in Union Grove and/or the South Eastern Lionel Club in Racine, or others.

Contests: Zeiger -
Plaque modifying on hold with Rally. Will take about a week or so to get it re-done. Have three to redo. (hopefully no more)

Youth Group:

- Mark Hintz not present.
- No youth meetings due to the shutdown.
- Janssen talked with the NMRA Office, We have instructed to cease all youth activities.

Video Library: B. Breaker stated nothing new

Owl Car:

- Miazga stated the May's digital issue feedback has been good.
- Possibly to add a photo contest. (but may be better to post in Facebook)
- Next issue is slated for August
- Need MoPac's response by July 1

Facebook:

Hebner stated the RPM Meet is posted on the website.
Slater posted on Facebook that East Troy Museum's sign was stolen, and to be on the lookout for it.

Website:

Hebner stated the website should be up to date.

Bus Trips:

Oseland not present.

Achievement:

No report, Children not present.

WISE Ops:

Greco stated no formal activities.

Trainfest:

Trainfest Report (Slater/Janssen) –

- Janssen said we have 23 vendors so far. Others are waiting.
- Some Vendors are staying away
- Hospital may stay in place, possibly not have WI State Fair in August.
- We owe State Fair Park the \$ 55K rent by August 1.
- Need decision by July
- A Breaker said hotels will participate, ticket promotion.
- Folk Fair Nov 20 > 22, is still scheduled to occur.
- Annual Meeting – Do we send facts & figures to email list now, or in October? October is the end of Fiscal Year.

Old Business:

- Picture issue in on hold due to Covid-19.
- Annual meeting per the bylaws state should be in April or May. But with the safer at home order, this is not possible. We have moved the Annual Meeting to the October event.
- The O Scale National group may display at another building at the fair park, as their event at the St. Louis NMRA Convention was canceled. Need to investigate a joint ticket plan. No further update.

New Business:

- Need Hobby Shop Flyers for Trainfest Was suggested to make a generic flyer, with "2nd weekend in November" instead of specific dates.
- Discussion on donating money to Cudahy Historical museum that was vandalized (broken windows). Was also discussed donating to East Troy Museum because their "East Troy Electric Railway" diamond sign was stolen, hanging from chains outside the museum. Motion made Janssen, 2nd by B. Burnell, to donate \$500 to Cudahy. Need more details and cost for the East Troy sign. Motion passed unanimously.
- G-Suite is now setup as a non-profit status.
- Each person with a group email (trainfest.com or WISE.org, or ??) should send that password to B. Burnell, so he can keep that recorded.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM. Motioned by Miazga, seconded by everyone, all were in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "GoToMeeting"

July BOD meeting will be July 8 (2nd Wednesday).

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk