Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting, October 9, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Bert Wisbar opened the meeting with a warm welcome. There were 64 members present for the 7:00 pm opening. He asked for visitors or new members to stand. We had four new members stand up.

Approval of the previous minutes - Bruce Bowie made a motion to accept the minutes; Dino Peris seconded the motion. The membership unanimously passed the motions and the minutes of the previous minute are accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - After a brief rundown of the Great Berea Train Show, Greg gave a balance of all accounts. He let us know he can't give us a real accurate account as there are still some bills out from the Train Show outstanding. His brief rundown included the following information:

Over 1,000 wristbands sold in the first hour on Saturday
68 2-day tickets sold
Was a good show

Old Business:

Great Berea Train Show - Bert Wisbar - We had our highest attendance for the 2 days of 2,954. Mentioned the changes made and new vendors. He then went on to thank those who did all of the planning and behind the scenes work.

David James - running the whole show and putting everything together.
Adam Woodie - helping to layout the floor plans of all of the buildings for the placement of the vendors.
Chris Shick - assisting David in organizing vendors and keeping things rolling.
Gary Schaefer - advertising and internet.
Greg Noeth (added later) - taking care of all the monies and wristbands.

Bert then asked all who volunteered to help to raise their hands, and he thanked everyone for a successful show.

New Business:

Achievement Program - Jerry Kruger - First work session for this year is building structures - detailed, scratch. It will be on October 24th at the Berea Library, starting at 10:00 am and go until whenever.

Working on Cool Projects - Tom Mc Inerney, MMR brought in a kit that Lucy built. Bruce Bowie laid the last piece in a very complicated turn out on his display.

Division 4 OPS Sessions - Bert Wisbar - Mark Pekelnicky let Bert know that he will put out the information for sign-ups and where they will be held starting in January.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Articles, Reports, and anything you want to send is due October 26th.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is Jerry doing Part 2 of Locomotive Care. Still looking for November and December.

Company Store - Scott Benson - DVD Library is here tonight, feel free to sign them out. There are many different videos on how to build cars and buildings, and other things. New this year is an option of sweatshirts. Crew neck $40.00, pull-over $41.00, ¼ zip $41.00, and a full zip $47.00. A future online store for just Division 4 items is in the works. Bruce Bowie volunteered to do a once a month pick up of products.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - Lots of good stuff over here. Will start calling numbers 10 minutes after the close of the meeting.

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - Just finished up at the Great Berea Train Show. Talked with the Zoo and told them if they can't find a place inside for us then we aren't interested. Possibly doing Great Northern Mall for the season.

N-Scale Module - Ramhog Shearer - He absolutely loved all of the people at the Great Berea Train Show. Ramhog thanked the management team for putting on a great show.

Layout Tours - Gary Sole - working on getting them together.

AP Award - John Hemsath, MMR - none tonight

Membership - Craig Butler - We signed up 6 new members at the Great Berea Train Show. Divisions 1 & 12 were also at the show. We had a good show up at the mall. Craig thanked everyone for sitting at the table and helping out at the mall.

Challenges - Joe Filipiak - Joe explained how the Challenges are run and the point system for our new members. Then he read over the list of Challenges for the year. September's Challenge winners for Alcoa Steam of Diesel Engine are as follows:

Model - 1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR
2nd - Dave Lawler
3rd - George Gelehrter & Dave Davis

Diorama - 1st - Joe Filipiak

Next Month's Challenge is Up Grade a Cheap (Tyco) Rail Car.

Comments/ Concerns - Ron Morgan let us know that Steve Kaplan's estate is sold off. He also thanked everyone because there is nothing left.

Joe Mehalic did an update on the Atherton estate of O-Scale. He thanked Jerry Kruger for doing the Clinics at the Great Berea Train Show, There is not much left to sell.

Jeffery Gray also thanked members who did Clinics at the Great Berea Train Show.

Adam Woodie mentioned about the Apple Butter Festival in Coshocton on October 17th and 18th. The Festival will run 10 am to 6 pm and the Train Club will be doing Open House from 2 pm to 6 pm on both days.

Two new members stood up and introduced themselves. Brian Herwerden is a modern-day free-lancer of HO Scale. Tyler Wisbar models HO of Southern California.

Bruce Bowie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dino Peris seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

This meeting has reached its final destination,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA