

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

Wednesday November 11, 2020

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Superintendent Slater

BOD Present - Burnell Breaker (Library), Andy Greco (WISE Ops),
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car),
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent),
Ted Zieger (Contest).

Chairs Present - None

Absent - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Harry Grieshaber,
John Hagen (Layouts), Jim Hebner (Chair - Website), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth),
Art Oseland (Bus Trip).

Guests - None

Minutes - Reviewed the October 14th minutes: Corrections submitted by B. Breaker, and
Miazga. Miazga motioned to approve as corrected, 2nd by B. Breaker.
The motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster - Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email.
Was asked about Jaglinski or Bonnie's feedback on not using Mercury's
services, Slater & Janssen stated the only feedback was on a question from
someone asking about Trainfest. Bonnie's message to them and Slater was
polite and cordial.
Miazga made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by
Zieger. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Janssen stated that Cody Grivno (MR Mag) has rejoined.

Meets: (& Clinics).

- Slater stated that Trainfest X is this weekend
 - The NMRA X team (Gordy) backed out on Saturday Nov 7, stating there was no advance advertising. But we had no schedule or details to advertise.
 - Slater has solicited assistance from Clark Cooning MMR, Tom Geiser MMR, Mike Deveral, and James Rendt. Need to keep watch on the chat window.
 - Bachmann & Roco/LGB has backed out.
 - A number of vendors are thankful for continuing the effort and keeping the Trainfest name in the public.
 - It will be live and with some pre-recorded segments.
 - If we get feedback – we should post this in the Owl Car.
- The next Multi-Divisional Meet is scheduled for Sunday, November 22.
- The next December WISE Div event is a chat-based event, and January would be a clinic, and maybe a contest.

Layouts: Hagen not present, no report.

Contests: Slater asked Zieger to think about how to do virtual contests, we should look to see what other divisions are doing. Fox Valley Div. is attempting this, they are picking one modeling category. Contact for their suggestions.

Video Library: B. Breaker stated nothing new.

Owl Car: Miazga stated the deadline for December Owl Car is November 25. Should have a wrap up on Trainfest X, and Duplainville diamond replacement. Reminder that we need to find a replacement has Miazga will be stepping down in May 2021.

Facebook: No report

Website: No report

Bus Trips: No report, Oseland not present. We canceled the DuPage Bus trip.

Achievement: No report from Children, as he was not present.

WISE Ops: No report, no formal events, it's a personal choice if folks want to participate. Maybe do an article on method that folks are using / doing an operating session in the current environment.
Was suggested to investigate the NMRA Digital Ops SIG group. Miazga motioned to pay for the membership for this, 2nd by Zeiger, motion carried.

Trainfest: Covered in Meets topic, above.

Old Business:

- Four Point Sheraton no in person events till summer.
- Flyer to advertise events, say its virtual only, or virtual chat session. Start with January 2021. On the backside, remove the youth group info. Take WISE Ops off the list. The March Oconomowoc event, leave as is for now. Will probably be virtual. (It may not happen in person). Bus trip to DuPage may not happen, so remove this from the flyer. On the flyer, need to add the Division's YouTube, Facebook, and Website details.
- Layout in storage – no inquiries. Should we open the info to non-members or other area divisions? Otherwise start salvaging what is usable and scrapping the rest. Could put the modules, once they are condensed and stackable, in the Sturtevant Caboose Museum boxcar.
- B. Breaker sent out a Group Distribution list. More work still to happen.

New Business:

- Janssen reported about the Grant Request that was submitted. The program originally had funding of \$5M. They had 419 applicants, 27 were disqualified, and 7 were incomplete. This left 350 or so. The program needed \$25M to satisfy all the requests, they got funding increased to \$15M. The applicants got an average of 58% of the funds requested. We will receive \$2413.55, this will be applied to the advertising bill of about \$8K. More paperwork to complete.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 8:08 pm. Motioned by Greco, 2nd by Janssen, all were in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "Zoom". This will be to prep for the December 20th chat session.

The following BOD meetings, if needed is January 13, before the Jan 17 virtual meet. Then February 10, or 17 before the February 21 virtual meet. (2nd Wednesday).

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk