

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2023

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:29 pm with a warm welcome. He asked for any visitors or new members to please stand up and introduce themselves. George Anter and Matt Nickleson both stood up and introduced themselves.

Ron asked for approval of last month's minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the membership to accept the minutes.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a balance on all the accounts.

Old Business:

2024 Regional Convention Status – Ron Morgan – things are still moving along. Bruce Bowie informed us that registrations are trickling in. We are up to 25 registered.

2023 Great Berea Train Show – Greg Noeth – attendance was a little down from last year. We filled 5 buildings with vendors. The vendors did very well. We don't know total until all the bills come in.

New Membership Chairman – Ron Morgan – We are in need of a Membership Chairman. If interested please let Ron know.

New Business:

Election Time – Ron Morgan – Ron let us know that this is an election year coming up. He then introduced the election committee of Ben Lanza, Larry Kowicki, and the election chair Dave Flebbe.

New Regional Education Manager for the Region – Ron Morgan – Steve Sepatowski is a former teacher and a MMR. He has accepted this position.

Budget Perpetration for 2024 - Ron Morgan – Please get your budgets into Greg for next year, ASAP.

December Membership Appreciation Dinner – David Williams – the dinner will be on December 1, 2023. It will be at Parkers in Avon Lake. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

New Contract for Rec Center/ June 2024 Meeting/Picnic - Ron Morgan – once again the Rec Center is going to start their summer hours on our June meeting night. Larry Kuczynski is going to try and set up our annual picnic on the second Saturday of June, This way we can hold a brief meeting and our picnic after.

Show and Tell – Ron Morgan – no one had anything to share tonight.

Working on any Cool New Projects – Ron Morgan – Nothing tonight.

Other – Ron Morgan – Nothing

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline – October 26th.

Membership Ron Morgan – please think about taking on this positing.

Clinics – Ron Morgan – Jerry is not here tonight. Bruce Bowie is presenting tonight’s clinic.

Company Store – Scott is not here tonight.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – all sorts of goodies, come on over and get your tickets. Raffle will begin 10 minutes after meeting ends.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – We finished up Oktoberfest and The Great Berea Train Show. Gearing up now for the Zoo Winter Lights, which runs November 13th to December 30th. Trees and Trains will begin the weekend of Thanksgiving.

Layout Tours – John Witt, MMR – John has slips with addresses and hour of operations for the 5 homes that will be open on October 28th. Please see him to get one.

Contest – Brian Haas – Last months winners on Something Found on a Train Wreck are as follows:

Model: 1st – Joe Kurilec
 2nd – Craig Butler
 3rd – John Hughes

Dioramas: 1st – Joe Filipiak
 2nd – Dave Lawler

Tonight's contest is Equipment Used to Set up Telegraph Pole Lines.

Next Month: Rail Cars Serving the Meat Industry.

Remember at the Membership Appreciation Dinner, grab bags will be available to take for you to make May's Contest.

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR – Tonight Mark Pekelnicky received his Master Builder Scenery Certificate. He has previously received Chief Dispatcher.

Comments/Concerns – Ron Morgan – Bill Cramer is in Southwest General Hospital.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA