

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday December 16, 2021
Location: Lionel Railroad Club**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 6:54 pm

BOD Present - Burnell Breaker (Interim Superintendent & Video Library),
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster),
Robert Niedermann (Interim Asst-Superintendent, & Contests),
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk),

Chairs Present - None

Guests - Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President)

Absent - None

- No changes to the minutes from Nov 10 as sent out were mentioned, and stand as approved.
- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned and stand as approved.

Survey: We looked at a sample letter and survey created by B. Breaker to send to the membership. We made minor changes. Agreed to send this out to both active and past members. Need about 150 for current members, plus 20 for past members, was agreed to send a SAE (Self Addressed return Envelope) letting the member add the postage. So Burnell will make 300 for mailing and for in-person events.

Meets: Agreed to have the monthly meets on the same day and location as the Lionel RR Club Swap meet. Tagging along with their contract. That will be on the 4th Sundays at New Berlin Entertainment Center / Ale House / Bowling Lanes, for the January 23, Feb 27 & Mar 27, 2022.

This will be after the LRRC swap meet, which is from 6:30 am until noon (public allowed in at about 8 am), and the WISE Div Meet will be from 12 noon till 4 pm. The LRRC cost is \$450 with an additional \$100 for the additional time until 4 pm. So, the total cost is \$550 to be split between the two groups, suggested \$250 for WISE, \$ 300 for LRRC.

Will have to work out the table arrangements when we start on January 23. Also, could have the exhibitors in the morning, stay for the afternoon.

The plan for the meet is to have an informational discussion on the future of the division, contest area, Library available, a clinic by someone, (Steve Miazga is not able as his wife is recovering from surgery), and a layout tour of the LRRC club, just down the street. Also have the survey sheets available. Maybe do March and May too. (Not sure what this is refereeing too)

It was suggested to NOT announce the layout until the end of the program, and not in advance.

Bus Trips: Harry Grieshaber is not available at this time. He is working on the Navy Convention in Milwaukee in 2023. David R had bus details from Rite Way, the only bus company out of 6 that responded as available. The cost of the bus and tickets to the show put it out of range. (\$1800 + \$7 - 10% ticket/person) Would have to charge \$60+ per person. Investigating cost for DuPage, on May 1, 2022. Could think about a trip to Titledown Train Show April 22, 2022.

Achievement: Steve Miazga is interested in chairing this duty.

Website: Jim Hebner will continue in this role.

Trainfest:

- John Tews in a Facebook post stated with the past financial details received via Dennis J. (which sent this data to Joe Russ, and we assume Joe sent it to John), stated that the future of Trainfest (TF) is not sustainable. This seemed to stop the attack messages on FB. Should we cancel the 2022 TF, or work with area divisions like FVD (Fox Valley Division) or WLD (Winnebago land Division) for 2023 or 2024?
- Brian Schmidt (VP Operations Kalmbach) has been contacting us to put on an event on the same normal date as TF at SFP (State Fair Park Expo Hall). Will have a meeting with more details. They want to use the name and the 2nd weekend in November.
- Discussion on Mike Carlson and a grant, and a grant from Wisconsin for \$2200.
- Current rental cost of the SFP entire Expo Hall (A, B, C hall) is \$56K vs \$46K for the A & B halls.
- Walthers wants to have kids. Kalmbach has gotten rid of their show support staff. Amherst Show is not having Walthers or Kalmbach as exhibitors.

Bylaws & Constitution: We should rewrite the governing documents. Need to register the new Constitution with the Secretary of State. We have the changes that Ken J suggested some time ago. Will send these around for comment & changes.

Andy Greco's Facebook response to John Tews was right on the mark.

Items to sell from storage unit, do we sell at Roma Lodge and or Lionel Club swaps?

New member contact, deceased members, service recognition. Need to create a "Welcome" letter. Need to have service awards.

MWR (Mid-West Region) motion and MWR President Report. NMRA President statement of support.

Neal Michael's email – Good to hear

Dave Evan's email – need to have youth involved

Dave Nelson's thoughts

Joe Russ' ideas – Joe is interested in doing a WISE Op session for the division. Will need to have NMRA member for insurance coverage, or non-members will need to rely on their personal home owners insurance, if something happens.

RPM

Constant contact email distribution service. Would Jim Hebner be interested in working on this?

Oconomowoc Club's ideas for clinics, events, etc.

- Harry Grieshaber has the laptop to control the Wi-Fi system we used at the Fair Park. It was agreed that he can keep that at the moment, until we need it. The rest of the Wi-Fi system is in the Division storage unit.
- Trainfest Show office laptop (ThinkPad) that was in the bucket from Mike Slater, we do not know the login password. Harry G. did not know the PW. Suggest to ask Ted Ziegler (Post meeting – Ted gave the hint, and now able to login)
- Who has the Trainfest computer? Does Ken Jaglinski or Mike Slater have this? (Post meeting – Ken still has this.)

Dennis J state that the Trainfest website renewal maybe coming up in January. Possible cost could be \$2500.

Also, Dennis stated that the QB (Quick Books) we are currently are using is the Online line version, with a monthly subscription cost or \$800 per year, or should we get QB Desktop version for \$300 one-time cost. David Rohr stated he has a QB desktop license that he is not going to be using, cost was \$78 from TechSoup.

Status on IM (Image Management) agreement.

Do we need the video library?

When we have the meet at New Berlin Entrainment Center, can we do a virtual or hybrid event? Do they have Wi-Fi available? (Post meeting – Yes they do have Wi-Fi)

Next meeting is Wednesday January 12, at 7 pm at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk