

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION

April 9, 2011
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:00 at WV Hobbies & Crafts

Welcome and Introductions

Division Clerk Report

Minutes from March meeting were not available.
Treasury – balance is approx \$8450.

Superintendent's Report

Bob mentioned the mailing label donation program – this is a fund raising project for the national organization that has been very successful historically. He asked that if your circumstances permit, consider donating.

NMRA Finances – There was a surplus of \$300,000 that was not budgeted, it was a donation from the estate of a deceased member. The donation was applied to the NMRA investment account as partial replacement for the funds lost under earlier NMRA leadership.

May Coal Division Meeting

Layouts will be open at 10, lunch at 12:30 at Dave's, meeting at 2, layouts open again until 5. Both layouts are well worth a visit, both feature steel industry. Dave's also features nice city scenes, Paul's features interesting benchwork techniques. Steel modelers from Columbus are also invited in also former NMRA members from the Parkersburg area. We hope to reenlist them. Paul has thanked us for reaching out to Parkersburg so let's be there in force.

September Coal Division Meeting

This will be a joint meeting with Division 6. This time they are not our guests, it is their meeting as well. Bob Lee (Supt. Div 6) and Bob Weinheimer will work out some sort of agenda that lets both groups see how the other does things. Bob asked for ideas for this meeting. Issues of cost allocation and swap meet profits are to be determined.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Gary mentioned Paul Lapointe's use of mirrors on his layout. He also discussed the educational efforts. He showed some literature from Walther's and some of his own how-to modeling materials.

Webmaster

March traffic was down a bit from recent months. We can expect an upturn based on comments in NMRA Magazine about our newsletter articles

Achievement Program

Presentation of Association Volunteer certificate to Gary Burdette
Bob mentioned the need to keep documentation, let us know if you need help.

Nominations Chair

No report

Membership Chair

John thanked the members who helped man the table at the Dunbar show. Having the Railpass and old issues of *Scale Rails* is helpful during these kinds of events. We have one strong prospect from this show. John asked members to submit their reasons for joining the NMRA. He would like to use these for future recruiting efforts.

Raffle

No action or report.

“Up The Holler” Editor Report

Dan asked for materials for future issues. Two articles from recent issues of *Up The Holler* were mentioned in Division Business Car column in *Scale Rails*.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Nathan Robinette mentioned the Hocking Valley will be operating Easter trains.

Bob asked for clinic volunteers for future meetings.

Next Meetings

April 28 – May 1 Geneva, OH MCR Convention

May 14 Parkersburg, WV at Dave Stout’s home, Paul’s layout also open.

June 11 West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts

Contest – Passenger Cars

Clinic – Gary Burdette *C&O Coal Docks*