

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

**Wednesday May 12, 2021  
Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

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

- BOD Present -** Burnell Breaker (Library), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office), John Hagen (Layouts) (voice only), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent)
- Chairs Present -** Jim Hebner (Chair - Website)
- Guests -** Robert Frey (voice only), Robert Niedermann (newly elected)
- Absent -** Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor),
- Minutes -** Reviewed the April 14, 2021 minutes: Janssen motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hagen. The motion carried unanimously.
- Paymaster -** Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. We did get a check from MWR (Midwest Region) for \$144 for membership reimbursement. Grieshaber made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Slater stated no changes.

**Meets: (& Clinics).**

Slater asked if we have B. Breaker's church for the October 17 meet, and it is available, and on the schedule. Slater to work on the presenter we had for last time, to see if he is available.

**Layouts:** Slater said that Ralph's layout is not available. Maybe have Tri-County, or Racine Lionel Club.

**Contests:** Slater appointed Niedermann as contest chair when he is officially a BOD member in June. Ted Zeigler, Dave Evans, and Slater will assist with training. Janssen to get the Trainfest awards from Zeigler. Miazga has three awards and will get them to Janssen. Janssen to also pick up contest stuff at Zeigler's.

**Video Library:** B. Breaker had no new updates. Slater has 2 boxes of videos for checkout at the Sturtevant museum this summer.

**Owl Car:** Miazga is done with the Owl Car project. Past issues and artwork & logos are loaded in the google drive. There is a draft of a September 2021 issue. Thank you for all you have done.

Hagan has Microsoft Publisher experience, and he could do the Owl Car. Janssen to give Google drive access to Hagen. Hagen has Publisher 2013, and Acrobat Creator. The big issue is finding articles.

**Facebook:** No report

**Website:** Hebner stated everything is up to date.

**Bus Trips:** No report, Open Position. Janssen and Slater stated we may want to look into a bus to Mad City in Feb 2022. The event does loose money, but is a nice outreach social event. Grieshaber will contact Oseland, to see if he is still interested in organizing this.

**Achievement:** No report from Children, not present. Miazga has an item to get judged. Miazga is planning on finishing all his needed certificates by October then will be an MMR. After completing MMR, would be interested to be AP chair. Children, Leroy Chisley, Joe Russ will continue to be judges. Dave Poquette is working on building and car and structures certificates.

**WISE Ops:** No report, Open Position, no formal events.

**Trainfest:** Slater reported that A. Breaker talked to Washington County Fairgrounds folks, rental price would be \$9000 for the 2-day weekend and Friday setup. The have tables and chairs would be included. They also have vendors for food. The bad news is they do not have any November 2021 dates. The main halls are 25K sq. ft in each building (x2), plus the side rooms bring total space is 60K sq. ft. The Manufactures portion of the show would not fit, as it is expected to take 50K sq. ft.

Janssen contacted the Waukesha Expo Center. They would only have the round arena 8K sq. ft available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November 2021. All the other buildings are booked up. The Brookfield Convention center is 50K if you count all the closets and bathrooms etc. (Not enough space).

Slater stated we have dates with WSF, this is the last year of the 3-year contract.

Harry Grieshaber said he has volunteers available from the St. Johns Military Academy. They are looking for an outreach project, per the Provost at SJMA. He will inform Dave Nelson (Volunteer coordinator).

Janssen said he was contacted by someone to design us a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. The current logo was stylized by Mercury, it is on the website, and this is the one was trademarked. Slater suggested to add a "50<sup>th</sup>" ribbon to the current logo. B. Breaker said he will have his graphic team work on this.

Miazga asked if anyone has heard from MoPac, no was the answer. He will email MoPac, as they were planning to have 3 to 4 clinics from 2020, and check on current plans. Skip should still be coordinating the clinics.

Janssen stated that the Andrew Mellon Foundation provides grants. They suggested to have us apply, but they will meet in January 2022 to decide. Minimum award is \$50K. (but need to base it on our financial expenses, etc.) Coke A Cola Foundation maybe another possibility.

**Old Business:** Slater reported: thinking about having in-person events (October 17) and an RPM Meet in March 2022. (Delavan Train Show March 20). Annual meeting in Oconomowoc Sunday May 1 (which is same day as DuPage Swap and possible bus trip) (Could have it May 15).

**New Business:** B. Breaker needs to swap emails addresses for new BOD members: Hagen, Miazga, Niedermann.

Miazga asked when the next MWD BOD Meeting, could be May 23 at 1 pm. How do they budget the picnic?

We could have a membership meeting at East Troy and maybe a tour, and maybe a trolley layout home visit in Spring, April or May, 2022.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned 8:17 pm. Motioned by B. Breaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grieshaber. All were in favor.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "Zoom".

Future BOD meetings would be (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) July 14? Aug 11? Sept 8.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk