

NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
June 13, 2009

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

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

Those attending Bob Weinheimer, Dan Mulhern, Lin Young, Dan Gross, John Harris, Russel Miller, Tony Puccini, Darrell Thurmond, John Stephens, Ed Keith, Shelby Young, Bill Wadsworth, Bob Johnson, Jim Heilmann, Dennis McGeeney, Charlie Venable, Gary Burdette, Walter Mycoff, Ken Day, Larry Richards, Greg McCartney, Anthony Parrish, Jerry Doyle

Clerk Report: Minutes for the April meeting were taken by Dan Mulhern and unavailable for our meeting. Cash balance is approx \$1700. We have received \$1000 in revenues for the 2010 convention.

Assistant Superintendent:

National elections: Mike Brestel was re-elected as president. Bob discussed the submission of the Division 9 resurgence. Several members attended the Cincinnati Division meet and toured a number of excellent layouts.

Webmaster

3742 hits in May. The convention web page is receiving a large number of hits. About one third of the hits are coming from links from other sites.

Membership Chairman: Shelby passed out a sheet to index the skill levels of members on a number of model railroad topics. He would like to compile a database that can be drawn on for members (current and new) needing advice or mentoring.

Achievement Program: Anthony Parrish and Dan Mulhern are working on his Chief Dispatcher. A large number of structures were judged before the meeting. Larry Richards received merit level judging on six structures putting him well towards his Master Builder Structures.

Newsletter: The deadline for the next issue is July 1, articles are needed immediately the backlog of material is exhausted.

2010 Convention: We have 14 registrants thus far with another received today. The Kingpin will have an eight-page feature in January with a December 1 deadline. Thanksgiving is a realistic deadline for this. Bob reminded that members that we will be having special shirts for the 2010 convention volunteers. Bob has scheduled a number of visits promoting the convention at various NMRA division meetings. Tours are still be worked out with several coal-themed tours within a reasonable distance from Charleston. John Harris is still looking for layouts to put on our layout tours. Gary Burdette passed around a list of clinicians and discussed a number of possibilities for clinics and ancillary entertainment. Bob also discussed specific staffing issues

for the major functions. About four or five members will be needed at any one time throughout the convention.

Clinic Turnout Control and Indicators by John Harris

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Ed Keith mentioned Cowen Railroad Days at the end of July.

Future Meetings

July 11 Lin Young's House
Clinic Grafton & Greenbrier Operations

August 8 WV Hobbies & Crafts
Clinic Dan George – Pocahontas Lumber Co

September 12 Mark Maynard's
Clinic TBA

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