

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

**Wednesday Sept 21, 2022
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:00 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 via Zoom at 7:23 pm)

Chairs Present - None

Guests - None

Absent - None

Minutes: No changes noted from Aug 10 meeting

Paymaster Report:

No changes or questions to the paymaster report were mentioned.

Picnic:

Net cost to Division was about \$600. This included ~\$800 for food, \$300 donation to MLES Live Steam park for hosting us and allowing us to ride the trains, \$200 donation from NMRA, and member admissions. No cost for table or tent rental. Had about 50 folks attended.

Division Meet admission & Swap Table costs:

Agreed to charge \$5 for admission or \$5 for swap vendor (Not both, and unlimited tables), to non-NMRA members. We will have to adjust unlimited tables if we start running out of tables. NMRA Members get priority for tables, so they may bump non members.

Donations to the Division:

We have the donation from Two Rivers (Dick Robinson) with two boxes of shake-a-box and craftsman model kits. Nate Kraines collection did not happen. Don Strike collection still in process, and getting split up with the folks that have run Don's operation crew, may happen in 2023. Have a collection from Jon Omernick – HO items. An O scale two rail collection, and an N scale collection & layout (no rolling stock or loco's) from Bob in Wauwatosa. Plus, we have items in the storage unit, like the HO Walthers turntable module. Need to price these items. At the Meet, will need a person to sell these items, and a separate person to collect meet admissions and table fees of \$5. We need help transporting items from storage to the meet.

2022-2023 schedule

An upcoming schedule has been printed for next season, just need to set the April 2023 meeting date, currently as TBA. Do we really need an "Annual Meeting"??
Need to mail letters to members who have not given us an email address. With the cost of the Ale House increasing in Fall of 2023, should we be looking for other locations? The cost is going from \$200 to \$300 per time. Possible locations could be Brookfield or Menomonee Falls Library.

Train School:

The new flyers for this event have been corrected with the Saturday date, and remove the cost. Need to publicize this on Facebook and TrainFest, along with hobby shops and clubs.

What Clubs are around that have WISE Div Members:

The area clubs I have are: NAPM (27th & Morgan), Tri-County (Union Grove), WCGD (Waukesha), KMBS (West Bend), Metro (Port Washington), Oconomowoc, NMSE (Layton & Packard), Kalmbach (Waukesha), Badgerland (Now in Waukesha), Milw Lionel (New Berlin), South Eastern Lionel (Racine). Is Cedar Creek still around? And then the other groups are SOME (MSOE Alumni), MLES (Live Steam Club Jackson), Cream City Traction, Kenosha Garden, MAN Trak, Overland Western, Wisconsin Garden.

Trainfest Booth

Requested 5 passes for WISE staff / volunteers to work the booth.

LaRoye Chisley and John Collins have volunteered to help staff the booth. We can buy additional tickets for those helping at the booth. We have requested 274 two-day tickets, which some were sold at the picnic for \$10 each. We have passes for Burnell Breaker and Dennis Janssen. Any others? The SCWD booth is requested to be next to us, so we can share power, manpower, etc.

Need 2 laptops, one for membership, one for commodities sales. Wi-Fi status unknown, we would need to contact Dave Swanson if he needs our equipment.

MWR BoD Meeting October 16, 2022

Report and proxy

Did we present the constitution to MWD? May have not yet.

Need to discuss more with McGeever.

Next Meeting:

We should have a notice to the membership that the meetings are open for members.

Scheduled for Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 7 pm at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin.

The November meeting is going to be skipped, or held at another date, as Rohr is busy on Wednesday, November 9.

We may offer to the division members to attend the BOD meeting if they wish.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.