

Division 4, MCR, MMRA Monthly Minutes January 13, 2023. Westlake Recreation Center and Zoom

Meeting began at 6:30 pm, with a warm welcome and Happy New Year from our Superintendent Ron Morgan. He also welcomed visitors and new members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Greg Noeth gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: 2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – things are moving along. Volunteers are definitely needed. On Tuesday, January 24th, Jerry will be holding a hybrid meeting. He will ask Ben Lanza send out the information for the Zoom half.

Dennis Novak Award Recipients – Ron Morgan – The 4 recipients of the Dennis Novak Award for 2022 were Lee Sheffield, Gary Schafer, Steve Kaplan, and Greg Noeth. Congratulations gentlemen!

Division 4 By-Laws Review – Ron Morgan – still being reviewed.

New Business: Recap of Board of Directors Meeting – Ron Morgan – we closed up 2022 and opened 2023. It was decided to combine The Great Berea Train Show along with Training Day this year. A schedule will be on the web page of presenters with what they are presenting along with the times. They will also be posted at the show.

Auction – Ron Morgan/Lee Sheffield – Auctioneers will be Gary Sole, Lee Sheffield, and Frank Bongiovanni. The 10% commission will be waived. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Every item you bring to the auction must be ticketed. Tickets can be printed off the Division website. Please limit the number of items you bring.

Back Ups- Ron Morgan – Looking for back up for web master. Ben Lanza is currently working on getting instructions written up for what he does to help explain all he does.

Committee Reports: The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – The deadline is January 26th. If you want to send in your articles earlier, that is okay also.

Membership – Bill – Bill Dluback – We welcomed new members, visitors, and guests: Doug Bowmen, Aaron Dupont Past Superintendent, Dave Marvinney Past Superintendent, and Frank Fatsie. Sign up sheet for Railfest Membership table is in the back. Please sign up to volunteer to work on March 18th and 19th.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – tonight is Michelle Kempana from Greenly, CO. She is in charge of the Model Railroading Museum there. There is no Clinic in February it's the Auction. March is Membership Appreciation night. Still need Clinics for April, May, and June.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Had a great night at the Awards Banquet. There is plenty of stuff. Next meeting with Raffle is April.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – Adam let us know about the flood at Black River Landing. He thanked everyone who was able to help. The Zoo asked us to extend out time, but we couldn't due to our insurance ran out on January 1st. Annual Module Planning Meeting is Thursday, January 19th at David James' bus depot. Please bring a chair.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – No contest next month due to the Auction. March's Contest is a Yard Office. Last month's winners are:

Model: 1st – Tom Mc Inerng
2nd – Jim Grell
3rd – Dave Lawler

Diorama: 1st – Joe Filipiak
2nd – Peter Lundstrom
3rd – John Hughes

Congratulations to David Lawler for winning The Richard Mayich Award for Precision Modeling.

We had a brief Zoom presentation for the Rail to Pittsburgh Convention. It will be in Mars, Pa, May 4th to the 7th of this year.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The majority of the members passed the motion and meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

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