

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
***THE COAL DIVISION***  
**St Albans Depot St Albans, WV**  
**December 14, 2013**  
**Minutes**

Meeting Called to order at 2:00

**Superintendent Report**

Clinic change, Paul's clinic will be presented early next year. Kingpin issued November 15. It was emailed to all members with an email address on file with NMRA national. Some members received it via snail mail. Some received it via both ways. The NMRA is conducting a fund raising effort to raise the \$200,000 needed to complete the museum in Sacramento. This works out to about \$10 per member. The national headquarters has moved to a rented space in Chattanooga. The former HQ is being sold to the Tennessee Valley RR Museum.

**Division Clerk Report**

Treasury balance is currently \$8,534.57  
The proceeds from the raffle were \$24.  
Tee Shirt proceeds \$2.

**Assistant Superintendent Report**

Gary thanked those who helped with the Christmas tree in the depot. He mentioned an article on Luxor prefabricated homes. He also mentioned a potential source for grant money to help in the restoration of the depot. Still no word on when work will begin on the depot repairs. We have an estimate of \$800 for two custom-made windows. We also have books and other items for check out. Gary had materials for potential BSA activities. Dennis McGeeney presented a small sign for Division 9. Gary showed a sign he is working on showing the different agent stamps used in the depot. He mentioned continued activities for the educational mission using our website.

**Nominations Chair**

Bill Wadsworth mentioned the upcoming elections and encouraged people to participate. Nominations need to be made by the January meeting or can be made from the floor at the following meeting. Bob Weinheimer also mentioned the duties involved for the Super and Assistant Super.

**Membership Chair**

John mentioned a new member from Barboursville. Currently we are at 50 members with several members recently lapsed. Bob W. mentioned two members in the Elkins area. We are exploring the potential for a meeting in Elkins.

**Achievement Program**

Dan Kennedy was presented a certificate for Master Builder Structures which he earned in early 2013.

**Newsletter Chair**

Bob mentioned the change from color to black and white. Nathan Robinette thanked Gary for his tribute to his father.

**Raffle**

Bob handled the raffle today.

### **Clinic Chair**

Today's clinic was changed to one about EMD Geeps by Jerry Doyle.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

We discussed starting a library based on Lin Young's magazine collection to be housed at the depot. Bob Osborn mentioned additional information about his recent clinic about using servos for switch machines.

### **Announcements**

Matt Crouch mentioned the recent passing of Swipe Brooks. Swipe was always willing to share his knowledge about Keeny's Creek and the New River.

The Polar Express will be read and Santa Claus will be at the depot on Monday December 16.

The O gauge depot in the baggage room has found a home and will be moved soon. This will free the space for an educational display.

Matt also showed a box for volunteers to document their time working on the depot. This information is useful when applying for grants.

Nathan Robinette thanked everyone for their support after the passing of his father, David Robinette.

### **Future Meetings**

January 11 St. Albans Depot

February 8 St. Albans Depot

March 8 St. Albans Depot

Meeting adjourned 2:45

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

### **Post Meeting Activities:**

#### **Contest**

Dale Osburn won the Modeler's Choice contest but escaped before we could photograph it! He had done a great job of modifying a craftman structure kit.

#### **Clinic**

Jerry Doyle tells us all we ever wanted to know about EMD GP7s and GP9s.