

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION
Minutes
June 12, 2010

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at WV Hobbies and Crafts in Winfield WV.

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

Members introduced themselves.

Division Clerk Report: Minutes from the May 10 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Jerry distributed financial statements from the convention. Overall we netted \$6,749. Overall receipts were \$22,773 and expenses were \$16,024.

Superintendent Report:

Bob handed out awards to Dan Mulhearn and Dave Stout for their outstanding service during the convention. Bob mentioned that the next Kingpin cited our convention as "a tough act to follow." The scheduling of meetings on a regular cycle was discussed. The options of meeting at other locations was discussed. Bob mentioned that an alternating schedule of Winfield and an away location would still create a need for six clinics per year. The discrepancy between the turnover of offices between the Division and the MCR was brought up. Bob suggested that we align our bylaws to reflect the Region's bylaws. The change isn't critical for time, our next election is two years away. Over half the judged awards at the convention were won by Division 9 members. This was the second year our division has taken over half of the awards.

Assistant Superintendent Report:

Gary mentioned the super's breakfast at the convention and discussion of the AP program. He mentioned the concept of value-added activities. He shared many of the positive comments he heard regarding the convention and member's layouts. The mini-clinic for today featured the recent Amtrak trip taken to Clifton Forge, Virginia by several members in the past weeks.

Webmaster: As expected activity is down following the convention. For May we had nearly 10,000 hits compared to the usual 3,000.

Achievement Program: New member Ron Blessing will be submitting paperwork for his Scenery AP Certificate. MCR President (and holder of all 11 AP certificates) Dick Briggs and MCR Contest Manager Howard Smith judged his logging module to be at merit level. Paul LaPointe brought a structure to be judged. Dave Stout's layout will be judged in the next few weeks.

Nominations Chair:

No report.

Membership Chair

No report, the chair was out of town.

“Up The Holler” Editor Report: Dan mentioned he has three pieces for the next newsletter and he could use more material. The names of Larry Richards and Ken Day were accidentally left off the newsletter as published.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Charlie Venable is recuperating and passed along his wishes.

Dave Stout mentioned the good turnout for the Sunday layout tours during the convention. A number of members expressed their positive experiences with their guests.

Gary mentioned talking to Bob Sutler and others during the convention. Conventions are excellent times to renew old acquaintances.

Next Meetings

Date: July 10

Location: Lin Young’s, Gallipolis, OH

Date: August 14

Location: West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts, Teays Valley, WV

Date: September 11

Location: Mark Maynard’s, Portsmouth, OH

Coal Division Meeting

Location: West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts, Teays Valley, WV

Date: November 13

Location: Bluefield, WV

Date: December 11

Location: West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts, Teays Valley, WV

Contest

On Line Structures

Clinic

Dan Kennedy