

NMRA MCR Division 04 Meeting Minutes for Friday September 6, 2024
Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake, OH

Superintendent Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Ron asked if any new members were present. Bob Wykoff responded that it was his first meeting and gave a brief statement about his modeling interests. Ron then asked for additions, changes, or corrections to the June meeting Minutes. On hearing none, he requested a motion to accept the Minutes, which was received and seconded, and approved verbally by members present.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a report of the Division's finances, including the status of payments made to the Fair Board for the upcoming Train Show.

Jerry Krueger (MCR 2024 Convention Chair) stated the recently hosted MCR convention went well and thanked everyone who was involved. Treasurer Greg Noeth provided a summary of the convention's financial results. Scott Benson stated that the Company Store has a small quantity of each convention car still available. Ron Morgan reported that money donated for the Medina 4H Club by convention attendees had been presented to that group.

David James (Train Show Chair) reported on the preparation for the Great Berea Train Show, stating that everything was going well, and we will again be using five Fairgrounds buildings. David encouraged everyone to sign up as volunteers for the show.

Several members presented items for Show and Tell.

The Flatwheel deadline was stated as September 25, with submissions needing to go to Chuck Schick.

Jerry Krueger (Clinic Chair) reported that he would be presenting the evening clinic on building structures, next month's clinic would be given by John Annetti on 3D printing of structures, and that Spain James would speak in either November or January. Jerry said that mini clinics would be given during the Train Show and requested that anyone interested in presenting should limit their clinic to about 15 minutes.

Craig Butler (Membership Chair) presented his plan to have membership tables both near the modules to receive a high volume of traffic and also near the clinic table when clinics were scheduled.

Scott Benson (representing both Module Group and Company Store) said that the Modular Group was currently displaying at Oktoberfest and would be set up again during our Train Show. Scott then mentioned that the evening's raffle had a good selection of prizes.

John Witt MMR (Layout Tour Chair) said that layout open houses would be on October 19th and October 29th, with information to be sent out to members. He stated that a couple of slots are still available for layout owners.

John Hemsath MMR (AP Chair) presented the following awards: Jim Grell earned a Merit Award for a car that he entered at the May convention. Ben Lanza earned a Merit Award for each of two locomotives he entered. Mark Pekelnicky earned a merit award for his hand laid trackwork on his layout. Mark also earned his Master Modeler- Civil certificate.

Joe Filipiak (Contest Chair) reviewed the May contest results and listed the contest categories for the current season.

Ron Morgan mentioned the passing of member Darl Kretsinger. Ron is also hosting an estate train sale for Jim Stevenson's collection at his home of September 21 and 22, with specific information emailed to members.

Ron reported that the Division is searching for a new meeting location due to ongoing scheduling issues with the rec center. Several locations are being considered. The change would tentatively occur in January 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.