

## Division 4, MCR, NMRA., General Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2024

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm, with a warm welcome from Superintendent Ron Morgan. We are 6 days from the opening of our Convention. Everything is going great. We had 81 in attendance tonight.

Ron asked for any new members or visitors to introduce themselves. There were none present tonight.

Brian Haas made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Dino Peris seconded the motion. The membership passed the motion and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a report on all of the account balances. Our first payment will be going out to the Fairgrounds soon.

### Old Business:

2024 Regional Convention - Jerry Kruger - Set up starts at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 16th. Registration begins at noon and Clinics will start at 1:00 pm. 170 signed up to attend, 80 for the banquet, and rooms are good on. Volunteers are needed, please sign up and show up to help. Everything is moving along well. Bag stuffing party, 1:00pm, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Ron Morgan's home.

Convention Workers sign up sheets - Ron Morgan - Just 4 spots left to fill. Assistant Superintendent elect, Bert Wisbar has your schedule for your volunteer sign up times. Also see Bert to sign up for next month's business meeting/family picnic. It will be on June 8<sup>th</sup> at NEOLS. Business meeting is to begin at 1:00 pm. A reminder that this event is only open for members and their immediate family members.

### New Business:

Sign up sheets for The Great Berea Train Show - Ron Morgan - getting an early start on this. The sheets are on the back tables. We will only have September to sign up once we are back in the fall.

Show and Tell - Craig Butler brought in a blue print to share. If interested in viewing it is on one of the side tables. Please stop over and take a look. Bram Bailey has a free re-railer available, first come, first serve.

### Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Scott Eastburn - May 26th

Membership - Craig Butler - if you need a badge see Craig or fill in the sheet by the badges.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - tonight's presenter is Don Oleksa on 3-D printing. Looking for Clinics for the fall and mini Clinics for The Great Berea Train Show.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Scott has a new batch of Division 4 hats, stop on by. If you need a Division 4 shirt, that can be ordered through Scott. B & O cars are available. Scott is hoping to re-stock over the summer.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - Things are pretty quiet right now, but will pick up in August with the Cuyahoga County Fair.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - great goodies tonight, books, cars, trees, etc...

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - think about doing a fall layout tour.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - John explained how to earn The Golden Spike Award. He then presented Craig Buter with his Golden Spike Award.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - there was about a dozen entries on last moth's last car on a passenger train contest. the winners are as follows:

Module: 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Grell  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Lawler

Diorama: 1<sup>st</sup> - John Puch  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Filipiak

Awards for the year will be given out at the June meeting after tabulations are completed.

Tonight's contest was a bag of parts. There are only 4 entries over there. Joe read off next years contest and they are as follows:

September - Car load of railroad industry scrap

October - Abandoned trackside building

November - Snow removal equipment  
December - No Contest  
January - Repurposed passenger car  
February - No Contest - Auction  
March - Steam engine used to pull named passenger train  
April - Open sided or roof off view of interior of building  
May - Project built from toilet paper cardboard tube.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - There is a need for volunteers for the Convention. Please sign up to volunteer.

A motion was made by Craig Butler to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The membership carried the motion and meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick  
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA