

NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
September 13, 2008

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at Mark Maynards's home in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

Those attending: Bob Weinheimer....., 34

Clerk Report: Minutes were seconded and approved. Cash stands at approx \$994. Minutes were approved.

Asst Super Report: Webmaster 2000 hits in the past month, this is below traffic of recent months.

Membership Chairman: Shelby was not present but it was stated that we now have 52 members

Achievement Program: Dwight Sherman has submitted for Electrical Engineer. Gary Burdette received Chief Dispatcher . Jerry Doyle received Association Volunteer Certificate.

Editor's Report The current issue will be mailed shortly. Submissions for the next issue are due the end of September. Greg also mentioned he has a tally of points through our newsletter for our members participating in the achievement program.

2010 Convention Report:

Our new clinic manager is Gary Burdette.

Budget we had a short budget meeting 9/11 with some financial projections base upon attendance of 150.

Convention Name -- No further suggestions have been made. It was decided the name would be "Coal Field Express."

Convention Car -- Mike gave some advice regarding their experience with large runs of cars. There was discussion of types of cars. A T&OC car was suggested.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Region Comments: Dick Briggs thanked us for putting on the joint meeting with three represented. The Columbus meeting 4/30-5/1. Members are still working on some prototype tours and people are busy working on their layouts.

Merlin Jarman mentioned that the Region structures are available for sale. Pittsburgh may be hosting the 2012 regional convention.

National Comments: Mike mentioned the patent challenge and its resolution. The challenge involved several firms from Korea. They were being sued by MTH, and they in turn sued several smaller firms. The NMRA acted proactively since several NMRA members had participated in the development of DCC sound. The NMRA hired an attorney specializing in patent issues. The firm has not responded and has only one avenue left. As part of the settlement with MTH, the Korean firm agreed not to sue regarding DCC sound in the future. The attorney feels we are 98% certain there will be no further action.

Mike also was asked about the all-time index that Kalmbach had maintained. For the NMRA to take this up currently would severely tax the resources as they currently exist. This issue has been given serious consideration.

Ryan Anderson was also a guest. He talked about this week's podcast that had been recorded this morning. He made some comments about the first year of the show. The show can be found at www.modelrailcast.com.

Announcements:

Future Meetings

October 11 -- Clint Foster's in Ronceverte, WV.
November 1 – St Albans or Teays Valley.

Other events

Lakota (Cincinnati) show October 25 & 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20.

The sale netted \$?

Contest Winner was .

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