

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
***THE COAL DIVISION***  
Charleston Amtrak Depot Charleston, WV  
March 8, 2014  
Minutes

Called to order at 2:03 PM by Bob W.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Bob introduced guest David Oliverio and the members introduced themselves.

**Division Clerk Report:** Jerry unable to attend. On a motion by John Harris, seconded and approved; the minutes of the February meeting as published were accepted. Bob reports a checking balance of \$8675.25 with last months from raffle and shirt sales at \$67.06 and expenditures of \$41.22.

**Superintendent Report:** Bob thanked Matt Crouch for his hospitality in allowing us to meet at the Amtrak Station. Bob discussed items in the latest NMRA E bulletin, particularly the discussion over taping clinics at NMRA functions. It was announced that Kansas City would be the venue for the 2018 NMRA National. There was a discussion of the format for future EduTrain pre packaged clinics.

**Nominating Committee;** Bill Wadsworth announced that 66% of members had returned their ballots. Election results were; Gary J Burdette MMR, Superintendent and Dan Mulhearn, Asst. Superintendent.

**Asst. Superintendent Report:** Gary reported that the EduTrain discussion is coming together among those involved. Gary led a discussion on future monthly secondary theme based contests. There would be no points involved and it might become a sort of show and tell type event. Projects in progress would be welcome. Gary suggested designating the St. Albans Depot as our official home. Gary presented a mockup of a display promoting the Division and the hobby which could be placed in various public venues. The possibility of reproducible posters was suggested and will be looked into by the Education Committee.

**Newsletter Chair:** Dan reports always looking for input and feedback on our publication; including new products reviews.

**Clinic Chair:** Dan reports clinics are needed for upcoming meetings.

**Membership Chair:** John reports that he will be looking for volunteers to staff our table at the upcoming Dunbar Train show.

**Raffle Chair:** Paul reports he has six items for this months raffle. He is always looking for items from members.

**Old Business:** Bill Wadsworth reports work is ongoing on by law changes. These will be presented for approval in the future.

**Announcements:** The C&O Modelers Meet at Hawk's Nest will commence on March 28. Former member Joe Felice's layout can be found on You Tube by googling him. The classic streamliner locomotive exhibit will be at the North Carolina Transportation Museum from May 29 to June 1

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Nathan Robinette, seconded and approved the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM.

**Contest; Steam Locomotives:** Gary Burdette submitted a super detailed C&O G-7 Consolidation and Larry Richards entered a super detailed Mehano 4-8-2 with a Rivarossi tender. First prize went to Gary

**Clinic:** The clinic was members photos of depots and stations.