

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday April 13, 2022  
Location: Lionel Railroad Club**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 6:57 pm

**BOD Present -** Burnell Breaker (Interim Superintendent & Video Library),  
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster  
Robert Niedermann (Interim Asst-Superintendent, & Contests  
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk),  
Tim Koch BOD

**Chairs Present -** None

**Guests -** Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President),  
Jeff Schowalter (Owl Car),  
Gary Hendrickson

**Absent -** None

**Minutes:**

Change to the minutes from March 13 was that Dennis J. was there for the first 40 minutes, as sent out were mentioned.

**Paymaster Report:**

- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned.
- OK to approve both reports, all in agreement.

**Meets:** Burnell wrapped up the March 27 Meet. We had 31 members signed up, and 3 guests. One guest signed up for a "Rail Pass", so he was counted as a member. Gile Tojek [GileTojek@aol.com](mailto:GileTojek@aol.com)

April 24 meet at Oconomowoc Historical Society Museum – will have 2 clinics, membership meeting, layout tour.

Next season – Going back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, following the Lionel Club's event at the New Berlin Ale House

Burnell tried to get in at the American Legion Hall on 92<sup>nd</sup> & Beloit, but Sundays are very popular with parties. Tim checked with the bowling alley in Slinger, they charge \$60 per hour. Need to check for Wi-Fi availability.

Schedule looks to be: (Sunday, unless noted)

- August 28 – Picnic @ MLES
- October 16 – Ale House
- November 12 & 13 – Trainfest
- December 18 – Ale House
- January 21 ?? (3rd Saturday) – Train School @ Ale House \$600 – Admission to non-members, and maybe members?
- ?? February 18 – Bus Trip ?? (if we get a person to run it, and other quotes)
- March 19 – Ale House
- April ?? – Wise Ops (need to know when Region Meet is) (April 9 is Easter)
- May ?? – Oconomowoc & Annual meeting (May 14 is Mother's Day, May 28 is Memorial Day weekend)

Possible event in Racine/Kenosha.

RPM could be Fall of 2023 or Spring of 2024

Membership charges to meets & swap tables = \$5, and not partial dollar amount, to help with minimal cash change hassle.

**WISE Ops:** needs to have insurance requirement, each layout either needs to be a NMRA member or the host needs to rely on their personal Home Owners policy.

**Picnic:** Sunday, August 28 at MLES (Milwaukee Light Engineering Society) Park near Jackson. Mark Willmering will contact people for door prizes. Catering by Bunzels'. Cost per person looks to be \$ 15/ person, with \$10 for kids (Age??) Will include members and immediate family. Need some pop-up tents. We will supply the soda, Dennis has 2 coolers. After the meeting, we confirmed the hours will be 11 am until 4 pm. Trains should be in operation from Noon till 4 pm. Trash needs to be removed by our group or Bunzels. Donation is free will offering. Need to contact Andrew Mais as he is the current MLES president, to put this on their official calendar. Need to have tickets to confirm who is member.

**Membership:** March membership report shows 137 current members. Four members have renewed, three are on 30 days past due, and two are 60 days past due.

Burnell introduced Gary Hendrickson, which was from the Florida's Sunshine Division, and he helped that area get more members. He used the NMRA National Promotion person Christina, to help recruit members. He plans to do the same for our group.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Review changes discussed at last several meetings. McGeever will ask other divisions for their documents. Dennis asked what we should do. Should we amend the current, or create new documents. McGeever stated we need to get a document that we are happy with, Constitution would be the first step. An amendment could say, this new version replaces the old. Dennis will get the final draft ready to review next meeting.

**Trainfest:** Announcement was made Feb 27, 2022. Overwhelming positive response, just a few negatives. Waiting for dates and venue to be announced. We will have a booth at the show. An announcement is coming soon, by end of April.

**New Business:**

Releasing meeting information to the membership. It's in the bylaws. But the old by-laws are now suspended, as we are "Inactive" as of Nov 2021. We will pass out copies of the minutes at the April Meet. Very little needs adjustment.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, at 7 pm at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk