

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

**Wednesday February 8, 2023
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 6:58 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 7:07 pm),

Chairs Present - None

Guests - Bob McGeever (Zoom)

Absent - None

Minutes: No changes noted from January 11 meeting, approved

Paymaster Report: Janssen asked if we should continue the approx. \$10 charge per month from Quicken/Intuit for allow taking of credit cards for the trainfest.com website's online store. We do take charge cards thru PayPal. We take cash at the swap meets, no credit. It was decided to discontinue this service, all agreed.

Did GATS every cash check for the tickets we purchased for selling 1/2 off TrainFest tickets at the Aug 2022 picnic? NO, still not cashed.

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Donation Items:

- Planning to take 5 boxes of HO cars to February 12 Kenosha Train Swap. (weather permitting)
- Will have 3 tables for selling at March 19 Lionel Club Show before our meet. No Feb 25 swap tables.
- Need to discuss what to do with some of our sale items after March.
- South Side Trains will sell some of our items on eBay. South Side trains has 5 On3 cars.
- Need to decide if we are selling at April Meet. No one will be available to sit all day behind the table. So right now, this is a no.

Committee Reports:

Gary Hendrickson – Not present, no report

Dave Nelson – nothing to report

Dave Poquette – nothing to report

Layout Tours:

Jon Dettmann has offered to have his railroad open after the March 19 meet. His N scale layout is on the upper eastside Oakland Ave.

He also has expressed interest in being the layout tours coordinator.

John Hagen can't find layout information binder. We will have to find the info elsewhere.

Train School review:

David Mielke sent a report and was invited to attend meeting in person or Zoom. (He was not present)

Application for NMRA Matching Funds Division Retention Event sent.

New Berlin Entertainment Center has raised rates (their mistake, should have been \$900, was actually \$600)

Need to find another place for Train School for that price. New Berlin VFW (Beloit west of Calhoun) would be a good location. Shawn Hoppert, who is running the New Berlin Swap Meets, has a \$200 deposit that he will lose if he does not have an event, and is open to use that \$\$ for our event. He moved his future events to the AOW Sports complex, National & Racine Ave's.
Keep Blue Box kits from donations for use at future Train School events.
Need to have advertising in the local papers and elsewhere for next year.

Owl Car

No update, Dennis has an article to submit.

Tour for group from Madison to come visit a few layouts in the Milw area. Coordinating by Dave Mielke, and a person from SCWD to view MUT (O scale Club), LRRC, NAPM, Kalmbach.

Mad City Train Show (car pool Saturday or Sunday?)

April 2023 Meet:

Dave Evans will present a clinic

2023-2024 Schedule discussion

Piggyback onto Lionel Club show dates? – Oct, Nov, Dec, Mar (Business meeting)

Train School 2024? – Jan 7 is SCWD event, so we want to avoid this date. Maybe Sunday Jan 14 or Jan 21.

Go somewhere else in Division?

Hart Park Senior Center

South Milwaukee American Legion

Look into East Troy for a possible Spring 2024 meet? Maybe in April, have a box lunch from Elegant Farmer (for \$10+ each). Museum charge could be \$450 for 50 people.

Live Steam Park (MLES) could be in August, but not in September, as they are resting until the Halloween multi weekend event in October.

The dates are available until 5 pm at the Ale House Oct 15, 2023, Nov 19, Dec 17, thru March 17.

Trainfest

No show for 2023. Dealers, vendors & layouts did not hear this directly, only via the website and word of mouth. Good reviews in NMRA Bulletin, and the Cow Catcher. Even the window salesman was happy. The buttons were a good idea, less work than name tags.

Next show 2024.

NMRA Interchange

Need to get everyone involved.

Now the Zoom session we have been using is free, paid for by the LRRC.

Constitution and By-Laws

Discuss if Bob McGeever is at meeting.

Ask MWR for us to go active at end of 2023-2024 season with elections Spring 2024?

Discuss concerns that were brought up regarding membership demographics and participation.

Future of the WISE Division?

Next Meeting:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.