

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

**Wednesday May 24, 2023  
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:09 pm

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

**Chairs Present -** None

**Guests -** Bob McGeever

**Absent -** Gary Hendrickson (Membership),  
David Mielke (Train School) & Cindy Mielke (Owl Car)

**Minutes:** No changes noted from April 12 meeting minutes, approved.

**Paymaster Report:**

Check from MWR received \$129,  
PO Box in Butler has been closed and issued a credit,  
Dave Swanson's check (GATS) has now been cashed.

No changes noted for the treasurer report from April 12 meeting, approved.

**Train Sales:**

Need to discuss what to do with some of our for-sale items after March 2023.  
Have some Lionel items for sale, Burnell has checked the equip, will sell in fall (October).  
Need to talk with Tom at Southside Trains, to what he thinks would sell.  
Have more equipment from Don Strike, 9 more boxes on May 6.  
Passenger trains, cars, cabooses & diesel locomotives.

**Committee Reports:**

Gary Hendrickson – Membership –

Per submitted report: Discussion from HQ Cynthia on Dues renewal reasons /issues  
dues renewal increase

“The current status of the WISE Division is essentially as I presented to the membership at our last  
meet in Oconomowoc.

I presently am chasing several non-renewals. I'll report results in the next few weeks.

Our meet at the Oconomowoc Museum was well-attended, at least 1/4 there were young members  
of the museum,

I am looking forward to hearing about work on our web site.”

Dave Nelson – Clinics – Reported nothing new

Bob McGeever sent report of who left WISE Div to Gary & Burnell, In the last 5 years,  
82 people total, 15 to 17 per year.

Jon Dettmann – Layouts –

Per report from Burnell: Burnell went through layout information from Mike Slater,  
threw out 90% of it, as most of it was obsolete or outdated.

**Meets:**

April 16 Meet – held at Oconomowoc Historical Museum. Meet went well.  
2 clinics arranged by Club: Dave Evans & Chuck Gevaert,  
No contests were held, short membership meeting, one layout tour.

**GATS Ownership change:**

News from the GATS website. They split the company in two.  
Midwest division and East Coast/WGH Division.

**Owl Car:**

May issue went out May 3  
May do an email blast in July or Aug for quick updates.  
Next issue is planned for September, deadline is August 15.

**2023-2024 Schedule discussion:**

Piggyback onto Lionel Club show dates for 2023/2024.

The dates at New Berlin Ale House:

Oct 15, Nov 19, Feb 25, Mar 17 member meeting & possible elections  
Jan 14 Train School at New Berlin VFW post,  
Mad City (Feb 17 & 18),  
Apr 21 at East Troy.

Go somewhere else in Division for one meet? Still looking for a location.

East Troy for April 21, 2024 meet. Sent contract to ETER. (East Troy Electric RR) \$450 for 50 people + box lunch at \$10 each from Elegant Farmer. Beverage would be extra. Start ride at East Troy, ride to Elegant Farmer end, tour the maintenance facility, pick up the lunch boxes at Elegant Farmer, ride to Indian Park in Mukwonago, have the picnic, then ride back to East Troy, and tour the car barns. Cost would be maybe \$20 for the ride and lunch, and extra cost for beverage. Would we be able to have a few folks (that are not riding the trolley) pick up the food, and bring a few coolers of drinks, and meet us at the park?

Need to finalize details for Train School & ETER.

**Train School:**

Shawn will donate the \$200 he had on deposit with VFW Hall to WISE Div, if we agree to list him as a sponsor and help promote his shows, and he will do the same for us. But, we will likely need to reimburse Shawn based on recent news, all of his upcoming shows have been canceled. Niedermann motioned to reimburse Shawn for \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koch, approved.

**Ridgewood Care** in Racine is asking for help to rehab their G scale outdoor layout. Sent them some contacts to work with.

**Next Meeting:**

Scheduled for Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 7 pm via Zoom  
(and not at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin)

After that, the next meeting is September 13 at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.