

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

**Wednesday July 8, 2020**

**Location: Virtual**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Superintendent Slater

**BOD Present -** Burnell Breaker (Library), Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Andy Greco (WISE Ops), Harry Grieshaber, John Hagen (voice only) (Layouts), Mark Hintz (Youth), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car) (left the meeting at 8 pm), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent), Ted Zieger (Contest).

**Chairs Present -** None

**Absent -** Gary Children (Achievement AP), Jim Hebner (Website), Art Oseland (Bus Trip).

**Guests -** None

**Minutes -** June minutes: Grieshaber motioned to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zieger. The motion carried unanimously.

**Paymaster -** Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. MWR has issued WISE Div. a \$154 rebate on memberships. For Trainfest refund or roll \$ over, not everyone has responded. Miazga made a motion to accept, seconded by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** No changes this month.

**Meets: (& Clinics).**

- Sept RPM meet, Need Clinics. Event will be posted online this weekend.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Meet will be at Burnell's church, with same clinic and location that was scheduled for March. Presenter will be the author of Milw. Rd Book. One issue is that the church has not allowed persons in the building yet (parishioners or outside groups).
- (MWR-FRV (Fox River Valley) is going all virtual thru end of 2020)

**Layouts:** Hagen reports no idea what is going to happen for layout tours.

**Contests:** Zeiger – Nothing new.  
Plaque modifying still on hold with Rally. Will take about a week or so to get it re-done. Now have four to redo. (hopefully no more) Rally has one, Zeiger has 2, Slater has one.

**Youth Group:** Will cover this in new business

**Video Library:** B. Breaker stated nothing new

**Owl Car:**

- Miazga stated the Next Owl car deadline is Aug 20 or so.
- Have more pictures from Duplainville, and YouTube from Janssen on Railfanning
- Hagen is interested in being co-editor.

**Facebook:** Slater has minor items posted on Facebook.

**Website:** No report, Hebner not present.

**Bus Trips:** No report, Oseland not present.

**Achievement:** No report, Children not present.

**WISE Ops:** Greco stated nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- Picture issue still on hold due to Covid-19, but Walthers is starting to open up in some fashion. Employees are starting to work one day a week.
- Stacey Walthers was called by Janssen, left a message as she is working from home, but we have not received a return call.
- B. Breaker will be handing out "trainfest.com" emails to BOD members.

**Trainfest:** (Slater/Janssen) –

- Janssen emailed letters to all attendees on record indicating that they could request a refund or apply their deposit to the 2021 show.
- Slater explained that a meeting with John Tews was requested. He indicated that he (Tews) would be willing to take over the Trainfest Chair but wanted full control of not only the direction of the show but the financial aspect also. In addition, he would restore our bond with Mercury in marketing the show. Slater had requested to have a proposal submitted. This did not happen and the suggestion by Tews was dismissed.
- It is believed that Ken Jaglinski did not understand our change in how volunteer hours would be used which then turned into a great deal of confusion. This was particularly enhanced by many attendees communicating with Jaglinski, believing him to continue to be the primary contact for Trainfest.

**New Business:**

- Slater stated via an email from Hintz that WCGD (Waukesha County Gandy Dancers) will accept the WISE Div. Youth layout. Miazga motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grieshaber. This will also include the WISE Guys & Gals layout, the N scale layout, the DigiTrax DCC, supplies and excess track in storage. Motion approved.
- The switching layout that Jaglinski, Grieshaber, and Hintz built has been offered to Betty Brin and WCGD with no takers, Tri-County has no room, Metro Club in Port Washington has no time, and they have not opened up yet. It is 22 x 18 plus corners. Was suggested to take pictures, and put on eBay or

Facebook Market Place. Has 9 sections 48" x 30". Miazga suggested to offer it to division members, then MWR (Mid West Region), then to the public.

- Created a date to clean out storage unit, which will be July 18 Saturday. Need to remove "Make-it Take-it", Junior Engineer. The Celebrate a Railroad panels are at Discovery World.
- Trainfest Builders layout has corners.
- Slater to contact SCWD (South Central WIs Division) in Madison on how to handle the youth layout.
- Greco asked if a group of WISE Div. members can organize the junior engineer program? Yes, provided it is not connected with the Division.
- Discussed that Dave Poquette is interested in doing the AP (Achievement Director) position. Need to discuss this with Children. The topic was tabled.
- WCGD has no youth coming into the facility yet, So Hintz is no longer responsible for the Youth Program.
- Slater asked Hintz if he was interested in doing the membership duties. He declined due to his work schedule. Grieshaber said he would be interested in this. There is a form letter to send to past due members.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned about 8:27 PM. Motioned by Zeiger, seconded by Greco, all were in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "GoToMeeting", or in person at LRRC. Need to discuss the RPM Meet plans.

The next BOD meetings September 9, and October 14. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday).

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk