

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes November 10, 2023

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting promptly at 6:30 pm with a warm welcome to all in attendance. He asked for new members and guests to please stand up and introduce themselves. Ken Dobiecki and Doug Bert are new members of Division 4. Our 2 guests from Division 1 were Frank Tracchia and Dave Six.

There was a problem with The Flat Wheel, Ron asked for a show of hands of those who had a chance to read the minutes today. Some hands went up, Ron asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the membership to accept the minutes of last meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Greg Noeth. A balance of ll accounts was given. Greg made a last call for all Great Berea Train Show invoices.

Old Business:

2024 Regional Convention Status - Jerry Kruger - We are making progress; we have a total of 28 registered to this date. Will be having another Zoom Committee Meeting . Jerry will send out emails at a later date. Jerry has been scheduling meetings with other divisions to help build up registration. Be sure to go to the link and register, Shirts and cars must all be preordered. Discount on registration ends on the 31 of December 2023. Hotel discounts are on the hot link of the website.

New Membership Chairman - Ron Morgan - We can really use a new Membership Chairman,

December Membership Appreciation Dinner - Dave Williams - The dinner will be on the first Friday of December. It will be held at Parker's at 32858 Walker Rd., Avon Lake. 6:00 to 6:30 pm will be Happy Half Hour, with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Election Report - Dave Flebee - 1 person has turned in their letter of intent to run for an officer. If anyone else is interested in running, please see Dave or one of the others on the committee of your interest.

Budgets - Ron Morgan - Be sure to get your 2024 proposed budget in.

New Business:

Election Time- Ron Morgan - All offices are available for re-election. Please see election committee member if you are interested in becoming an officer.

Members submitting articles to the NMRA Magazine - Ron Morgan - John Hemsath, MMR and Joe Kurilec, MMR have both written articles that have been printed in the NMRA Magazine. Great Job Gentlemen!

June 2024 Meeting - Ron Morgan - Since the Rec Center will be starting their summer hours on the night of our June meeting, we will combine the meeting along with our annual picnic on the Saturday following the normal meeting date.

Working on Cool Projects - Morgan Griffith is working on some really cool things. Ramhog Shearer thanked The Flat Wheel editor for including his pictures of the T-Track layout from The Great Berea Train Show. He also wanted to thank all of those from Burning River for manning the layout at the show.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Ron Morgan - articles need to be to the editor Scott Eastburn by the 26th of each month.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight's clinic is "How to Give a Clinic" done by Jerry. Still need presenter for after the first of the year. If you are interested in being a presenter, please email or call Jerry.

Company Store - Scott Benson - The Store is restocked on many items including micro brushes. Scott has brought some of the videos from the library with him tonight. A new order is going in for hats, so it's a good time to get your order in if you want a hat or shirt. Don't forget Fast Track jigs are available to borrow.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - All sorts of goodies, come get our tickets. Raffle will be held 10 minutes after meeting ends.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - Set up for the Zoo is this Sunday. The Zoo starts on November 14th, there are plenty of spaces available to sign up. New members are welcome to come out and run their trains, let Adam know dates you would like. Trees and Trains set up is on November 18th, start running trains on the 25th. They run only on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until December 30th.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Next Layout Tour will be during the Convention and will only be open to Convention Attendees.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - For a Master Builders - Structures Certificate 12 super detailed structures need to be built. 6 of those must earn a Merit Award. The following have earned their Master Builder's - Structure Certificate:
Mark Pkelnicky for his Mid-Town Auto Body Repair Shop (kit)
Bruce Bowie for his Dietsch Brothers Candy and Ice Cream Store.

Contests - Joe Filipiak - Contest was Equipment used to set up telegraph poles, lines.

Model - 1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR
2nd - Craig Buttler and Jim Grell
3rd - George Gelehrter
Dioramas - No entries

Grab bags are available for May's Contest. Bags will also be available at the Appreciation Dinner. All pieces in bag must be used, but you can add more. Next Contest in January is Diesel with Your or Someone Else's Road Name.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - On November 18th, Division 5 has 4 homes open for Open House Tours. Ron asked all Veterans in the room to please stand and be recognized. He thanked them all for their service to our country.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by the membership to close the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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