

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Regular Meeting, September 8, 2023

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

He let everyone know tonight is the only night to sign up for The Great Berea Train Show. Sheets are on the back tables, be sure to volunteer.

Ron asked if there were any new members or visitors present, there were none.

Approval of Previous Minutes – Ron Morgan – a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. No one opposed, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report – Ron Morgan – Greg Noeth sent in a balance on all of the accounts, Ron read the report aloud for all to hear.

Old Business:

2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – Advance purchase of shirts is available to Division 4 members until September 24th. Things are progressing. We are having a full banquet on Saturday, not just a meet and greet.

4H prize Winner – Ron Morgan – from the 12 members who went out to vote for the 4H Medina County Fair Modules, Joe Kurilec MMR, won the drawing and received a gift certificate.

New Business:

Board of Directors Meeting Recap – Ron Morgan – Ron let everyone know that the Secretary job will no longer be a limited term job.

Lee Sheffield suggested to make sure to change the wording throughout all of the bylaws where needed. David Williams will take care of that.

Larry Kuczynski is now our Medina 4H liaison.

An Emergency decision to replace the Module Groups Trailer. The Module Group will repay the Division with future income over the next few years.

The Great Berea Train Show – David James – show is one month away. Sign up to volunteer. There are only 20 tables left. With Mt. Hope closing, we picked up close to 30 vendors from there. Envelope filling will be on the Monday before the show. Meet at David's home to fill the packets around 6:30 pm. Early set up will begin Thursday evening. Mini Clinics will be in Building E, and our Module Display will be in Building D.

National Convention Report – David Williams – David is willing to talk to anyone later about the convention which was held in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas. 2024 is to be in Long Beach, CA, 2025 – Detroit, MI, 2026 Knoxville, TN.

Show and Tell – Steve Riddlebaugh brought in a 1930 kit for trains. Stop by and take a look.

Working on Any Cool Projects – Morgan Griffith let us know he is working on super detailing a train master from PA.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline – Scott Eastburn – September 26th.

Membership – Ron Morgan – Bill is working at Oktoberfest, please keep your information up to date.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – tonight's presenter is Morgan Griffith show a train simulator. October is Bram Bailey. November and after the first of the year are open. Anyone interested in presenting a 20 to 30 minute Clinic at The Great Berea Train Show let Jerry know. Topic can be anywhere from Beginner to Advanced.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Lots of choices, come over and visit.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – County Fair went well. We are currently set up and running at the Oktoberfest. Tear down begins Sunday at 9:00 am.

The Great Berea Train Show is next. Adam went to the Zoo, so that is in the works. Trees and Trains will be in there too.

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan – Currently there are 3 layouts scheduled for October 28th. If you are interested in being added to the list, please contact John Witt, MMR.

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Joe explained about how the contests work. He told us the difference between dioramas and modules. Lastly, he told us all the challenges for the upcoming year.

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR – John presented Mark Pekelnicky with his Model Railroad Engineer: Electrical Certificate.

Comments/Concerns; Ron let us know of the passing of Dan Dorko, a long time member of CV&WS.

Gary Schaefer talked about the Lorain Caboose coming closer to being completed. Three of the four sides are painted and it's looking good. Also on September 23rd is the Annual Roads, Rails & Sales.

One last reminder that October's meeting will be the third Friday of the month, not the second.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Motion carried by the Division and closed at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA