

## **Division 4, MCR, NMRA Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2022**

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm with a warm Welcome back from our Superintendent, Ron Morgan.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was give by Greg Noeth. Treasurer's report was approved.

**Old Business** – The Great Berea Train Show – David James – Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> will start set up (after 6:00 pm). Friday morning (early set up 9:00 to 9:30 am). There are still tables available. Norm Bobby, one of our usual vendors, passed away recently. Brats will be cooked Friday night. Grill will be available Saturday night after show closes. Bring your own stuff to grill.

Bagley Road will be the only entrance used for visitors. Watch where you park, because of recent fire they are cracking down on violators. Please sign up to volunteer sheets in back. Shirts are available tonight \$15.00 each. There are red ones and yellow worker shirts.

Certificate – Ron presented Lee Sheffield a Certificate on behalf of the Mid Central Region for his hard work and dedication during his 2 terms as Superintendent.

**New Business** – 2024 Regional Convention Bid – Jerry Kruger – Jerry will put our bid in later this month for the 2024 Regional Convention. Currently looking at 2 local hotels. Will be held the third weekend in May. Committees will start forming in October after The Great Berea Train Show. Please sign up or let Jerry know via email.

2023 Regional Convention Website – Ron Morgan – the site is up and running. Now taking reservations for May 2023 in Pittsburgh.

Mid-Central Region BOD Meeting – Dave Williams – Jerry will be presenting our bid virtually for the 2024 Convention later this month.

Training Day – Gary Schaefer – went over Mission Statement, then let us know Training Day will go on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at Black River Landing. Please sign up to share your talents.

Division 4 By Law Review – Ron Morgan – The By Laws are being reviewed by John Witt, John Hemsath, and Dave Williams. They are looking for and corrections or additions that may need to be brought up to the Division.

Other – Joe Kurilec MMR® – New York Central will hold a mini Convention on September 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Crown Plaza in Middleburg Hts.

### **Committee Reports**

Flatwheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – Due September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Membership – Bill Dluback – we gained 3 new members over the summer. Bill had 2 new members who showed up for meeting stand up and introduce themselves. Welcome Ed Graves and Steve Gnall.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – Tonight’s Contest is Articulated Steam Engine- be sure to get over and vote. Up coming Contests: October – Wood sided railcar with outside bracing. COMMON BOX CARS NOT INCLUDED.

November – Private residential home that is trackside.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Tonight Jerry will be showing his weathering techniques. October, John Hemsath MMR® will present upgrading, detailing box cars. November – Looking into doing a remote clinic with our new technology. There is no Clinic in December and still looking for January and February.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – got some good stuff, come on over and get your tickets. Raffle will be held 10 minutes after meeting ends.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – We are going strong, just finished up with the Fair. Still working Octoberfest until tomorrow. We have a few weeks off and then it’s The Great Berea Train Show.

Company Store – Scott Benson – we are back! 757 shirts are available. We have a DVD lending library along with a fast tracks turn out lending library. Division 4 shirts and caps are available to order, see Scott.

Layout Tours – John Witt MMR® – There will be 8 layouts to see in the fall tours. 4 each week, the first week will be Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and the next will be Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

AP Awards – John Hemsath MMR®

Tom Atherton won a Merit Award for a car he entered in the Tri-Regional Convention in May.

Jim Grell won a Merit Award for the car he entered in the National Convention in St. Louis.

Ben Lanza earned his Association Volunteer Certificate.

Ben also won three Merit Awards for locomotives as well as earning his Master Builder – Motive Power Certificate.

Other – Ron Morgan – Remember our Youth Members must have a parent or guardian present at each event they attend.

Gary Sole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Schaefer seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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