

NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
July 11, 2009

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at Mark Maynard's house.

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

Attendees introduced themselves, there were a number of guests from other regions.

Those attending

Clerk Report: Minutes for the June meeting were read and approved. Cash balance is approx \$2600.

Supt :

Lin received a note from someone wanting to open a mini-golf course in Ravenswood and they are looking for help installing a railroad themed course and restaurant. He also mentioned that the Grafton and Greenbrier was featured in the current TRAINS magazine.

Assistant Superintendent/Webmaster

We had 4650 hits on the page in August. About 1000 were hits on the convention registration page.

Membership Chairman:

Achievement Program: Ed presented Gary Burdette with five merit awards from the national convention. Gary has also qualified for the car certificate and scenery.

Newsletter: The newsletter is one issue behind. There is a need for editorial material. Alternate ideas have been considered since there hasn't been enough material to support a full-featured newsletter. The option of combining the meeting notice and newsletter was discussed. The demands of a more frequent newsletter are more than Greg wants to handle at this time. We are looking for someone to take over the newsletter and put it out on a monthly schedule.

2010 Convention: We have 22 registrants thus far. The pricing is in place for all convention events. As of today we have 23 room/nights reserved. We have 36 convention shirts and more can be made. Bob is visiting several divisions promoting the convention. We are working on a convention speaker, details will follow. Raffle and prize solicitations will be sent soon. On finances we will need 145 full registrations to break even. The meeting space will be \$2800 (after \$1000 subsidy from Charleston). With 200 registrations (a realistic figure) we will net \$6000 to \$7000 not including tours. In total we could make about \$10,000 if the convention is well attended.

MCR President's report. Dick Briggs reported the first all-electronic version of the Kingpin is being prepared. The budget is looking better. The electronic newsletter is a big step in that direction.

NMRA President's report. Mike expressed appreciation to Mark for hosting the meeting. The new calendar is already in production. It will be coming out earlier for 2010. Look for it in October. The budget is in better shape this year. The national convention in Milwaukee for the 75th anniversary. There is a good chance many historic displays will be featured at the convention. The DCC patent case is settled. The patent challenge was successful.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Columbus Model RR Club November ?

October 24, 25 Lakota RR Show West Chester, OH.

Second Sunday January Cincinnati meeting.

Bluefield Show November 14 and 15. We will be moving our November meeting to Bluefield.

Future Meetings

October 10, 2009 Clint Foster's Operations New River Subdivision

November 14, 2009. Pocahontas Chapter NRHS Bluefield Show

December 12, 2009 WV Hobbies and Crafts Teays Valley, WV

January 9, 2010 WV Hobbies and Crafts Teays Valley, WV

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