

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
The Coal Division
Teays Valley, West Virginia
April 14, 2012

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by superintendent Bob Weinheimer. Bob welcomed the attendees and greeted a visitor to the meeting.

DIVISION CLERK REPORT: In the absence of the Division Clerk there was no treasurer's report. On a motion by John Harris, seconded and passed the minutes of the February and March 2012 business meetings as published in **Up The Holler** were approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Bob updated the members on the illnesses of Gary Burdette and David Robinette and provided a recap of our activities at the recent Dunbar Train Show. Bob discussed the upcoming June combined meeting to be held at Marion, OH. He expressed the hope that as many members as possible would make the trip. Marion Union Station with its busy mainlines will be the venue and the host Division is providing lunch. Mention was also made of the upcoming MCR Convention at Pittsburgh and Bob was gratified to see a number of members are planning to attend. A discussion regarding the purchase of a computer projector was initiated by Bob.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Due to Gary's illness he was unable to attend.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM: Bob Weinheimer reported on the considerable recent AP activity. David Robinette's structures and electrical certificates have been approved. Dan Kennedy has submitted his scenery certificate, completed the work for his structures certificate and is getting close to finished on his car certificate work. Charlie Venable had the scenery on his HO modules judged at a merit level at the Dunbar Train Show and will be submitting the paperwork for his scenery certificate. Bob pointed out that his modules have almost everything needed for an electrical certificate. Dan Mulhearn's author and Clint Foster's scenery certificates have been approved at the National level.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR: Always looking for input and feedback.

CLINIC CHAIR: Dan M pointed out that clinicians are needed for the Division meetings. Paul LaPointe offered to provide a clinic for our August meeting.

NOMINATIONS CHAIR: Bill Wadsworth had nothing to report and thanked everyone for their participation in the recent Division election.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: John Harris gave a brief report on the Dunbar show and thanked the members who assisted in staffing our Division table. John then discussed how to better inform the public about what it is we as the NMRA do. He brought up the idea of a professional grade display backdrop for our use at shows. In line with that John is requesting photos from members of equipment, scenery and layouts.

MINI-CLINIC: Tony Puccini was going to display to the members some of the fleas he had used to create N gauge mountain goats; as discussed in his article in the April **UTH**. However, someone had removed the lid from the medicine bottle which he was using as a flea carrying case. Tony asked that if anyone found any of his fleas they please return them.

TRAVELS WITH DENNIS: In the absence of Dennis McGeeney, Bob W discussed the upcoming Potomac Eagle excursion. Members were reminded that the last day to sign up and pay would be May 12.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None brought up

CONTEST: Larry Richard's 1922 Mack railbus built from a styrene kit won

CLINIC: Dan Mulhearn presented a photo show on the former Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.

RAFFLE: Paul LaPointe conducted another successful raffle just prior to the clinic.

Respectfully submitted; Dan Mulhearn, Acting Division Clerk