

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting
Emergency status “meeting”**

Wednesday October 27, 2021

Location: Lionel Railroad Club AND Virtual (via Zoom)

The discussion started at 7:01 PM,

BOD Present - Burnell Breaker (Library) (virtual) (joined 7:45 pm),
Gary Children (Achievement AP),
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster) (virtual) (left at 7:58 pm),
Robert Niedermann (Contests) (virtual), (joined 7:16 pm)
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent) (virtual),

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Chair - Website) (Virtual) (joined 7:52 pm)

Guests - None

Absent - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office),
Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President),
Steve Miazga (ex-Owl Car), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor)

- Emergency status meeting, no minutes or paymaster report was discussed.
- Slater stated the reply from John Tews, and Joe Russ less than favorable, and caused a storm of other emails and Facebook posts
- Slater, Janssen, and A. Breaker have sent emails that they have resigned.

This meeting is to give an update to the BOD.

At 7:17 pm, Janssen stated he could box everything up, put it in storage, and hand the key to Rohr.

This would take care of the physical items.

Still would need someone to be in charge of the bank account, sign checks, who would have access? Quick Books we use is the internet version, as Ken Jaglinski, Bob Sherman, and Janssen needed to access the records in the past.

We currently have an unpaid bill for ~\$30 attorney bill from the Trainfest trademark re-registration.

Even though Janssen said don't do any work.

Also need to file the 990 IRS Non-Profit reports.

Janssen stated that Tews has organized a hostile takeover of Trainfest / Division. Need more membership participation. Milwaukee was the start of the NMRA & organized hobby. Lack of excitement.

Slater stated the 3 options, per the bylaws, are: 1) donate the assets to a 501c3 group, 2) send the assets to the MWR, or 3) Merge with another division, like the SCWD Madison group, and make us a sub group. Option 3 would be our preferred choice.

Slater has the Division laptop. He will transfer the division outlook account to this laptop. Based on the future of Trainfest, we need to have IM Image Management to take down the Trainfest & Division website. We have not been charged for the annual hosting fee yet.

Also transfer Division and Trainfest Facebook accounts.

WISE Div. Constitution and By Laws have rules on what to do in this case. States to send the assets to MWR, which contradict the WISE Div. documents

Bob McGeever, Mike Havana (VP WMR), and Connie Coy have been briefed on the situation.

MWR next meeting is Nov 14 Sunday AM 9 am at the Rockford Machine Shed.

Division Zoom account is being paid by Slater, \$140 / yr. for the last few months.

Storage Locker should get cleaned out. Scrap out the layout. Like 4 slide projectors. etc.
At \$220 / month, this could bleed the division. Lots of items for make-take from Walthers and others.

The video library was available at the Caboose Museum, not one items was checked out. We did get two items returned.

The discussion ended at 8:17 pm.

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