

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

**Wednesday August 12, 2020
Location: Virtual (GoToMeeting)**

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

BOD Present - Burnell Breaker (Library), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), Harry Grieshaber, Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent),

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Website)

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

Guests - None

Minutes - July minutes: Janssen had correction to Trainfest Report, and motioned to approve as corrected, 2nd by Greco. The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. Janssen stated we need to do a fundraising campaign. Or find a way to cut expenses. Mercury had done some fundraising. Jeff Marker was going to do a fundraising (grant request) but has resigned. We did get a \$1300 insurance refund, due to Covid, but had a \$2500 bill. Normal expenses per year are \$12k.
B. Breaker made a motion to accept, seconded by Greco.
The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No changes this month.

Meets: (& Clinics).

- Slater stated he conducted a Facebook survey for future events, which collected 25 > 30 responses. Masks would be required, tables spread out – 20 people said they would attend, 10 would attend virtually. Would the hotel allow us to use the large Ball Room A or B, instead of the smaller rooms?
- We are projecting to have 30 to 40 attending. May not be worth the effort/expense.
- Slater suggested we obtain a Zoom account. He will investigate how easy is it to cancel and rejoin, if we don't use for the summer/off season. Cost is \$15 / month, or \$150 for 12 months (you get 2 months free, or save \$30)

Layouts: Hagen not present, no report.

Contests: Zeiger not present, no report.

Video Library: B. Breaker stated nothing new

Owl Car: Miazga stated he is looking for more pictures. Slater will assist.

Facebook: No updates.

Website: No updates.

Bus Trips: No report, Oseland not present. Oseland asked via email if we should start looking for bus quotes to go to Mad City in Feb 2021.
We felt it may be too early yet.
DuPage Swap is rumored to be looking for another location.

Achievement: No report from Children, as he was not present. Slater suggested we keep Children in the AP role for the remainder of his three-year term, and train Dave Poquette. Dave would need Judging duty training. LeRoy is the other Division qualified judge, but does not attend many events.
Slater made this as a motion, 2nd by Janssen, motion carried unanimously.

Reports not covered:

WISE Ops: ~~(no activities)~~

Youth Group: ~~(Now disbanded)~~

Trainfest: (Slater/Janssen) –
Someone stated we need to send a letter to the Manufactures & Vendors.
We have an OK from Gordy who runs the Virtual NMRA-X program.
The virtual Trainfest email address has been setup.

Old Business:

- Picture issue still on hold due to Covid-19, but Walthers is starting to open up in some fashion. Employees are starting to work two days a week.
- Waukesha County Gandy Dancers will take over the youth group. Need to officially donate the HO layout to them. Officially dissolve the WISE Div Youth Group. This is now completed.
- Need to discuss the WISE Div HO Switching Layout. Still Need to do.
- Slater and crew sorted items at the storage locker July 18, removing Junior Engineer items and participant records (Items removed and records were burned)
- Fall Harvest Days in Union Grove has been canceled.
- Hotel charge is \$500 for April and September.

New Business:

- A show of hands on holding the RPM Meet, no = 5, yes = 2, out of 9 present.
- Miazga motioned to not do the in-person events thru the end of 2020. 2nd by Grieshaber, motion approved with one opposed. It was suggested to do a virtual event, if possible.
- Discussed how to cut down on storage expense, by moving items to the Sturtevant Museum. Would need to build a wood partition with a separate door, in the box car. The LRRC has a trailer we could do move with. The Make-it-take it stuff can be donated or sold at swaps or eBay. The Division has a PayPal account, and can create an eBay account. We could also list

old Trainfest merchandise. Was suggested to move to a smaller storage unit in New Berlin, which is more convenient to State Fair location.

- Owl Car - WISE Div. Events schedule has been reduced to near zero.
- Hebner was instructed to change the RPM meet - In-Person is canceled, virtual event pending. And the October Meet to change to virtual. Stay tuned for in-person events.
- Slater will talk with other division superintendents for other ideas on virtual events or issues.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned about 8:15 PM. Motioned by ?? , seconded by Miazga, all were in favor.

(Doing a voice vote is nearly impossible to confirm and document, we really need to do a show of hand/s, Thanks!!)

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "GoToMeeting", or "Zoom".

The next BOD meetings October 14. (2nd Wednesday).

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk