

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION
Minutes
December 11, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

Our December meeting was held at WV Hobbies and Crafts in Winfield, WV.

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

Division Clerk Report

Minutes – Approved as submitted in the newsletter

Treasury - Only expenditures were \$60 mileage reimbursement to Tom Dixon for the May convention.

Superintendent Report

Kalmbach has announced the revival of the model magazine index with a full update thru 2010 and a better, easier interface. They also say they will have a utility available for editors of other magazines to update the database. They will not index electronic magazines.

MCR elections are coming up, nominations close at the end of December. Talk to Nominations Manager Lin Young if you want to run for MCR office.

Kingpin with convention material and ballots should be out in January

Bob reminded members about the upcoming MCR convention in Geneva on the Lake in late April. It looks like Coal Division members are presenting 4 regular clinic and 2 short line clinics. The convention co-chairs want to come to sell us, that may be at the January meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Gary discussed the operations of having a video library in conjunction with our educational mission. He also presented mock ups of an online museum, also in conjunction with our educational mission. Specific topics such as coal mining and steel making were mentioned. The possibility of putting displays in various public libraries as some members have done in the past was mentioned.

Webmaster

Web traffic still continues at higher level than before convention, 5096 in November and 1911 through December 9. Bob asked members to send layout photos, these are the most popular pages on the site.

Who looks at our site? In declining numbers, our visitors come from the USA, Canada, England, Russia, Belarus, Germany, Greece, Poland, and the Ukraine. About half the visits cannot be categorized.

Achievement Program

Certificates have arrived for Ron Blessing (scenery), Paul Lapointe (electrical).and Dave Stout (scenery)

Nominations Chair

None

Membership Chair

John asked members to double check their membership expiration. Membership numbers are fairly stable. Prices from two companies will be solicited for name badges for members.

Raffle

None

“Up The Holler” Editor Report

Holiday schedule adjustments – input is due December 15, one week earlier than usual. Dan mentioned we need clinic volunteers for January.

Old Business

None

New Business

Lin Young mentioned the Diamond Club effort from the NMRA, the effort to digitize all images in the Kalmbach Library. The amount of \$250 was proposed, a larger sum of \$500 was also proposed. The motion to contribute \$250 passed unanimously.

Announcements

Dan passed on greetings from Clint Foster. He and his wife are both recuperating well.

Next Meetings

Date: January 8

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

Contest

Modeler's Choice

Clinic

In lieu of a formal clinic this month, Dan Kennedy is opening his layout for your visit.