

**NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
December 13, 2008**

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lin Young at 2:00 PM. Members present were Lin Young, Bob Weinheimer, Dwight Sherman, John Harris, Bill Wadsworth, Mark Maynard, Ed Keith, John Stephens, Dan Mulhearn, Jim Heilmann, Dan Gross, Dennis McGeeney, Charlie Venable, and Anthony Parrish. Also present were guests Paul Darrell Thurmond and Jim Neidlinger.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Clerk's Report

The clerk was absent so the minutes of the November meeting were unavailable. He had left word with the superintendent that the treasury contained about \$1025.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Bob Weinheimer reported that we had a good show in Bluefield. It appears we may gain a couple of new members. Thanks are in order to the NRHS chapter for their fine hospitality.

Bob also commented on the "What If" clinic he presented a while back. His home had been burglarized recently but there was nothing missing or damaged in the train rooms. This should serve as reinforcement to document household contents in order to file accurate and complete insurance claims.

In his role as Webmaster Bob noted an increase in web hits. This brought us back toward previous traffic levels after a dip over the summer.

Achievement Program Report

Bob Weinheimer reported that Dwight Sherman's Electrical certificate and Gary Burdette's Chief Dispatcher certificate have arrived. Dwight was present and received his certificate. Gary has submitted his Statement of Qualifications for Master Modeler – Motive Power.

2010 Convention Report

We need to firm up convention pricing which in turn means we need to firm up our budget. All convention managers are requested to attend a budget meeting one hour before our next division meeting. If you cannot attend, please submit a report that we can discuss.

In other convention news, Kelley Massie has agreed to be our Silent Auction Manager. Also, Ed Keith submitted some sketches for possible convention logos. Finally, please attend the Columbus convention if at all possible.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be January 10 at West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts.

Contest

The contest was Modeler's Choice.

Clinic

Dan Mulhearn presented a clinic on improving models for better operational performance.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Weinheimer, Assistant Superintendent