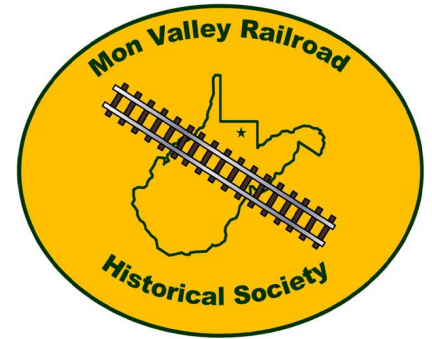


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

April, 2021



EDITORS NOTE

Spring is here and we are once again "Open for Business", sort of. The move to our new location is complete, however, much work lies ahead. The electrical upgrade has been completed but the plumbing is still to come and we have a lot of cleaning to be completed. I want to personally thank every member that has helped out so far, however, there is more work to be done.

The Officers have approved starting up regular Thursday night work sessions. A workbench will soon be under construction along with shelving in the back room. Once these two objectives are completed it will be easier and faster to put things away.

The Modular layout is up in the front room and needs a lot of work to make it ready for display at the April 10th & 11th exhibit. Please come and help if you can. We will also need workers for the exhibit on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and on Sunday from 1pm til 4pm.

Our public will no doubt have many questions and will want to hear of our plans. Everyone, just be your old charming selves, talk about railroading, modeling, trains in general, etc. and please encourage visitors to donate. Your enthusiasm will carry the day!
Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor

Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Business Meeting

The March 4th 2021 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 1900 (7pm) with 5 officers and 7 members and 4 membership applicants present. A motion was made by Rich and a second by Mike to have the February 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved with amendments. The motion was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed report was given by Keith DeVault. The society continues to meet our financial obligations. Greg made a motion to accept with a second by Ken. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: Mike reported that the modules need to be locked together and repairs made. He suggested we keep the modules up to avoid breakage and reduce the need for repairs. Presently the modules occupy space earmarked for the O Gauge/Scale project. Mike suggested we strip the modules and make them available for the O Gauge/scale layout. Rich responded that we keep the modules up and make any needed repairs in preparation for exhibition in April which is scheduled well before start of construction for O Gauge/scale.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**April 1, 2021
Business Meeting**

**April 10 & 11, 2021
Spring Model Railroad
Exhibit
Workers Needed!**

**May 6, 2021
Business Meeting**

**June 3, 2021
Business Meeting**

**July 1, 2021
Business Meeting**

**August 5, 2021
Business Meeting**



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Discussion on the subject is to continue over the next few months. Gary made a motion the item be "Tabled" to a later date. Keith offered his second to the motion.

Main Layout: There is no main layout at the present time. Keith explained that much has to be considered before a decision is made on a Track Plan. Mike has conducted some research on the subject of how to proceed with planning. He will share his findings with the membership.

Publicity: Rich has a flyer ready for the April Exhibition. Press releases and PSAs are ready for delivery. He is in the process of gathering supplies to accomplish a mailing to the appropriate media. FaceBook is still up and running. Pictures of the move have yielded \$135.00 in donations. The Special Fund Raiser has surpassed \$500 with the goal of reaching \$1,000 or better by April 30 of 2021.

Ad Cars: No renewals as of the day of the March Business Meeting.

Membership: All members have renewed except for one. Rich announced that we had a former member and four new applicants for membership. Keith made a motion the society sponsor and accept all five into the membership. Mike offered a second. A single vote was cast by the society to induct all five applicants.

A **BIG** Welcome to our five newest members! Jon Hebb, Bob Gay, Robert Tokarcik, Chris Tokarcik & Andrew Tokarcik.

Donations: Keith reported on the "Matching Funds" grant from BB&T. A check for the full amount was sent in. To accommodate and comply with the details and

restrictions of the grant Keith and Janet personally donated the money to be matched by grant.

Old Business: The move from Pleasant Street to the present locations was completed.

New Business: We have a new water meter. Keith reported having received 3 bids from plumbers, one of which was recommended by MUB. All quotes were structured around time and materials. Mike made a motion which was seconded by Eric to move forward with the selection of a plumber. Voted on and approved. Rich requested that research and cost analysis be conducted on Point of Use "In Line" water heaters. Keith made a motion that the cost of truck rental for moving day be reimbursed. Rich offered a second. The motion was voted on and approved. Keith made a motion for the cost of ceiling tiles be reimbursed by the society. Mike seconded the motion, which was passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Discussion about carpet cleaning took place with no significant outcome. Mike voiced concern over decision making, for example, the O Gauge/scale layout and other future initiatives. More discussion ensued regarding specifics and restrictions while building layouts. Keith announced that we had a surprise visit from the Mall Management who offered to donate two display cases. They also suggested additional events or Open Houses were available. Keith suggested we give thought about our need to upgrade and integrate a new DCC system. Cost and practicality being just two of the factors to consider. **NCE** was

suggested as a possible replacement. Mike spoke on the topic of the society website. He has agreed to work with Eric and pursue a transition and transfer of responsibility. He has been and continues to seek the opinions of other society members. Mike will work with John Hebb who has technical experience as they seek to present a website that is both professional and economic. John Hebb has looked into and purchased the domain for MVRRHHS. Chris brought up the need to be more visible and available by starting up a Youtube channel. He expressed the present need to create and post video tours of our new location and building progress.

The meeting was adjourned by President Lou Lemelle at 2005 (8:05pm)

Greg Malnikoff
Secretary, MVRRHHS



ARTICLES WANTED

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.

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