

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

Wednesday August 17, 2021

Location: Lionel Railroad Club AND Virtual (via Zoom)

The original meeting scheduled for Wednesday Aug 11 was rescheduled to Tuesday Aug 17 because of storms and power outages throughout the area. Approx. 250K folks out of power for multiple days.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library) (joined virtually 7:22 pm), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Steve Miazga (ex-Owl Car) (Virtual), Robert Niedermann (Contests), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent)

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Chair - Website) (Joined Virtually)

Guests - Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President) (Joined Virtually)

Absent - Gary Children (Achievement AP), John Hagen (Layouts & Owl Car), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor)

Minutes - Reviewed the July 14, 2021 minutes: A. Breaker motioned to approve, 2nd by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. Janssen not at meeting. Grieshaber made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by A. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No Report

Meets: (& Clinics) Miazga said he will have a number of clinics, after he finishes his MMR work.

For the October Meet, Slater has contacted the person that wrote the book on Racine South Western, and will have time for questions, recap where we have been since we last meet in person, and where we are going and get feedback.

January could be a presentation on a Colorado trip, and would need a 2nd clinic. March could be an RPM meet. Slater to start promoting that on Facebook and flyers from B. Breaker.

April or May could be at East Troy Trolley and the annual meeting.

Layouts: Hagen not present, No Report

Contests: Niedermann now has the contest info & awards.

Video Library: B. Breaker - No Report

Owl Car: Hagen not present. Miazga asked how Hagen is doing on the next issue of the Owl Car. Slater stated he was unsure.

Facebook: Slater - No Report

Website: Hebner - No Report

Bus Trips: Grieshaber now has the Mad-City & DuPage/Wheaton, IL bus info from Art Oseland. The info is also converted to a digital format, if needed by Rohr.

Achievement: No report from Children, not present.

WISE Ops: No report, Open Position.

Trainfest: Slater sent out a letter to the membership explaining the status of Trainfest. Slater stated he got a reply from John Tews (from this letter). Tews did contact Kalmbach in the capacity as Trainfest chair. McGeever did not see a legal challenge to this mis-representation. A number of members thanked Slater for the updates. This letter maybe worth posting on the division & Trainfest website.

Slater, Janssen and McGeever will have a zoom call with Image Management on Friday August 20.

Slater to sub-divide the Trainfest tasks, to have others able send email to specific groups. Maybe have some / all the forms available on the Trainfest webpage. Then could send a link to the forms to the appropriate groups.

Old Business: None presented

New Business: Slater stated per an email from WCGD (Waukesha County Gandy Dancers), that the WCGD is planning to have an open house during the weekend that supposed to be Trainfest weekend (Sat & Sun) to have portable layouts setup

Miazga stated that the #1003 steam loco will be on display in Slinger, Saturday October 9

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 7:38 pm. Motioned by Hintz, 2nd by B. Breaker. All were in favor.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM in person & Zoom at the Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club 2721 S. Calhoun Rd, New Berlin.

Future BOD meetings would be (2nd Wednesday) October 13 & Nov 10.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk