

## **Division 4, MCR, NMRA , Board of Directors Meeting January 7, 2023 via Zoom**

Superintendent, Ron Morgan greeted everyone and began the meeting at 10:06 am.

Ron gave us his thoughts on the past year. He thought it was a pretty good year overall. Our Membership has held steady.

Treasurer's Report was given by Greg Noeth.

Greg continued with reviewing of the books for 2022. Only thing possibly outstanding is a bill for the trailer.

Ron moved along to possible grants to consider. He received a request from Joe Filipiak for the Grafton Railroad Society to help with the B & O Caboose with ribs for the ceiling. After much discussion it was decided to table this for now and possibly place it in the 2024 budget.

Meeting change in October. We will be meeting on the third Friday of that month. It needs to be put out on the website and mentioned in The Flatwheel.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Friday's speaker is all set and ready to go. Hopes to start promptly at 7:00. Working on April, May, and June. Jerry will have movies for pizza night in March.

Convention – Jerry Kruger – Getting ready to sign the contract with the hotel next week. Will need a check from Greg for the deposit. Jerry will hold a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Will let us know at meeting Friday night if it will be Zoom or in person.

Company Store – Scott Benson – Not much new. Scott will not be at Friday's meeting.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – It is going strong and have lots of inventory.

Trees and Trains Wrap Up – Adam Woodie – Adam thanked everyone who was able to help clear out after the flood. No damage to power source. He especially thanked Lee Sheffield for drying it out and adding extra wooden feet on it. A motion was made by Chris Shick to donate \$250.00 to Trees and Trains, Greg Noeth seconded the motion. It was passed \$250.00 will be donated to Trees and Trains.

Modules – Adam Woodie – A rough draft of this year's schedule was sent out to the Module members. Module meeting is Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Zoo has concluded. There was also a lot of wetness and dampness, but was taken care of.

Great Berea Train Show – David James – There will be a Marketing Meeting in February. Asked Gary if the flyers will be ready before the Division 5 show in March.

Division Picnic – no date yet, looking for a day in June.

Website – Ben Lanza – According to the new Regional Technical Group, there needs to be a back up for key positions in the Division, There also should have separate email addresses for the Division also.

Membership – Bill Dluback – Bill is keeping up with unpaid members and also working on the 30 to 60 day list as well. We will have a Membership desk at Division 5's Show in March. Will need volunteers to man the table.

The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – The 26<sup>th</sup> of the month is the deadline, but it's okay to get articles in early.

Auction – Ron Morgan – Gary Schafer made a motion to drop the 10% commission. John Janda seconded the motion. Board passed the motion to drop the 10% commission. We need a sign up sheet for runners. Greg will let everyone know how the money will be handled. Auction will start promptly at 6:00 pm. There will be no formal meeting this night unless it is needed.

Disposition of Division Property – Adam Woodie – Years ago, Scale Trains donated a list of things to the Module Group. They are no longer being utilized or kept up. Currently are just taking up space. Adam has a buyer for the engines. Gary Schaefer made a motion to donate rolling stock to the Cuyahoga County and Medina County 4-H groups, the engines for Adam to take care of. Jeff Lauren seconded. After much discussion Gary rescinded his motion and made another one to put the rolling stock into the Auction and engines to be taken care of by Adam. Greg Noeth seconded the motion and the board passed the motion.

The Herbie Box Cars – Ron Morgan – We have 2 display cases that are owned by the Division not being utilized. A motion was made by Ron Morgan to put large display case in the Auction. John Janda seconded the motion, the board passed the motion to put the large case for sale at the Auction. Another matter of The Herbie Box Cars brought before the board was to purchase them to be displayed in the other case at events. John Janda made a motion for the purchase to take place. David Williams seconded, Board approved the purchase.

Training Day – Ron Morgan – Most of the board liked the idea of having Training Day included into The Great Berea Train Show. Ideas that came up are to have a list of the scheduled demonstrations on the website along with them placed at The Great Berea Train Show where everyone can see them. Chris Shick made the motion to include Training Day along with The Great Berea Train Show. Greg Noeth seconded the motion, instead of the "Make and Take It" change the name to "Hands on Training" and Gary Schaefer would still be in charge of Training Day part. Ron asked for each board members approval. and the motion passed.

Ron then went over some rules to remember:

- Always display the Division 4 Banner at our various events.
- Don't buy something unless the BOD approves the purchase before hand. Otherwise, it is against the by-laws and it may end up yours.

Since no other business was brought forth, John Janda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Schaefer seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 pm.

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