

NMRA, MCR, Division Four General Meeting Minutes of March 11.2022

Superintendent, Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Lee recognized our members who have passed in the last six months:

Fred Obreza	9/27/21
Ed Quinones	1/15/22
George Keller	2/26/22
Chuck Klein	3/5/22
Paul Holmes	Sent in by Paul Novak

We showed our respects to them with a moment of silence.

Minutes of February's Meeting were approved.

Pizza Night was discussed to see how it was. No complaints were given.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Noeth – total of all accounts was given.

Membership – with the passing of George Keller a new Membership Chairperson is needed. William Dluback and Brian Haas have stepped up to share responsibilities. Lee welcomed our visitor of the night: Chris Clark.

Ron Morgan has stepped in to manage Division4's Membership table and volunteers for Railfest later this month.

Elections – Dave Flebbe and Gary Schaefer – Dave explained how we are to vote between March 31st and April 15th on line. Gary shared an example on the screens, so we could see it done. We have 16 members that we do not have email addresses for. They will receive their ballots via USPS (snail mail). A committee of 3 will count the ballots and results will be given at May's meeting.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger Tonight Jerry will present a hands on example of Fast Track Turnouts. Next month will be Joe Filipiak's "Let's Get Real"., How to self critique your own work. Still need volunteers for May and June meetings. If you are interested please contact Jerry through his email.

Module Groups – Adam Woodie – set up for Railfest is next weekend.

Flatwheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – Deadline is March 26th or sooner.

AP Awards – John Hemseth – nothing

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Last Month's Railway Post Office Car winners are:

Model: 1st – Steve Riddlebaugh
 2nd – Dave Lawler
 3rd – Jim Grell

Diorama : 1st – John Witt
 2nd – Joe Filipiak

Tonight is Blank Box Car Creations. We have more Dioramas tonight than we do models. Please get your votes in. Next Month is Grain Hauling Car.

Company Store – Scott Benson – Scott has Fast Track Jigs #3,4,5,6,& 8 turnouts and crossovers available. Video library is back, be sure to check them out. He has also picked up some Teamster Barn Laser cut kits, micro brushes. Stop by and shop. There is also only 1 sheet left of The Golden Spike Stamps left.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – All sorts of Goodies.

Director's Meeting – Gary Schaefer – a few concerns have been expressed about location and start time of our meetings. An option to have meetings at a church in Elyria for free and no time limit is available. A discussion was held about the pros and cons of current situation. Will be discussed further at next Board of Directors Meeting.

We are unable to hold our monthly meeting in June at the Rec Center. Joe Filipiak will look into holding the meeting possibly on Saturday the 11th or a week earlier on Friday, June 3rd.

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan –

May 1st – Dennis Whitaker, Cuyahoga Valley, and possibly Strongsville Club

May 7th – Bram Bailey, Bruce Bowie, and Lake Erie & Southern in Norwalk

4-H Cuyahoga County – The club has sent us a thank you note for our donation.

Regional Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Marriot East. The dates are May 18th to the 22nd.

Martha Newberry Award – Dave Williams – Dave would like to let another member have the opportunity to take charge of handling this award. If you are interested, please contact Dave and he will let you know details.

We received word Jim Sacco – a member of Division 2 and owner of City Classics has passed away.

No Business or Comments – Candidates reintroduced themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Shick
NMRA, MCR, Division Four Secretary