

**Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Board of Directors Meeting, August 17, 2024, CVWS  
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Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 9:02 am. There were 19 in attendance. Ron read a Thank You note from the Medina 4-H Club for our recent donation.

Secretary's Minutes for the last BOD Meeting are on the Division website for you to read.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave the balance for all of the accounts.

Convention Report - Jerry Krugler - Convention went well. 192 registered and 10 joined on site. We had 56 clinics, 50 odd operations sessions. Had mostly positive comments. Only left over merchandise is 1 polo shirt and about a half a dozen of each of the cars. Everyone had a good time.

New Flat Wheel Editor - Ron Morgan - Scott Eastburn has decided to step down as Editor. Thank you for your service. Don Oleksa has volunteered to step up. Chuck Shick will do Septembers Flat Wheel and help Don ease into being Editor. Be sure to get articles to Chuck by August 26<sup>th</sup> at [chuck.shick@hotmail.com](mailto:chuck.shick@hotmail.com)

Great Berea Train Show - David James - As of now we have 73 vendor reservations. David will be calling those we haven't heard from yet. Last show for Kim's Trains will be at Monroeville. Things are moving along. Crunch time for moving tables around. David read off a list of dealer appreciation winners. Budget for advertising in the 2023 show was \$2,500.00. Talked to Mimi advertising. We can get 166,000 flyers to hit 9 different zones surrounding Cleveland for \$3,500.00. After much discussion, David James made a motion to advertise in Mimi for the amount of \$3,600.00. Chris Shick Seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the Board Members present.

David asked for those living in Cuyahoga County to join the Fair Committee to help keep current members on the board.. Our contract is the same as last year.

This year the vendors will get news letters for next year not contracts incase we need to raise our prices.

Newly designed shirts are being ordered.

No cars are being done, they are getting too expensive.

Jerry will be arranging 3 to 4 Clinics per day.

Membership Table - Craig Butler would like to use the background framing. He would like to be closer to the Clinics and possibly have a table in another building in a prominent spot.

Modular Group - Adam Woodie - Just finished up at the fair, where we had great space and it went well. We will be setting up soon for Oktoberfest, then the Zoo , and Trees and Trains. Annual Meeting after the first of the year. A few more things maybe on the calendar for next year.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Layout Tours will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 participants for each day. If anyone is interested, please let John know.

Awards Banquet - David Williams - It will be at Parker's in Avon Lake, on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Things are moving along nicely.

Audit of Division 4 Books - Greg Noeth - Greg will set up a time to meet with Gary Sole to get them done.

Division 4 By Laws - Ron Morgan - 2 changes need to be made:

1. Secretary is no longer a limited term.
2. The sending out of election ballots is done by the election chairperson.

These changes will be made and new bylaws will be typed up.

Division 6 is doing the 2025 Convention; they would like to know when they can present to our Division. Jerry Kruger will make contact to set up for a clinic one evening.

September Meeting will be on the first Friday. That is September 6<sup>th</sup>. October Meeting is now on the third Friday of the month which is October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of these changes.

We need a volunteer committee to look into a potential new meeting location. The Rec Center has shortened our time, and keep rescheduling our dates around. A few places that were mentioned to look into are:

Grace Church - Middleburg Hts.

St. Mary's Church - Berea

American Legion Post - Berea

Auction will be in February and Pizza Night will be in March.

David James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Janda seconded the motion. The Board carried the motion, meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA