

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION
November 9 2013 Meeting Minutes
Bluefield, WV

Superintendent Bob Weinheimer called the meeting to order welcoming visitor Tom Hawkin from the Mid Eastern Region.

Tony Puccini moved to approve the previous meeting minutes as posted in the recent newsletter. Bill Wadsworth seconded it.

Kelley Massey, President of the Pocahontas Chapter of the National Historical Railroad Association, welcomed us to their 25th Annual Show.

On a sad note, Kelley announced the passing of NRHS Pocahontas Chapter Member and Division 9 Member, Charlie Venerable earlier in the morning. Thoughts and prayers were expressed for his family and Charlie's widow, Brenda. Charlie was recognized for his contribution to the Bluefield Show and his friendship to all fellow model railroaders.

Bob thanked Kelley and the Bluefield Show organizers for their hospitality. Bob also announced that Herb Parsons brother had also recently passed away.

In news from NMRA Headquarters, the Headquarters building had recently been sold. The facility constructed in 1983 was deemed to be expendable after the merger with the San Diego Museum and the relocation of the archives to the new facility in San Diego. The Tennessee Museum bought the old headquarters building. Additional information is included on the NMRA Website.

Bob announced that a video of Mark Maynard's layout in Portsmouth, Ohio has been posted on YouTube. Additionally, the recently published Walthers Catalog features photographs of Paul Lapointe's layout in Parkersburg.

The latest King Pin issue should be available soon. As editor, Bob has been working to get it published and available as soon as possible.

As the Mid Central Region will be hosting the National Convention, there will be no Mid Central Region Convention in 2014. Bob welcomed all members to attend the Board of Directors Meeting of the Mid Central Region. A joint Division 9 and Division 6 meeting will be held the 2nd Saturday in June.

Our "Steel is King" day has been moved from the 2nd Saturday in May to the 1st Saturday to avoid conflict with Mother's Day.

Assistant Superintendent Gary Burdette presented report on the C&O Depot and is preparing a handout "What can we do" to help foster the friendship with the stakeholders at the Depot. Gary reported that the New River train turnout went well and continues to provide educational opportunities. In a tongue in cheek moment, he noted that wearing a C&O uniform seemed to provide a "chick magnet" opportunity. He acknowledged, however, his wife was not impressed.

Bob Weinheimer reported on achievement and noted that nothing is new in the way of certificates to present; however, noted that Bob Osburn was close to making a submission and Paul Lapointe was working on documentation for scenery.

Newsletter Chairman was unavailable; however it was noted that Dennis McGeeney is presently working on an article for perhaps the next newsletter.

Clinics for the near future are yet to be announced; however, Gary is working on a what to do with the C&O St. Albans station and Paul Lapointe is projected to be the presenter for the December meeting.

John Harris reported membership numbers are down slightly and acknowledged that several memberships had recently expired. John was contacting each privately to remind them of their status. John also announced he had received two (2) requests for name tags and would be providing temporary badges prior to placing an order. Anyone else needing

additional name tags were to contact John as soon as possible so as to not hold up order.

Bob announced that last month's raffle brought in \$36. There would be no raffle this month due to the show; however, next month's raffle will continue at the Depot. Members were encouraged to consider buying items at the Bluefield Show and donating them for future raffles.

Nominating Chairman Bill Wadsworth noted that he is presently putting together a slate of interested parties to serve for the two (2) elected positions presently set to expire. Nominations for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent should be forwarded to Bill. Bill anticipates preparing ballots for the January meeting.

Old Business: No old business needed to be addressed.

New Business: No new business items were noted.

Announcements:

Next meeting scheduled for St. Albans Depot on 12/14/13.

The contest for next month will be modeler's choice.

With no further business, Bill Wadsworth made motion for adjournment with Tony Puccini seconding.

Following the meeting, modelers providing entries for the contest presented their submission.

- Gary Burdette provided a kit bashed Jeep.
- Paul Lapointe presented a model of a tractor.
- Larry Richards provided a model of three (3) modified Model T kits as well as a Mac Truck and Trailer Combination. Voting was close but Larry Richards' Tractor Trailer won the contest by a one vote margin.

Minutes respectfully presented by John Harris, on behalf of the Division Clerk.