NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, APRIL 9, 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:33 with a warm welcome. Asked how many have received their Covid 19 shots, (lots of hands were raised).

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Next came Committee Reports:

Membership - George Keller - put old name tags in empty section of container. He will be getting rid of all of the old ones. Lee reminded everyone that some members are behind on dues - please remember to renew your membership in the NMRA.

Clinics - Gary Sole - tonight's clinic will be presented by Jerry Kruger, it is called "Tips, Tricks & Hacks"

Auction - Gary Sole - Doors will open at 6:00 and hopefully we will be up and running before 7:00. Auctioneers are Gary Sole, Lee Sheffield, and Frank Bongiovanni. Frank also asked for volunteers to help the night run smoother and keep things moving. Buyers need to settle up before they leave for the evening. Cash is the preferred method of payment. Hope to be finished by 10:00.

Modules - Adam Woodie - Same as last month.

Flatwheel - Chuck Shick - Deadline is April 26th.

AP Awards - John Hemsath - nothing

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last months winners:

Models - 1st - Jerry Kruger 2nd - Chuck Klein 3rd - Joe Filipiak

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Dioramas - 1st - Fred Wagner

2nd - John Hemsath

3rd - John Witt

Each winner gave a brief story on their entries. Make sure to vote tonight. It is the last one for this year. Look for list of next years contest to be listed in an upcoming Flatwheel.

Company Store- Scott Benson - there are still items that he has had previously. Scott also mentioned if anyone is interested in helping set up at the convention for the Railroad Passenger Car Owners, please let him know. The convention will be held in Cleveland in 2022. There are also Division shirts available if anyone needs to order one.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - will start at 8:30

New Business - Don Glass - the Vermilion Harbortown will have an Open House on May 1st. The address is 993 State Street, Vermilion, Ohio

Virtual Raffle - Joe Kurilec - Raffle #8 winners

Chuck Shick Gary Schaefer George Gilbert Alec Bonawit

Raffle#9 ends next week and #10 will be the last one.

There will be a Board Meeting in May, Lee will send out details at a later date. It will be on Zoom.

Gary Schaefer - There are The Great Berea Train Show flyers on the back table, take some and distribute them please.

Roads, Rails, and Sales flyers are also back there. This will be help in September at Black River Landing in Lorain.

All visitors were welcomed.

Art Wilms - asked to bring up at Board Meeting to possibly have Zoom meetings during July and August to maybe make up for some of the missed meetings form the past year.

George Keller - Mad River Nickel Plate Museum opens back up on Memorial Day. They will also be having a car show on May 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Ron Morgan stated there will be no Spring Open Houses. Possibly there will be Open Houses in the Fall. There may also be a bus tour sometime after The Great Berea Train Show.

Chris Shick Division 4 MCR. NMRA Secretary