

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

**Wednesday March 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 (Left at 7:40 Zoom killed his connection))
Robert Niedermann (Interim Asst-Superintendent, & Contests),
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk),

Chairs Present - None

Guests - Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President),
Jeff Schowalter (interested in doing the Owl Car)
Tim Koch

Absent - None

- No changes to the minutes from February 9 as sent out were mentioned.
- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned.
- OK to approve both reports, all in agreement.

Breaker introduced Tim Koch and asked to approve him as being a board member. Niedermann motioned, 2nd by ??, all approved.

Meets: Burnell stated that the survey blanks will be at the March and April meets. Found that we need to have certificates to clinic presenters. Burnell will get some printed. We have certificates for layout hosts.

Feb 27 meet feedback – Need Hotspot for internet, and hope the hall's internet works. Need to get audio from the projector/source computer, to feed into the building audio system.

March 27 meet at New Berlin Ale House – Dave Nelson clinic, Bob Wundrock Zoom Clinic, and a layout tour of Tim Scott at Blue Mound and Moreland/Pilgrim.

April 24 meet at Oconomowoc Historical – Plan is to have a clinic, annual meeting, and a layout tour(s), in addition to the layout in the building. Question is do they have Wi-Fi, and what speed?

Next Season:

January 2023 – Train School organized by Dave Mielke. Can we use the Youth layout, or layout that is in storage? Need to put tarps down to protect the floor, need to approve this with the Ale House. Are we going to charge for this event?

RPM – Slater can help, but does not want to be in charge. It could be on a Saturday at the Ale House, just need to finalize a date and confirm it is available. Need donations for door prizes, Janssen to start working on this. Could be a Saturday in March or April 2023. Hours could be 8 or 9 am until 3 or 4 pm. Or could be at another location. Maybe the Waukesha Fair 4H Forum or Arena (round) building.

Schedule could be September sometime, October 16, November is Trainfest, December 18 if we want to, January 15, February 26 (4th weekend, as Mad-city Show is on the 3rd weekend), March 19, April sometime, May maybe.

As for having events at other locations around the division, the counties have the following members: Kenosha = 12, Milwaukee = 44, Ozaukee = 10, Racine = 13, Walworth = 2, Washington = 12, Waukesha = 47.

Some folks see confusion on the having our meet at the same location as the Lionel's event. Some think the Wise Div is running the swap in the morning, and some think the Lionel Club is doing the meet in the afternoon. Maybe we need to create a statement or policy on this?

Volunteers – Breaker sent email to those said could help on the survey sheets. Dave Nelson – Clinic Coordinator, Gary Henderson – Membership. The Midwest Region has a clinic clearing house. This is addition to Jim Hebner – website, Jeff Schowalter – Owl Car, and AP – Dave Poquette and Steve Miazga. Still open: Facebook, Layouts, WISE Ops, Tech AV, Video Library.

Constitution & By-laws – Need to review changes discussed at last meeting. Currently have this on hold, and no elections until we officially get re-activated.

Trainfest – Announcement made on February 27, 2022. Overwhelming positive response, just a few negatives. Waiting for dates and venue details to get worked out and announced. We will have a booth at the show.

New Business –

- Need to review minutes from Sept 2021 thru current, to send to Joe Russ. Was decided to not release the minutes.
- Annual Meeting – Maybe call it “updates”. Financial status, make it short and sweet, forward looking, division status.

Next meeting is Wednesday April 13, at 7 pm at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk