

**NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
March 5, 2008**

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at WV Hobbies & Crafts.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lin Young 2:00 PM. .

Attendees introduced themselves.

Clerk Report: Cash balance has increased by \$20. Our WV charitable status is currently in the works.

Superintendent:

Asst Super Report: 10 members went to the Div 3/7 meeting. Bob discussed how active out membership is with half of the members attending today's meeting. He also discussed the turnout for this meeting versus other divisions. Tony Koester gave an excellent clinic. Members visited several layouts including Jim Rollwage's and Allen McClelland's.

2010 Convention – The convention hotels were visited. The Ramada was not well suited to the meeting facilities. The Charleston House has excellent facilities. The Marriott was also visited but the facilities were not as well-suited. We will need members contest, clinics, banquet, registration. Division 8 has volunteered to run the Company Store. We will also be having layout tours. Bob recommended that members come to this year's meeting to see what they are all about.

Figures for the Charleston House - Rooms will be \$99 per night, potentially there will be 75 rooms needed for the event. The cost will be \$2500 for use of facilities unless the minimum room figure of 120 room nights will be \$3000. There will also be a number of complementary rooms as part of the deal.

Dwight Sherman moved that we authorize Bob and Lin to further investigate hotels. Seconded by Tony P. The motion was discussed and approved. Lin reminded everyone this will be a big commitment for members' time. The dates will be May 13-16, 2010.

Bob thanked Greg McCartney for two years of service as contest chair and editor. Dan Mulhern will now serve as contest chair.

Elections Chair: Bill Wadsworth reported voting participation was 31% with Lin and Bob winning unanimously.

Membership Chairman: Shelby circulated the membership listing with expiration dates. He announced that you can order through Walthers online and give Chuck credit. Merchandise is delivered to the hobby shop and shipping is free. The paperwork has been submitted for the Dunbar Show for April 11, 12, and 13. A sign-up sheet was distributed for manning the table.

Achievement Program: Bob reported that 8 applications were submitted in March for the AP programs. Several others are close to submitting additional applications. Details for working with BSA model railroading merit badges were discussed.

Editor Report: Greg showed the cover of the next newsletter. The focus will be on the V&O visit. The planned distribution date is April 9.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

On April 20 Div 3 will be hosting a meeting in Dayton at 2. Dean Freytag will be giving the clinic.

Future Meetings

May 10 – WV Hobbies & Crafts, Contest Steam Locomotives, Clinic “Scenery Techniques” by John Harris.

June 14 – WV Hobbies & Crafts, Contest, Clinic “TBA” by TBA

Other events

Contest Passenger Cars: Members discussed their contest entries and the various methods to build them. Winner ? by ? .

Raffle ticket sales totaled \$.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Bob Weinheimer and Greg McCartney gave a clinic on operations.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Doyle, NMRA MCR Division 9 Clerk.