

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday January 15, 2020

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), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), John Hagen (Layouts), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer/Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent); Ted Zieger (Contest).

Chairs Present - None

Absent - Jim Hebner (Website), Mark Hintz (Youth),

Guests - Harry Greishaber, Mark Willmering

Minutes - December minutes, Oseland made motion to accept, seconded by Hagen. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A meeting to sit down with Mercury & Bonnie is being planned, to be a positive parting of ways after our 15+ year relationship.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Updated roster received, not much has changed. Need to be a better promoter of the NMRA and Division. Need to talk to Winnebagoland Div, and how they get participation at the Green Bay show in April.

Meets: (& Clinics) Dave Nelson to give 2 clinics for January 2020. March Meet is set (Author on Milw Rd SW book). Need a Clinic for April. Need to set calendar for 2021, would like to do December events in January. Need to schedule Joint Meet in Madison

Layouts: We heard from one club interested in having their club open after a meet. There is a Club near Dodge County Fair Grounds that can be open, for next season.

Still need to update the layouts that were at the 75th convention, which ones are still possible to visit.

Contests: Zieger may not be present at the January Meet. The December 2019 Best of Show award will be reused for October 2020 Meet.

Youth Group: No report

Video Library: B. Breaker stated no report

Owl Car: Miazga stated the February Owl Car is full, but need Clinic details & Contest Winners and Slater's article.
The March issue will be the election ballot, Mad-City recap of Bus Trip Feb 15.

Deadline for March Owl Car is mid-February

Facebook: BOD List has been updated. Coming events is missing (It is actually in the past events)

Website: No report

Bus Trips: Madison bus trip will have 3 HO layouts after the show. Pickup will be 7 am at College, 7:15 Fair Park & 7:30 am at Goerke's Corners. Currently have 4 signed up, fare is \$39.

Achievement: No Report. (Need Miazga to finish the MMR last certificate)

WISE Ops: Need Owl (Layout location) signs, also membership booklets.

Youth Group: Need to take layout in storage to Waukesha Gandy Dancer location, to be worked on. Need scenery and other updates.

Trainfest:

- Slater to get Trainfest Computer on January 18, as the 11th weather prevented this.
- Micro-Trains is working with MoPac to produce a car for general release at Trainfest. There is no firm production on any car from Accurail, A possibility is that the local trainfest dealers could sell it in November, then general normal distribution in December. - Micro trains, N scale too costly.
- No one has stepped forward for Trainfest Chair. Slater & Janssen to Co-Chair, until a person / persons are found. Motion made by Miazga, seconded by Zieger, to run the 2020 season, and review after the 2020 show has been completed. All approved.
- Trainfest committee should be about ¼ of the WISE BOD.
- We had a college student last year that may assist with more activities.
- Marketing firms, have 2 submissions. Image Management from Racine, and Momentum that does the Mad City Show. Greco motioned to allow the Co-Chairs to explore more details, and seconded by Zieger. All approved. It was asked to have each group do a presentation to the BOD, but it was felt we are under a time crunch.

Old Business:

- Milw Rd 75th Convention Photo – Janssen to draft a letter

New Business:

Janssen stated there was a large problem and cost last year for the ticket problem. It is suggested to have a \$ 4 surcharge per transaction for Fair Park tickets. The Fair Park will get \$2, and the WISE Div. will get \$2. The Fair Park will handle the tickets. Motion by Miazga, seconded by Zieger, all approved.

A question came up as can hobby shops still sell tickets. We hope so, but will need to investigate.

The 2-day tickets need to get stamped Saturday Only or Sunday Only. To stop a person from buying a 2-day ticket at a discount, and having 2 people using them on the same day.

WISE Div. Budget was handed out, to vote on next month. Send changes and questions to Janssen.

WISE Div will not be selling parking tickets/passes from now on.

We need to have the Dock Pass a different color than the In/Out passes.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55: PM. Motioned by Janssen, Zieger seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM, at the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee, 2721 S Calhoun Road. New Berlin. (3rd Wednesday)

March Meet is March 15, so next BOD Meeting should be March 11 (2nd Wednesday)

April BOD will be April 15, the Meet will be April 19.

May BOD meeting will be May 13 (2nd Wednesday). Slater to be out of town on May 20th.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk