

# NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 11, 2020 Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake Ohio

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm. Since it has been so long that the last minutes from February's meeting were approved. Members were given a chance to report out on what they have been working on for their layouts during the pandemic. A few took the floor to let us know they were moving right along.

Lee then said a lot of Thank Yous to those who have been working hard during the Covid-19 pandemic. They are as follows:

Benjamin Lanza (not present this evening) for our daily dose of Division 4 Members stuck at home, an amazing job enjoyed by all.

Joe Filipiak for finding the Westlake Recreation Center to hold our meetings at.

Joe Kurilec for the wonderful job of the online raffles, and Ben for his help in getting them out.

Jeff Lauren for going to the Church of the Redeemer and sending any stray members over to the Rec Center.

Chuck Shick for taking over and doing a fantastic job on his first edition of The Flatwheel.

Treasurer Greg Noeth then gave a report on the Division's financial standings. No expenditures currently except for the payment for 5-year ownership of the Division 4 website.

Lee moved onto the Zoom Division Board Meeting from August. He let everyone know The Great Berea Train Show is cancelled. It was cancelled due to all the liability aspects. He then thanked David James for doing an excellent job on handling the show. Chuck Klein asked from the floor if it would be possible to add vendors who were willing to take part to the next The Flatwheel. This way our members could show those vendors support when they need supplies. Gary Schaefer volunteered to ask David to send a list to Chuck to add to the newsletter.

Training Day in November and the Christmas awards banquet are also cancelled. We will hold a regular meeting in December if the Rec Center is available.

Youth Policy – Lee has copies available. Frank Bongiovanni was referred to about being able to support youth groups financially but cannot say the NMRA is represented. Cannot say that is who you are a part of. Under 18 years of age members must always be in the eyesight of their guardian that they are present at any function with the Division. Youth can be a member, but their guardian does not need to be. Questions from the floor were answered by either Lee or Frank. VERY IMPORTANT in dealing with youth, DO NOT MENTION THE NMRA.

Committee Reports were given next:

Membership – George Keller – let George know if your tag needs to be changed to another color. He is working on new tags. He then asked for guests – none were present.

Clinics – Larry Madson was absent tonight Lee reported in his place. The Division is looking for a new

person to line up clinics. There is a budget. Tonight's clinic presenter is Bram Bailey and his presentation is about his new book "Canadian National Atlantic Region" along with a slide show.

The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – deadline is still the same the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – Joe handed out awards for February's contest winners:

Tower Contest: 1st - Joe Filipiak

2nd - Joe Kurilec

3rd - Frank Bongiovanni

Dioramas: 1st - Jim Grell

2nd - George Keller

3rd - John Witt

In February we had 72 members present at the meeting and 46 voted. Joe moved on to giving the awards for those who entered last year's contest. Over all winners were given plaques and gift cards.

Model contest – 1st - Chuck Klein

2nd -Jim Grell

3rd - Joe Kurilec

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Upcoming contest:

September – Load on a flat car

October – Sleepover passenger car, any road, any era from heavy weights to today's Amtrak

November – Rubber wheeled railroad vehicle

January – A typical commercial building found in the business district within one block of the railroad

February – LARGE motive power (non-steam) No yard or four axle road switchers

March – RPO car

April – A small country railroad station

May – A rail car lettered for a short line railroad. The railroad had to be a real railroad that once existed or is still in business today.

Raffle – Tim Sheffield filling in for Adam Woodie “Get your tickets”

Company Store – Scott Benson – there are added items available like Division 1 cars (some N-scale available also), Division 2 laser cut kits, signal tower, and glue pens just to name a few.

Virtual Raffle – Joe Kurilec – thanked Adam Woodie, Ben Lanza and all the people who have donated for the raffles. Presented the last winners with their prizes.

The Bi- Annual Auction is to be held in March of 2021. We will keep an eye on how things are going. Due to having to be out of the Rec Center by 10:00pm Estate Sale items may not be included.

John Hemsath was thanked for his donation of the lamps to light up the displays.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Raffle to begin a 8:30 and then Bram Bailey will present his clinic.

Chris Shick,  
Secretary