

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

Wednesday October 13, 2021

Location: Lionel Railroad Club AND Virtual (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super) (virtual), Burnell Breaker (Library) (virtual), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office) (virtual), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster) Steve Miazga (ex-Owl Car), Robert Niedermann (Contests), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent) (virtual),

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Chair - Website) (Virtual) (joined at 7:19 pm)

Guests - Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President) (Virtual)

Absent - Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor)

Minutes - Reviewed the September 8, 2021 minutes: Grieshaber motioned to approve, 2nd by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. Miazga made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Janssen stated we lost 4 members, and a few delinquents, but should renew soon.

Meets: (& Clinics) Slater stated we need to send an email to remind the members of the meet on Oct 17. Setup can start at 11:30 am. The clinic is Jerry Pyfer.

(Fortunately, I found old info from the March 2020 Owl Car. Forgot to pick up a flyer, and not able to find this info on an email or website:

“We will see a Slide program from the camera lens of the late Lonnie Mayves. Lonnie worked for the Milwaukee Road starting out in the Janesville area, later working out of Portage, Milwaukee and lastly working the Sturtevant Patrol until retirement. This program is of never seen photos Lonnie took, many while he was on the job.

We will have author Jerry Pyfer who just released a book on the Milwaukee Road's Racine & Southwestern Division. Jerry hired on to the Milwaukee Road in 1971 and worked the Racine & Southwestern Division for the last decade the line was a thru route. The R&SW linked the railroad's hometown of Milwaukee, Wis., with the Mississippi River at Savanna, Ill. Jerry will share stories of Midwestern railroading combined with his colorful photography. Climb aboard with Jerry as he covers the entire division. If you purchased his book, bring it along to get auto-graphed. Jerry will also bring some copies of the book for purchasing, or you may purchase a copy of the book through one of your favorite retailers.”)

Layouts: Slater stated he will open the Caboose Museum in Racine to visit after the meet. It is close to the meet location.

Contests: Niedermann will have the contests area open for what ever items come in.

Video Library: B. Breaker - No updates, did get a few returned since last given out in March 2020. The library will be available to be borrowed at the October meet.

Owl Car: No Report, Open Position.

Facebook: Slater - No Report

Website: Hebner - No Report

Bus Trips: Mad City planning should be started. We need Bust Trip flyer and sign up list. Should plan on getting a 56 pass (big bus). Should put this out for October Meet.

Achievement: Children stated Steve paperwork is getting processed. Dave Poquette needs a few more points.

WISE Ops: No report, Open Position.

Trainfest: Slater stated he will send out letter to John Tews and his crew this weekend, with one other addition of the trio in charge of Trainfest, In case the Show Manager and Superintendent are the same person, the assistant Superintendent will assume the role of the superintendent, if that position is empty, the longest elected BOD member will fill that position until the Assistant Superintendent position is filled. Also have a paymaster and an assistant. To make the presentation at the next BOD meeting or at a meeting given a 2-week notice.

Old Business: None presented

New Business: Janssen stated the 2021>2022 policy term for annual liability insurance from NMRA has been finalized. Cost is free (\$50 for certificate), compared to ~\$3200. We still have the D&O policy from West Bend. The Region is still investigating get a group D&O policy for the divisions. ~\$900 /yr. Rotary does a group policy. John Hagen has resigned, officially acknowledged. Thank you for your service. Janssen also stated that the Storage Master storage unit has changed their name to Storage Mart, and a new contract (5 pages) is needed. Same cost as before: \$240 per month with a \$20 monthly discount. Size is ~10x20. It is convenient to Trainfest location. Motioned to approve by Miazga and 2nd by Children. All were in favor.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 7:30 pm. Motioned by Janssen and 2nd by Niedermann. All were in favor.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, November 10 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) Dec 8 and Jan 12.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk