

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

**Wednesday December 7, 2022
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:03 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 (joined at 7:19 pm),

Chairs Present - None

Guests - Bob McGeever (via Zoom), David Mielke (via Zoom, left at 7:30 pm)

Absent - Gary Hendrickson (Membership)

Minutes: No changes noted from October 12 meeting, motioned to approve by Niedermann.

Paymaster Report:

Money from Kalmbach has been received, also the NMRA matching funds has been received \$200.
Motioned to approve by Niedermann

Train School:

David Mielke joined via zoom. We will apply for the \$200 grant from HQ after January 2023.
We have “Make & Take” kits that could be used. Make & Take handout of kits to participants.
Setup is 11 am or 10 am. Hours are 12 noon until 4 pm on Saturday January 21, at NB Ale House.
Planning to have a few tables for local clubs to promote their groups.
Need a NMRA / WISE Division Membership table, with computer to sign folks up.
Need drop clothes or tarps to protect the floor.
School flyers went out to local hobby shops, for them to come and promote their stores.
We missed the deadline to be in MR magazine by a day or two.
Mike Slater is handling the announcements on Facebook.
Need a DCC system (NCE / DigiTrax / ??) to bring for demos.

Plan is to have sessions on:

Benchwork – “How to construct” - Dave Nelson;
Equipment Maintenance - “couplers, wheels, troubleshooting” Steve Miazga - N scale;
Scenery – “How to for beginners” - Joe Russ;
Electrical – “how to wire your layout” - Dave Poquette;
Track - “How to lay track” - Rick Leys;
3D Printing – Jeff King (from Southside Hobbies);
DCC - Bob Frey & Tom Mabie and DCC Programming – “How to basics” - Mike Slater;

Need a person for HO Equipment Maintenance.

Facebook/Social Media administrator:

Mike Slater will be the keeper of Division’s Facebook, once he re-joins NMRA.

Trainfest Review: Went well, attendance was reported as 20.5K (plus the dealers & clubs). Aisles in the dealer area could be a bit wider. Look on YouTube for Trainfest videos, new videos are appearing from this year’s event. The old Trainfest attendance numbers probably included everyone. Even the non-hobby exhibitors (cell phone, gutter, windows, basement, chiropractic) seemed happy.

Membership Retention/Attraction: Gary Hendrickson: No present.

Division Meet admission & Swap Table

Will have 2 tables at the morning December 18 Lionel Swap, and later in the afternoon. Will be considering tables for future events.

Clinics: Report submitted by Dave Nelson prior to Dec 8 meeting;

We have 2 clinics lined up for December (Carl Priebke and Keith Kohlmann) and then January is the "train school" so no clinics then.

I have not started to recruit clinics for 2023. The meager attendance so far and what seems like an iffy relationship with the meeting hall are discouraging to say the least.

AP Report: Report submitted by David Poquette prior to Dec 8 meeting;

Gary children received an electrical AP award.

Dennis Jansen received a volunteer AP award.

Donations to the Division:

We received 8 boxes of freight cars and car kits from Don Strike. These and other items will be for sale at the December meet. Brinkman layout, info was sent to committee members.

Mad City Show: Do we need to have a booth? It was decided we do not. We should put out flyers in the membership area, and maybe a small static display.

2023-2024 schedule:

If no additional help is obtained from the membership, we will need to reduce events.

The five of us can only do so much.

Constitution & By-Laws: Need to pick up the discussions on the documents at the next meeting, and ask the MWR (Mid-West Region) to bless them, and make the division active again. Plan for an election in spring of 2024.

Other items:

The current year schedule lists the April meeting location is TBD. Where do we want this? It was decided to ask the Oconomowoc group if we can have the meeting there again this year.

Any update from HQ on zoom meeting replacement. No news yet. It should be a system like "Discord.com"

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 7 pm at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.