

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
The Coal Division
Minutes of Business Meeting; August 10,2013

Welcome & Introduction; Supt. Bob Weinheimer called the meeting to order at 2:02PM at the C&O Depot, St. Albans, WV. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Division Clerk Report:

Minutes; On a motion by John Harris, seconded and approved the minutes of the business meeting of July 13, 2013 were accepted as printed in *UTH*.

Treasurer; in the absence of the Division Clerk no report was submitted

Superintendent Report:

Bob gave a recap of his experience at the recent NMRA National Convention at Atlanta. Everyone was urged to get on board with the 2014 Cleveland convention and encouraged to submit a model to the contest. Bob spoke about Dwight Sherman's upcoming model RR sale and encouraged participation. It was noted that the MCR Board of Directors will be meeting in Columbus, OH on Sunday, Oct. 6 and all members are welcome to attend. All those who stayed after last month's meeting to help clean up were thanked by Bob and Tony P.

Asst. Superintendent Report:

Gary reported that David Robinette is still struggling with his illness; but holding steady. An idea on "make and take" clinics for children presented at Atlanta was encouraged by Gary. Ideas for the depot were brought up including: adopt a wall, time and money considerations, priorities, storage room and bookshelves. Gary also discussed possible Christmas decorations and events as well as the possibility of an art show or play at the depot to get the community aware of what we are about.

Membership Chair:

John Harris reports we currently have 58 members. John is working on a smaller version of our Division banner for display at the depot and other venues.

Achievement Program:

Larry Richards earned 106 points for his scratch built bridge model.

Newsletter/Clinic Chair;

Dan reports input always welcome for the newsletter. Bob W. reported that due to printing problems with the few members who get a hard copy in the mail; he was reverting to printing it in black and white. He noted that those wishing to see the photos or other color features could access our website at a public library.

Dan noted that clinics are needed. We currently have clinics scheduled for October, November and December

Travels with Dennis:

Next June's big outing will be on the Western Maryland Scenic RR at Cumberland, MD. Dennis has already begun making arrangements.

Old/New Business: none

Announcements:

Bob W. showed a photo he took of the Amtrak Cardinal leaving Charleston e/b with vintage cars from the California Zephyr bringing up the rear.

Next Meetings:

September 14; Mark Maynard's Portsmouth OH

October 12; St. Albans C&O depot

November 9; Bluefield WV train show

December 14; St. Albans C&O depot

Adjourn business meeting:

On a motion by Dennis McGeeny, seconded and passed; meeting adjourned at 2:49PM

Contest: Dioramas

Larry Richardson took first and second place for his outstanding entries.

Clinic;

Dan M. gave a brief talk on his recent visit to the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Ohio.