

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting
Open / Public Portion**

**Wednesday November 20, 2019
Location: Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library), John Hagen (Layouts), Mark Hintz (Youth) (preset at very end of Open Portion), Ken Jaglinski (Trainfest) (via Phone), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer/Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Super); Ted Zieger (Contest).

Chairs Present None

Absent - Gary Children (Achievement AP), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), Jim Hebner (Website), Joe Russ (Past Super).

Guests - Robert Biersack, Bob Sherman, Bonnie Topczewski (Mercury)

Minutes - October minutes, Zieger made motion to accept with minor corrections, and seconded by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Slater stated we have three new members. These were mentioned in the November Owl Car article.

Meets: (& Clinics) Slater stated the clinics for December will be a hands-on event. (Dec 8) probably air brushing, and decaling. There will be a contest, but no swap meet. (limited space, and city / county rules). January may have one clinic so far, one slot open.

Layouts: Hagen stated no layout tour for December. From storage, we will have found the layout tour info from National Convention. Not many attended the October layout.

Contests: There was a person that entered the October contest in the name of someone else, but the owner of the model was not present. Miazga motioned that you must be present to submit a model entry to a contest. Hagen seconded, and all approved. We should publish these rules on the WISE Div. website.

Youth Group: Skipped for the moment.

Video Library: B. Breaker stated no report

Owl Car: Miazga: November 22 is deadline for December Owl Car. Need pictures of Trainfest, Dave Nelson will be guest contributor on an alternating month schedule, with Jim Kelley.

Facebook: Updates as needed

Website: Hebner not present - no report. Slater needs to post/advertise 2020 RPM meet.

Bus Trips: Oseland stated the layout maybe Bill Weber, for the Madison Bus Trip.

Achievement: Children absent – No Report.

WISE Ops Greco reported the Spring layouts are Thur, Fri, Sat. We have plenty of layouts, but need more operators. Four layouts confirmed so far.

Trainfest: Jaglinski & Topczewski – Jaglinski says the show was a success. Approx. Attendance is 8800 for Sat, 6000 for Sunday, was down a little (2000) from last year. Weather and the Packer game was not a factor, possible conflict with a dinosaur show. Vendors were happy. \$160 donated so far for international 2020 show. Sold 25 Bridger units this year.

Open Portion was ended at 7:35 pm and guests were asked to leave.

Closed Portion – Discussing Trainfest

Session started at 7:35 pm

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Adjournment of Closed portion:

The closed meeting adjourned at 8:20: PM.

After the Closed Portion ended, we resumed Open Items at 8:20 pm, the following items were discussed:

Paymaster - Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. A. Breaker made a motion to accept, seconded by Miazga. The motion carried unanimously.

Youth Group: Hintz – Youth are requesting purchase of some Digitrax equipment (DT500 & LMWI). Zeigler motioned to allow the \$250 purchase, Hagen seconded, all approved. Request for an article on youth group also tied to the motion. Oconomowoc would like to join up with the youth group, may also expand to Sturtevant school.

Old Business:

- Milw Rd 75th Convention Photo – Still open item. Suggested to place at Walthers, or IRM's Milw Rd Hist Society Library. Looking to get some wording for a letter.
- Electronic storage of data files. We supposed to have bought Cloud Storage somewhere, in the last regimen. Need to work with Hebner/Janssen/Joe Russ for more details. Slater to check with his buddy.

New Business:

A question about the upcoming election and how we handle ballots (mail vs in person), to be discussed next month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45: PM. Motioned by Zieger, all seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday December 18 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin.

Other future BOD meeting dates should be Jan 15, 2020. January Meet is Jan 19.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk