

NMRA MCR Division 4
General Meeting Minutes for Friday May 13, 2022

Westlake Recreation Center
28955 Hilliard Blvd
Westlake OH 44145

Superintendent Lee Sheffield brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He called for any changes, omissions or corrections to the April 2022 General Meeting Minutes, and hearing none, declared them as official.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a summary of Division finances.

Membership Co-Chairs William Dluback and Brian Haas reported on member renewal status and then asked for new members and visitors to introduce themselves. Member Bob Varga re-introduced himself, stating that this was his first attended meeting in about 30 years.

Election Co-Chair David Flebbe presented the results of the Division Officer Election. Ron Morgan (unopposed) was elected as new Superintendent. Dave Williams won for Assistant Superintendent. Secretary and Directors were unopposed, and all maintain their current positions. Lee called for a motion to certify the election results as official. The motion was made by Joe Mehalic and seconded by Bruce Brintnall MMR™. The motion was verbally unanimously approved by the members present.

Lee requested that members review and put their names onto the Great Berea Train Show volunteer sign-up sheets at the back of the room. The picnic sign-up sheet was identified as being available on the same table.

Clinic Chair Jerry Krueger stated that the evening's clinic would be his own on the benefits of NMRA membership. The June clinic will feature a speaker from the Ages of Steam Roundhouse on updates taking place at that facility. Jerry is looking for clinicians for next season, as well as for planned clinics at the Train Show.

Modular Group Chair Adam Woodie said that the group's next event would be the Cuyahoga County Fair this summer.

The Flatwheel deadline is May 25.

AP Chairman John Hemsath MMR™ awarded Joe Mehalic his Volunteer AP Certificate.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak asked April contest winners to describe their models and techniques used. This evening's contest is for logging equipment on rails other than locomotives. There will be no contest in June, and awards will be given to highest points winners for the season. Joe listed next season's contest categories (which should be listed elsewhere in this Flatwheel).

Joe Filipiak called for the recognition of Lee Sheffield's work for four years as Superintendent. Lee received a warm round of applause.

Company Store's Scott Benson gave a brief review of items available.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie indicated items ready for winning after the meeting.

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan said that the recent open houses were very well attended and thanked everyone for their participation.

Picnic Organizer Larry Kuczynski said that the picnic would take place at N.E.O.L.S. on June 25th, 11 am to 3 pm. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the room and bring a side dish. Lee said that the Modular Group workshop originally scheduled for the same day would be rescheduled.

Dave Williams gave a brief presentation concerning the Martha Newberry Award. This award is presented at each MCR convention to a model structure as decided upon by Division 4 members present. The award is then presented at the convention's award ceremony. Martha Newberry and her husband Eric were longtime members of Division 4 and both noted for their excellent models. The award was established after Martha's passing, about eleven years ago.

Lee passed the Superintendent's gavel to Ron Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Dave Williams
Acting Secretary