

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

**Wednesday February 9, 2022  
Location: Lionel Railroad Club**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 6:57 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),  
Steve Miazga (former Owl Car Editor)  
Jeff Schowalter (interested in doing the Owl Car)

**Absent -** None

- No changes to the minutes from January 12 as sent out were mentioned.
- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned. Janssen motioned to approve both reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Niedermann, all in agreement.

**Owl Car** – Jeff was introduced, Steve and Jeff went to a separate area to discuss the Owl Car, and was not present for any discussions of the BOD meeting.

**Meets:** Burnell stated we will have survey sheets available through April 2022.

Review of the January 23 meet: went fairly well. Rohr suggested to have the movable wall closed part way to separate the sound, or move the admission table outside the room. Only had one item for a contest. Could move the admission table to get more folks, a count showed we missed 7 folks on the sign-in list. (Post meeting Rohr meet with the hall, and the wall is difficult to move, and is designed to be fully open, or fully closed.)

February 27 meet: at New Berlin Ale House – Clinic by Steve Miazga, still working on another clinic, or DVD, or ?? Layout tour is unknown at this time. Possible clinics could be Ken Hojnacki (SCWD Clinics Chair) from Madison (Zoom Clinic), or Steve Sweeney from Milwaukee area on Arduino, or another version of “what are you working on?”

March 27 meet at New Berlin Ale House – Clinic by Keith Kohlman (which got cut). maybe a DVD. Layout could be Tim Scott (which is near Brookfield Square)

April meet at Oconomowoc – Clinic, Annual Meeting, Layout tour(s). We have one person that wants to be open for a layout tour, but he is not an NMRA member. He would have to be aware that the NMRA insurance would not cover him, he would be responsible with his personal homeowners’ policy. Or if he has been gone from NMRA for a time, he could re-new with a 6 month “Rail Pass” membership.

Next Season Sept or Oct 2022 > May 2023 –

January 2023 – Train School organized by Dave Mielke – maybe have Slater, and / or the Waukesha Gandy Dancers youth group layout (which has been put in storage) setup.

RPM Meet – Would Slater be interested in organizing? Slater is no longer an NMRA member.

Try a Saturday Meet(s) – maybe run from 10 or noon until 3 pm Maybe at Port Washington, West Bend, Racine, Walworth or ??

Look at a bank location that Joe Russ recommended.

Look at meets elsewhere around the division.

### **Volunteers –**

Sent an email to those that said on the survey they would volunteer. If we don't get help from others members, our activities will need to scale back. We hear back from Dave Nelson as contributing editor. Also, Jim Kelley. Website. Owl Car could be 5 issues, instead of mostly monthly. John Collins may also volunteer.

**Constitution & By-Laws** – Reviewed changes discussed in January. Robert Niedermann to finalize the changes for approval next month. Need to file via lawyer with the Secretary of State.

**Annual Budget** – Same as last 3 years, work on this in Fall 2022

**Election Committee** – do this in spring 2023.

**Conflict of Interest** – last done in 2018. We completed these forms and put in the records.

**Trainfest** – Licensing agreement was drawn up by our attorney and has been sent to Brian Schmidt of Kalmbach Media. Awaiting their response. So, we can move forward either way regarding Trainfest. Agreement was signed, planned for the same traditional show we have put on in the past. The agreement is for one year. We will redirect our Trainfest.com website, to their website, we will keep our Trainfest store as is. with more details. This will go public in a few weeks, and we will get the press release to send to members prior to going public. We will have a booth at the show. Lawyer time and cost TBD, same person that did our Trainfest trademark.

### **New Business –**

- Owl Car - laptop has Publisher, PDF license, Jeff needs access to email and Owl Car google drive.
- QB Quick Books license of Desktop vs QB Online. Online is an annual subscription, Dennis to check on when it expires.
- IM Website renewal – paid \$120 for trainfest.com domain name.
- Tech person for meets – no one yet.
- Annual meeting minutes from 2021 – do we need much from last year?
- President award – 1 per Division

Next meeting is Wednesday March 9, at 7 pm at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk