

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Board of Directors Meeting, August 16, 2025, Ron Morgan's Home

At 10:08 am, Superintendent, Ron Morgan called the meeting to order. There were 16 members in person, and one on the phone.

Gary Schaefer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. The rest of the Board passed the motion.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth reported the balance on all of the accounts.

Great Berea Train Show - Chris Shick - she let everyone know we have around 30 something vendor application in. Then questions came up about the conflict with a Cat Show on the same weekend. Ideas were talked about what to do and was decided to let the Great Berea Train Show Committee handle the final decision.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program - John Hemsath, MMR - John will be cleaning up the list of the AP participants to be published on the website. Trying to boost participation in the program. Tom Mc Inerney is awaiting approval for his MMR. John is hoping to get more members to apply and work on their Golden Spike. Currently the idea is to do a clinic at a meeting, then about 6 weeks later meet at one of the local libraries. A list of supplies needed and or cost will be announced. Reservations will be required. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of the supplies. If it all works out maybe further down the line to open it up for the 4-H module group. This will help build our younger membership.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Combining Meeting Clinics with a hands-on work session. September's Clinic will be the instructional part with the hands-on work session on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Strongsville Library. September and October Clinics are all set. Dave Williams will be presenting in November. December will possibly be the next Golden Spike presentation.

Awards Banquet - Bert Wisbar - Awards Banquet is on January 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm. It will be at Aviators on Brookpark Road in Cleveland, OH. Ron suggested to change the Superintendent Award from the Dennis F. Novak Award to the Dennis F. Novak/William H. Cramer Award. Chris

Shick made a motion for the name change, Brian Haas seconded. The Board passed the motion to add the name of William H. Cramer to the Superintendent's Award.

Company Store - Scott Benson - no report

Flat Wheel - Don Oleksa - Stuff due August 26th

HO Modular Group Report - Ron Morgan - next set up is the Great Berea Train Show. Trees and Trains is questionable at this time. Still no word from the zoo.

Jerry Krueger - Division 1 is looking to sell some modules, if interested in purchasing one, let Jerry know and he will get in contact with them.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Tours will be on November 2nd. Time is 12:30 to 5:00pm. Homes Open are Chuck Shick, Craig Butler, John Hemsath MMR, and Bruce Bowie.

Membership - Craig Butler - NMRA has new literature printed on 9" x 4" card stock. He purchased some display containers to place them in. Craig is trying to match our Division literature to match in size.

Other - Joe Kurilec, MMR - Joe preposed an idea if one of the 4-H members passes a watered down version of one the AP Awards that the Division cover 1 year of NMRA membership for that 4-H person. This was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

N-Scale Modular Group - Ramhog Shearer - N-Scale has established modules that are all dedicated to the NMRA and Division 4. Need to show the public what Model Railroading is all about. More N-Scalers are needed. Ramhog has a vision plan and is on file with the Secretary.

Picnic - Larry Kuczynski - Picnic went well, so glad we changed the date. Next Year's date is to be determined.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - no report

Web Master Chuck Shick - the main page calendar is updated frequently. It is up to date until 2027 with know dates. Reminder: if your Flat Wheel is going to your junk mail folder, you need to click on it as a trusted sender.

You can also add [caboose@div4.org](mailto:caboose@div4.org) to your contacts, as most of the Division emails will come from this address.

September/October Meeting - Ron Morgan - Due to construction at the Cabin, our Meetings may have to be moved. They are trying to set us up the North Olmsted Rec Center a couple of blocks East of the Cabin. Notification will come out via email as soon as we know what is happening. Please keep an eye out for it.

Dayton will host the Regional Convention in June, 2026. Cincinnati will host in June 2027.

Bill Cramer's Celebration of life to take place August 23rd, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. At the Berea Historical Society.

Bert Wisbar looked into advertising for the Great Berea Train Show with pricing. Ron Morgan suggested we allot an additional \$500.00 for electronic advertising this year. This will be discussed at next month's meeting after report for the show's executive board.

Gary Schaefer made a motion to close the meeting. Ron Morgan seconded the motion. The Board of Directors were all in agreement and the meeting closed at 11:45 am.

This meeting has reached its final destination,  
Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA