

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

**Wednesday April 14, 2021
Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

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

BOD Present - Andy Breaker (Asst. Super) (voice only), Burnell Breaker (Library), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office), John Hagen (Layouts) (voice only), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster), Steve Miazga (Owl Car) (left at 7:54), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent),

Chairs Present - Jim Hebner (Chair - Website)

Guests - Robert Frey (voice only), Tom Mabie (voice only)

Absent - Gary Children (Achievement AP), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Art Oseland (Bus Trip), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor), Dave Nelson (Elections, ex-Legal)

Minutes - Reviewed the March 10, 2021 minutes: Janssen motioned to approve, 2nd by Grieshaber. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership: Slater stated a new roster was received and was submitted to the election committee, to confirm who is a member.

: Miazga asked if we have a report from the Election Committee. Slater stated we have heard directly from Dave Nelson. Rohr stated there an email from Nelson a week ago that there were not many ballots submitted. We may need to review the election ballot process.

Meets: (& Clinics).

Slater stated we may attempt an in-person event in October at Four Point Sheraton Hotel, or other location. Date would be Oct 17, 2021. We should plan to live stream this, for those still not comfortable to attend in-person. B. Breaker was asked if his church would be available, and if they have capability (fast internet) to live stream. He will check. We do not have a deposit at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel.

Layouts: Hagen stated no report.

Contests: No report.

Video Library: Slater he would like to get some videos for the summertime. B. Breaker stated the library collections can be available for the summer, at Slater's Caboose Museum in Sturtevant.

Owl Car: Miazga stated the deadline is April 23 for the May Owl Car, this would be the last edition under his control. Jim Kelley has stated he wants to submit an article on the cement plant he is building, Dave Nelson has an article. Miazga stated he would like to help with the AP program. He has a 4.5-month modeling project he is just completing

Miazga would like to archive the Owl Car files uploaded to Google Docs, he is still not been able to figure it out. Janssen and B. Breaker will assist setting this up.

Facebook: Slater stated he has been posting the latest TrainFest applications news.

Website: Hebner stated everything is up to date.

Bus Trips: No report, Open Position and Oseland not present, and will be not be running for a term in the election. No bus trips for this year.

Achievement: No report from Children, not present. Miazga has an item to get judged.

WISE Ops: No report, Open Position and Greco has resigned, no formal events.

Trainfest: Slater reported applications have been sent and some have been received. And some layouts. Same \$\$ as 2019. If current West Allis capacity of 25% holds, that would cut max capacity of 6600 to 1650 at one time. This would be hard to enforce the limit. We will wait to see what the State Fair in August is planning for limits. Need to keep aware of West Allis Health Dept guidelines. Kalmbach's contact person has changed, and has not replied yet, Walthers has not replied yet. It was noted that they both have had a banner year online. Have had 6 manufacturers replies so far. Ross stated that if masks are required, that they will not attend. Another manufacture from Australia says he cannot attend, because of travel restrictions.

Miazga asked if there is a plan B. A. Breaker was asked that he should start looking at a plan B, a smaller venue, if limits are too restrictive. Possible locations could be Washington County Fair Grounds. He has tried to contact them multiple times, but have not responded. This location is 50K sq. ft, and could work, if we could add a tent breezeway to connect the two buildings. The Milwaukee Sports Complex in Franklin is 25 K sq. ft. (both of the two prior ideas do not have power drops.) Or could be Waukesha County Expo buildings, with 50K sq. ft and ceiling power drops. Janssen will contact Waukesha. Rohr can work on Washington, if needed.

We need to have a plan in place by June or July. Will wait for June.

Old Business: Slater reported: thinking about having in-person events and an RPM Meet. An RPM may not happen till spring 2022, Slater too busy.

New Business: Slater reported: We could have a membership meeting at East Troy and maybe a tour, and maybe a trolley layout home visit in Spring, April or May, 2022.

Slater should get some business cards printed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 8:12 pm. Motioned by Grieshaber, 2nd by unknown. All were in favor.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM, via Virtual "Zoom". The Annual meeting is Sunday, April 25, with an inter-divisional meet on Sunday, April 18.

The next BOD meetings would be (2nd Wednesday) May 12, June 9, July 14?, Aug 11?, Sept 8.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk