

Division 4, MCR, NMRA General Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2024

Our Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting 6:29 pm. There were no new members or visitors present this evening.

A motion was made by Frank Bongiovanni to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Dino Peris seconded the motion. Motion was carried by the membership to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a balance on all accounts. Convention account is separate from all other accounts.

Old Business:

Ron Morgan introduced our new Membership Chairman, Craig Butler.

Elections – Ron Morgan – since the slate is set , we will finish up the elections at April's meeting.

2024 Regional Convention Status – Jerry Kruger – things are progressing nicely. Layout schedules will be out soon. Clinics schedule is about 95% done. Hopefully, it will be finalized and out by the end of this weekend. Northern Ohio Railway Museum will be open on Saturday of the Convention. Hours are 10 am to noon, with trolley rides at 11:00am . For the convention cars there are currently 17 box cars and 27 covered hoppers remaining. Get your orders in soon . If you haven't registered , get registered. Volunteer list is on the website under Sign up Genesis.

Division 5 Membership Table – Ron Morgan – remember Division 5 show is the weekend of March 16th and 17th. Ron read off the list of those who volunteered and their names will be on the volunteer list at the show.

New Business:

Show and Tell – John Hemsath, MMR has a few things on the side table. Please help yourself. Greg Noeth showed off a cool railway street sign. Dino Peris brought in blue prints of F-9 and GM 16 to look at. Larry Kowicki brought in free paint and shakers.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline – Ron Morgan – Articles for next month's Flat Wheel need to be to Scott Eastburn by March 26th.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Tonight's speaker is Joe Filipiak, presenting Open House Protocol for hosting and visiting. April is Bram Bailey on Ontario Central.

Company Store – Scott Benson – besides the items on the table we have a DVD library for use. Scott also handles the ordering of Division shirts and hats, if interested see him. Lastly the Division's Fast-Track Jig loan system is available through Scott.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – there is rolling stock cars, calendars, and books over there. Raffle will be held 10 minutes after the close of the meeting.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – had a great show at the Avon Lake Library, definitely going back next year. Next up is World's Greatest Hobby at the IX-Center. March 23rd and 24th. Set up is on Friday. Hours on Saturday is 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Tear down will begin immediately at the end of the show. There will be nothing until the Cuyahoga County Fair.

Layout Tours – John Witt, MMR –

Contests – Joe Filipiak – The winners of last month's contest of a support building in an engine facility (no roundhouse) are as follows:

Model: 1st – Craig Butler

 2nd – Jim Grell

 3rd – Joe Kurilec

Diorama: 1st – Craig Butler

 2nd – John Puch

 3rd – Joe Filipiak

Next month's contest is Last Car on a Passenger Train

Awards – John Hemsath, MMR –

Comments/Concerns – Ron Morgan – Art Bumpus was moved to Marymount Hospital. We recently lost a 67 year member Jim Stevenson. He had a lot of stuff and there will be a date for a garage sale at a later time.

Public Service Announcement – Frank Bongiovanni will be doing his Estate Planning Clinic twice during the 2024 Convention. Please try to attend as there is important information.

A motion was made by Gary Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Lauren seconded the motion and was carried by the membership. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA