

**Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting, May 9, 2025, North  
Olmsted Cabin**

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:51 pm with 57 members present. Things are moving along nicely with us being here at the Cabin. A few kinks here and there, but we are working them out. The rest of Jim Stevenson's books are on the tables at the price of \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

New Member tonight stood up and introduced himself was Dan Bihary for Lorain, OH.

David James made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Lee Sheffield seconded the motion and the Division carried the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Superintendent, Ron Morgan gave a report on the balances of all accounts. Yearly Audit will be done on next Wednesday, May 14th. Audit Committee is Gary Sole and Craig Butler.

**Old Business:**

Regional and National Convention - Ron Morgan - If you haven't signed up already, please do so, go, and enjoy.

Moving Pizza Party - Ron Morgan - after much discussion, Chuck Shick made a motion to move the Pizza Party to February. Larry Kuczynski seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the Pizza Party will be held in February.

Bi-Annual Auction - Ron Morgan - John Janda made a motion to move the Bi-Annual Auction to March of odd years. John Hemsath, MMR seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion so the Bi-Annual Auction will be held in March of odd years.

Awards Banquet - Ron Morgan - there was much discussion and back and forth about November vs. January. Chris Shick made a motion to move the Awards Banquet to January. John Janda seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion; the Awards Banquet will be held in January.

June Meeting/ Picnic - Ron Morgan - What should we do? Have a meeting and a picnic on 2 separate days or combine them into one activity? Chris Shick made a motion to have the meeting on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and the Picnic on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Larry Kuczynski seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion to have the meeting on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and the Picnic on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending the Picnic, please sign up so Larry and Crew can be prepared.

Changes to the Division 4 By Laws - Ron Morgan - Ron repeated what was sent out in a special e-mail. No limit for Secretary, correction on audit to how often it should be done, and who is in charge of ballots for election. John Janda made a motion to accept the changes to the Division 4 By Laws. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion to accept the changes.

Division 4 Audit - Ron Morgan - Audit will be held Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary Sole and Craig Butler will be presented at the June Meeting.

Bus Trip - Ron Morgan - Trying to get together a day trip to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. Ron asked for a show of hands who would be interested in going. A bunch of hands went up.

**New Business:**

N-Scale Modular Group - Ron Morgan - The Division is going to be sponsoring a N-Scale Modular Group to be run on the same principals as the HO Scale Modular Group.

Working on Cool Projects - Ron Morgan - None

**Committee Reports:**

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - any articles for the Flat Wheel need to be to Don by May 26th. If you want to write an article to be placed in there, deadline is May 26<sup>th</sup> also. Articles can be submitted anytime to be in Flat Wheel in later Issues.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Brian is tonight, at this time there is nothing for June. Looking for anyone willing to do September, October, November, and now December. Looks like we will be having the Clinic Corner and Mini Clinics at The Great Berea Train Show. Please let Jerry know if you are interested in doing anything for the Train Show or meeting night. Jerry will be in Columbus next week looking for Clinic Presenters.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Has a variety of things, some HO scale and fast break jigs available. DVD collection is also available.

Raffle - Lee Sheffield - usual assortment of goodies, come over, buy your tickets. Raffle will be held 15 minutes after meeting closes.

Module Group - Lee Sheffield - We are taking a layout to National in July. If you want to run or help out while there let Adam know.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - for the spring tours there were about 100 visitors. John is currently setting up the tours for the fall. If you are interested in opening up your layout for others to see, please let him know.

AAP Awards, John Hemsath, MMR - Nothing tonight

Great Berea Train Show - David James - We have received about 12 applications back so far. If you need an application to be a vendor, see David or Chris. Our prices for the buildings have not gone up for this year.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - April's Contest winners for an Open sided or roof off view of interior of building:

Model 1<sup>st</sup> - Joe Kurilec, MMR

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jim Grell

3<sup>rd</sup> - Brian Haas

Diorama 1<sup>st</sup> - Joe Filipiak & John Puch

2<sup>nd</sup> - Craig Butler

3<sup>rd</sup> - Rich Nochta

Next Month Joe will reveal Next Season's contest. Awards will be done in September.

Comments - Joe Kurilec, MMR reported that Mike Oster was back in the hospital and will be back in rehab for a while.

Ron Morgan - Joe Andrews passed away. Bill Cramer is in the hospital with pneumonia, will keep updated on his condition.

John Janda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Sole seconded the motion; the Division carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA