

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

**Wednesday January 11, 2023
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:03 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 at 7:05 pm),

Chairs Present - None

Guests - David Mielke (via Zoom, left at 7:26 pm)

Absent -

Minutes: No changes noted from December 7 meeting, approved

Paymaster Report:

No changes noted from December 7 meeting, approved

Train School:

David Mielke joined via zoom. The room is \$600 for a portion of the room, not the entire space. The application for the \$200 grant from HQ has been approved. (We anticipate not having a picnic this coming year, as the person that organized it last year has stepped down, and no longer an NMRA member.) Make & Take kits from storage will be handed to participants. We may do a trainset give away next year. We did not get any newspaper or TV ads, or Hobby publication promotion. Fliers for Hobby Shops did not get much attention. We did get some views on Facebook. Planning on having pizza and soda after the event for the helpers. Need to be out of the room by 5 pm. Tim K. is planning on bringing the NCE setup for the DCC presentation.

Mielke discussed that some folks are interested in coming from South Central Division (SCWD) to visit MKE area layouts: Kalmbach, MUT Lines (O Scale club) downtown, NAPM, LRRC, maybe WCGD/Badgerland or others. First part of May or June, for a possible visit. Maybe Rockford would like to join. This would be a weekday event, because of Kalmbach.

It was disclosed that David Mielke's wife Cindy has volunteered to resurrect the Owl Car publication. She will need google doc access, and the Division's subscription to Office 365 which has publisher access. Need to get the info from Jeff (former Owl car editor)

Mielke left the meeting at 7:26 pm

Membership Retention/Attraction: Gary Hendrickson: Not present. Gary did report that not many folks attend multiple meets.

Division Meet admission & Swap Table:

Will have 3 tables at the January 15 Lionel Swap. Will be considering tables for future events. What to charge for Strike's equipment? \$5 for kits, \$6 for Blue Box Athearn, \$7 for Bev Bel, \$8 for AcuRail, and \$9 for Atlas.

Contests: In December, we had 4 entries, and were all lumped together for one general category.

No updates for Dave Nelson (Clinics) or Dave Poquette (AP Achievement)

Burnell talked to John Hagen on getting the Division's layout info binder back

Mad City Show: We should put out flyers in the membership area, and maybe a small static display.

2023-2024 schedule:

Piggyback on to Lionel Swap dates for next season? Train School? Go somewhere else in the Division? Look into East Troy for meet location? West Bend? At East Troy we could tour the car barn, have a wrist band, hold in March or April.

Life Member review: Most of the folks are correct. Looking for folks that have passed away, but HQ may not be not aware of. The data looks ok.

Constitution & By-Laws: Reviewed the documents we last edited. We will ask the MWR (Mid-West Region) to bless them, and make the division active again at end of 2023/2024 season. Plan for an election in spring of 2024. The question comes to who else will step forward to run for the positions (Super & Asst Super)

Other items:

Dave Swanson needs to cash the check for tickets that the division purchased advanced half priced Trainfest tickets, \$340.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 7 pm at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.