

**NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
February 13, 2010**

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

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Superintendent Bob Weinheimer at 2:00 PM.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Clerk Report: Minutes for the January meeting were read and approved.

Super Report: Lin was in Florida enjoying the non-snow weather.

Assistant Superintendent:

Convention Update:

Hotel bookings are doing well, we have possibly fulfilled of our commitment to the hotel, exact information was not available this week. Bob asked member planning on staying at the hotel to book very soon. Total registration is at 107 counting spouse registrations with about 90 primary registrants. Out bookings are running ahead for spouse registrations. About 60% of registrants are also signing up for the banquet as well. We will lose \$.050 per registrant but this is a very small amount. Tours are selling well, our break even is around 25 per tour. No word from Digitrax on lanyards.

Staffing – The sign up form for staffing was distributed.

Shirts – We have found a new vendor who suggested a small change to the design. Set up is \$25, shirts will be \$18-22 depending on size. We plan to sell them for \$25. Bob took orders for additional shirts.

Raffle – We are now receiving items from Rix, Micro Engineering, Microscale, Kalmach, Intermountain, for a total of 31 items thus far. Jerry Ashley is still on board for the convention, Paul Tabitt will also be working the raffle. We will need to need to make \$300 to break even. Silent Auction will be run by Kelly Massie.

Promotion – Our road show is nearly done. Bob had just returned from Cleveland. All Op Sessions are now sold out. Additional sections might be possible. One additional trip is planned.

April 10 Meeting – Will be at the Embassy Suites to work out various functions for the convention. We will have dry runs of events that will need participation. This will be April clinic. Bob suggested a raffle to offset the \$65 cost of meeting at the hotel.

John Harris discussed selling scale coal in the company store simulated by blasting grit.

Dave expressed thanks to Bob for traveling all over creation to promote our convention.

Webmaster - Traffic has increased to 9000 hits in January. The new pictures of Dave Stout's layout are a popular page.

Membership Chairman: John Harris reported the Collis P. Huntington Chapter NRHS will be having a show in April and we have been given space for a display. This is also the weekend of our April meeting. John asked for volunteers to staff the table for the entire show.

Achievement Program: Gary was presented with his Achievement Certificate for Master Builder Scenery.

Newsletter: Dan thanked Greg McCartney for his help with learning MS Publisher. There are no articles for the next issue. He needs submissions for future issues.

Nominating committee: Bill Wadsworth noted that the due date is March 13 for ballots, not the 31st as stated on the mailing.

Clinic Chair: Dan will be contacting members for clinics.

Contest: Steam Locomotive.

Clinic: .

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

The RR Prototype Modelers will meet in Philadelphia in March.

Open house 2/19 in Parkersburg.

Hawks Nest SACOM meeting in March.

Future Meetings:

March 13 WV Hobbies & Crafts

April 10 Embassy Suites. Clinic Convention Operations

May 8 WV Hobbies & Crafts

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