

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

**Wednesday December 9, 2020**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Superintendent Slater

**BOD Present -** Andy Greco (WISE Ops) (joined at 7:12pm), Harry Grieshaber, John Hagen (Layouts) (voice only), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth) (joined at 7:11 pm), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent),

**Chairs Present -** None

**Absent -** Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library), Gary Children (Achievement AP), Jim Hebner (Chair - Website), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), Ted Zieger (Contest).

**Guests -** Robert Frey (voice only)

**Minutes -** Reviewed the November 11, 2020 minutes: Janssen motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

**Paymaster -** Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. We have received a little bit of income from plaques and pins. Miazga made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Slater stated a bunch of renewals were processed. Have just under 160 members.

**Meets: (& Clinics).**

- Slater stated the next event will be the Division chat on Sunday, Dec 20.
- The inter-divisional virtual call will be Sunday, Dec 13
- Miazga requested to add more event details to Slater's superintendent report. Slater stated to watch for details sent to members via email (we normally have been getting this info shortly before the event).
- Slater has been recording a number of clinics and layout tours from these virtual events, to use for a backup plan in future WISE Div. virtual meetings.

**Layouts:** Hagen stated no report.

**Contests:** Zieger not present. Slater to touch base to see if we have a future plan.

**Video Library:** B. Breaker not present, Slater stated we have received a big donation of videos from a customer of Tom's Southside Trains.

**Owl Car:** Miazga stated the deadline for January 2021 Owl Car is December 24. Need to find a new editor by May 2021. No feedback from Zieger if he is interested in being the editor.

Was suggested we should discuss with Madison (WSCD) if it would make sense

to pool resources, or possible merging of the shows. We seem to have a declining membership, or apathy for assisting.

**Facebook:** No report

**Website:** Slater stated that all videos that were submitted or planned for the Trainfest X event have been posted on the Division's YouTube account. If other division members want to create videos, they can be put on the Div. YouTube account.

**Bus Trips:** No report, Oseland not present. No bus trips for this year.

**Achievement:** No report from Children, as he was not present.  
Miazga had a DSS&A shorty caboos judged last week by Gary Children and Joe Russ. Received Merit Award.

**WISE Ops:** No report, no formal events,

**Trainfest:** Janssen stated that Kalmbach will be sending an email blast Dec 14 to all 600K folks on their mailing list, that the Trainfest store is still open and items are still available. Dec 14 is the last day you can ship in hopes of it arriving in time for Christmas. The artwork was done by Kalmbach (included). Cost was \$750.

We talked about other locations that could hold an event like Trainfest, even if smaller. A bunch of larger banquet halls cannot supply power in the floor, would have to run cords along the floor, or with extra work, from the ceiling, if that is even feasible.

Trainfest Trademarks need 10-year renewal for \$ 950, Motioned by Miazga, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hintz, motioned passed.

Trainfest Express trademark for email magazine (created by Mercury) will not be renewed

Need "Thank You" certificates made up for presenters at the Trainfest X event.

Some of the Trainfest X videos have an echo. Once it is complete, there is not much you can do to eliminate. (without expensive software)

### **Old Business:**

- Painting issue still open.
- Janssen reported about the Grant Request that was submitted. We have more paperwork to complete, and then waiting for the check.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned 7:55 pm. Motioned by Hagen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slater, all were in favor.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "Zoom". This will be to prep for the January 17 virtual meet.

The following BOD meetings, if needed is February 10, or 17 before the February 21 virtual meet. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday).

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk