

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

Wednesday September 8, 2021

Location: Lionel Railroad Club AND Virtual (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Superintendent Slater

- BOD Present -** Andy Breaker (Asst. Super), Burnell Breaker (Library) (virtual), Harry Grieshaber (Trainfest office) (virtual), Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster) Steve Miazga (ex-Owl Car), Robert Niedermann (Contests), David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk), Mike Slater (Superintendent)
- Chairs Present -** Jim Hebner (Chair - Website) (Joined Virtually)
- Guests -** Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President) (Joined Virtually)
- Absent -** Gary Children (Achievement AP), John Hagen (Layouts & Owl Car), Mark Hintz (ex-Youth), Mark Willmering (Trainfest floor)
- Minutes -** Reviewed the August 17, 2021 minutes: Miazga motioned to approve, 2nd by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.
- Paymaster -** Reports were submitted by Janssen to the BOD via email. Grieshaber made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by B. Breaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Membership:** Janssen stated we have 3 more members this month. We should have a new MMR in the division soon.
- Meets: (& Clinics)** B. Breaker stated that, as of this time, we will need to wear masks for the October Meet at the Racine Church.
- Layouts:** Hagen not present, No Report
- Contests:** Niedermann now has the contest info & awards. Contest stuff is at the storage unit. Niedermann stated he needs a different case for the equipment. The number of contests and class/subject is up to Contest Director Niedermann.
- Video Library:** B. Breaker - No Report
- Owl Car:** Hagen not present.
- Facebook:** Slater - No Report
- Website:** Hebner - No Report
- Bus Trips:** No report
- Achievement:** No report from Children, not present.
- WISE Ops:** No report, Open Position.
- Trainfest:** Slater stated he sent a letter to Tews and the division. Was suggested to invite John Tews, Joe Russ and Bob Sherman to a BOD meeting, or a special meeting, to discuss Trainfest chairman proposal. With the transition from Mercury to Image Management (IM), it was discovered a number of Trainfest.com web page "holes", and hidden message boards, with the Mercury system. It took about a month to find and fix these. These have been eliminated/plugged by IM. Janssen

stated that Mercury's hourly rate was \$135, but was discounted for us to \$90 /hr. IM is charging \$85 and while Trainfest is in a "suspended status", we have not been charged. Grieshaber suggested to also ask Jaglinski to also present a proposal. McGeever stated that Tews is not a current NMRA member. We would need a minimum of a two-year membership commitment. Sponsorships w/ strings (such as giving \$\$, but it is for this purpose or project, or In-kind marketing (like Kalmbach)), would need BOD to be aware and approval. Walthers wants us to do the make-n-take again, which we would need more man power. Contract negotiations need at least 2 parties present. Trainfest should be run by a committee: show director, superintendent, and Division paymaster. The BOD will hire and fire the marketing firm.

Old Business: None presented

New Business: Janssen stated the 2021>2022 policy term for annual liability insurance from West Bend without Trainfest will be \$2400. NMRA Insurance is free and gives \$1M of Liability. If need \$2M, then its an additional \$500, and each endorsement (or group of endorsements) is \$50 per application. We would need to follow NMRA rules, to allow non-NMRA visitors 3 times to attend, before requiring them to join NMRA. McGeever stated we should be following this rule with any insurance plan. State Fair Park liability needed is \$1M (used to be \$2M). The Division would still need D&O coverage (Director & Officer). We currently have this for \$900/yr. McGeever said the Region should look into providing this for the divisions. Motion by Miazga and 2nd by Niedermann to change from West Bend Liability coverage to the NMRA for \$1M coverage, motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 8:00 pm. Motioned by Miazga and 2nd by Niedermann. All were in favor.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in person & Zoom at the Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club 2721 S. Calhoun Rd, New Berlin.

Future BOD meetings would be (2nd Wednesday) Nov 10 & Dec 8

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk