

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

**Wednesday June 7, 2022
Location: Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:29 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), (Via Zoom, left at 8:35 pm)

Absent - None

Minutes:

No minutes to review.

Paymaster Report:

- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned.

State Fair Park Deposit: Janssen to work on getting the \$1000 deposit back.

New member: George Roberts from Oconomowoc. Breaker sent him a welcome email.

Picnic:

Bob McGeever told us the NMRA has matching funds (\$200) for member retention events . . . like a picnic. The beginning of the form states:

“The NMRA is offering a matching fund in the amount of up to \$200 USD once annually to any active Division in North America that creates and holds a Division event that qualifies as promoting member retention (i.e. hands-on clinic materials purchase or similar event). The NMRA will reimburse up to \$200 USD to the Division (up to 50 Divisions per year on a first approved basis) when the following steps have all been completed:”

Would like to send the application in to HQ after our meeting.

With this likely \$200 amount from HQ, we could charge the members less. It was decided to charge \$12.50 for adults, and \$7 for those 12 and under. Bunzels will provide the food, buns, condiments, relish tray, plates, napkins utensils, but we need to staff the event, as they are over booked.

Need tables and tents, trash cans and garbage bags. Tim has 3 plastic barrels.

Ask the membership for assistance with the picnic, like serving, trash pickup, etc.

Donations to the Division:

We have received the donation from Two Rivers (Dick Robinson) and sent a picture of everything at the Breaker's print shop. MANY Model Railroader and Railroad Model Craftsman magazines, along with older Walthers catalogs from the 1970s and early 1980s. Need to decide what to do with magazines. My vote . . . recycle. A resounding YES was the groups decision.

Breaker to go through and make sure there are no special issues or books.

Two boxes of shake-a-box and craftsman model kits.

Tom/Jeff at South Side trains are good regarding selling items on eBay. Both what is in storage locker and donations. Could possibly to sell at KMBS show October 9 at Washington County Fair Grounds. John Collins has offered to help but not be the coordinator. Breaker and Don Drum are meeting with Don Strike July 16 to discuss the disposition and donation of his equipment.

Trainfest Booth

Was requested that everyone go to train-fest.com and read the non-profit booth information. Breaker contacted Dave Swanson and he said we should put an application in so they have a record of what we want. We will get a free 5 x 10 booth with 5 passes. Membership gets half price admission with early buy tickets. Will have to ask Dave Swanson how to handle the sale of tickets to the membership. We need to have electricity for a test track, cash register (Square credit card app and cash drawer), laptop to sign up members. We can sell prior years pins and plaques. We are requesting to have SCWD next to us, to share manpower & electricity. Getting 5 passes for the show, plus ½ price tickets for members.

2022-2023 schedule

We can print the few flyers we need for the hobby shops, Trainfest and the meets. Bus Trip is still looking for a coordinator, and with fuel prices, this may not be possible. Need to add the times for the meets. Need times for the Train School from Dave Milke. You can stay all day, or come for the time that interests them. We can then email it to the membership and post on our website.

Need to decide when to have annual meeting. April meet in Racine, Oconomowoc or East Troy. No May meet.

Removing WISEop off the schedule. Do a future Wise-op session as a membership opportunity.

Other items:

- McGeever talked to Gordy Robinson at the Indy regional convention. Gordy does not like the 3 strikes rule, he favors non-members pay and if they show up 4-5 times, we (WISE Div) buy them a RailPass. (\$19.95). This gets them in the system, for their future rejoining. (and sets the "hook")
- McGeever talked with Mike Skibby from Chicago are at the Indy Convention about a possible RPM event. He would be interested in doing an event with us.
- Some of the items from Don Strike maybe offered for sale to members, or Larry Bunce.
- Jeff (Owl Car editor) needs a key code to activate Publisher.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Wednesday August 10, 2022 at 7 pm at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.