

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

**Wednesday May 11, 2022  
Location: Lionel Railroad Club**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 6:59 pm

**BOD Present -** Burnell Breaker (Interim Superintendent & Video Library),  
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster)  
Robert Niedermann (Interim Asst-Superintendent, & Contests)  
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk)  
Tim Koch - BOD (joined in person at 7:20 pm during picnic discussion)

**Chairs Present -** None

**Guests -** Bob McGeever (Midwest Region President), (Via Zoom, left at 8:35 pm)

**Absent -** None

**Minutes:**

No Changes to the minutes from April 13. Janssen motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Niedermann.

**Paymaster Report:**

- No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned.
- OK to approve both reports, all in agreement.

**Meets:** Burnell wrapped up the April 24 Meet at Oconomowoc Historical Society Museum – we had 2 clinics, membership meeting, layout tour of the club's display & layout.

**Schedules:** Make flyers for the next season, and spread around the area hobby shops. Charge non-members a nominal fee, like \$5.

**Picnic:** Sunday, August 28 at MLES (Milwaukee Light Engineering Society) Park near Jackson. Mark Willmering will contact people for door prizes, which he has started. Send some email blasts to the members, and not any flyers (besides the schedule). Catering by Bunzels'. Cost per person looks to be \$ 15/ person, with \$10 for kids (Age??) Will include members and immediate family. Need some pop-up tents. We will supply the soda & water, Dennis has 2 coolers from storage unit. The hours will be 11 am until 4 pm. Trains should be in operation from Noon till 4 pm. Trash needs to be removed by our group or Bunzels. MLES Donation is free will offering. Andrew Mais (current MLES president), has been contacted. Need to have wrist bands to confirm who are members. Food selected is Pulled Pork, Brats, Burgers, Baked Beans, & Potato Salad. Need to have 40 folks to get catering. Need to order half price Trainfest tickets from GATS for members to purchase, once we have a headcount.

**Website questions:** We have the website & hosting for WiseDivision.org and Trainfest.com. Do we need both? What to do with these? Was decided to hold off on this decision until Dec 2022, until the current show planned is completed, and maybe GATS and / or Kalmbach will take Trainfest.com over. Need to see how much of a hassle it would be to switch emails from Trainfest.com to WiseDivision.org.

**Storage Unit:** What to do with storage unit items. Dispose or sell of items not needed. Does GATS need the wireless network system? What about the Trainfest banners? What about the Show Office signage?

Turntable & Round House, salvage out parts from layout modules, buildings, motive power, cars.

Can we sell older Trainfest.com pins and plaques? We did ask for a 5 x 10' booth, and asked to be next to SCWD/Mad City's booth. We would need the Membership Laptop and power. Also, the test track for show attendees to use. Need to re-read the TrainFest license agreement.  
Need to pick a date to work on cleaning/scavenge the storage unit.

**Past minutes:** Agreed to put past minutes from November 2021 (when the executive committee took over) on the WiseDive.org website. Rohr to send pdf version of the minutes to Hebner. Hebner to create another tab on the website.

**WISE Company Store:** This would generate income for us. Selling off surplus items. We could accept donations of items, to resell at the swap, and TrainFest if we get a booth, which is very expensive. Unless we negotiate a space. Need a coordinator.

**MWR Report:** McGeever will not present the WISE Div constitution to MWR BOD for approval. McGeever will present in fall 2022.

**WLD Meet Report:** (Winnebagoland Division Meet for April 30 in Manitowoc) Burnell & Jeff (Not sure Jeff's last name) attended. Was a nice meet, with 4 very good clinics, 5 nice layouts, had all judged model & photo contests, not popular vote. The WLD only meets twice a year. The NMRA & WLD free standing banners were nice, SCWD has one. Not sure if HQ is still doing these. McGeever to check.

**Donations:** Don Strike has approached WISE to donate his GN equipment & layout. He is 83, and decided its time. Has not had an operating session for the last 2 years. He has Dynatrol decoders, which no one else uses, in nice brass locos.

**Next meeting:** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, at 7 pm at the Lionel Club in New Berlin. Unless something comes up, we can meet via Zoom if sooner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Rohr, Chief Clerk