

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

August, 2021



EDITORS NOTE

August is Here! And there are less than 30 days til our Back to School Model Railroad Exhibit on the 28th & 29th. We will need every members help to make this event a success. The modular layout will again be setup in the Mall's Center Court and we will have our facility open to the public. We need people to start cleaning things up, putting away boxes, setting up the White elephant tables with all the donated items we are selling to raise funds for our new layouts.

Hopefully we will have an approved HO scale track plan to vote on at the business meeting and construction can get started right away, however, this will mean that we must work extra hard to keep our clubhouse looking clean, organized and nice for the public. Our fans will allow for some clutter but they also have high expectations for our group. Let's not disappoint them! If you are thinking of helping out please do so and wear either you blue society polo shirt or yellow T-shirt. If you are a new member try to wear something that has a railroad theme.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the July 1, 2021 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Ken Colvin with three officers and nine members present. Ken asked about President, Lou Lemelle's health? No one had an update. Ken said he would contact Lou or his wife to get an update.

A motion was made by Mike Hohn to approve the minutes of the June meeting, Second by Rich Henderson, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith gave us a detailed accounting of our finances. We are in the Black. Motion by Rich to approve, Second by Bob Gay, Approved.

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: HO layout committee report by Gary Deavers. Double track on mainline, single track on top with staging yards on either end. Junction scenes to go from lower level to upper level. Possibly a Tannery, Pulpwood or other industry on the branch line - think Western Maryland. Room to marshal coal. Mike Hohn added, there will probably be three coal mines on the upper level, more Rural on top.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**August 5, 2021
Business Meeting**

**Model Railroad
Display
August 28 & 29, 2021
Center Court
*Workers Needed!***

**September 2, 2021
Business Meeting**

**October 7, 2021
Business Meeting**

**November 4, 2021
Business Meeting**

**December 2, 2021
Business Meeting**



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Hopefully the plan will be approved at the August business meeting so construction can begin.

Publicity: Rich reported that the facebook page continues to grow with 885 "Likes" and 939 people "Following" our page. We had a couple of donations and those will be paid to us soon.

Ad Cars: Eric Hopkins reported that REA- Heath Lemley paid, along with Brockway Auto. Rich and Eric asked that Tanner's Alley be considered paid as they gave a donation thru facebook. Approved. We now have ten Ad cars paid. Rich showed off the newest cars for Gray, Griffith & Mays - CPA's and for WVU Dental.

Membership: We are losing one of our newest members, Chris McLane. He is moving to Florida. We wish him well.

Donations: Chris McLane donated a Lionel "O" gauge 4-4-2 steamer with Pennsy tender. Facebook donations from Charlie McEuwen and Brian Hedrick.

Old Business: The Mall management wants the one window where we removed the "Blackout" paint repainted. Rich expressed an idea to clean the windows and place "Frosted" cling vinyl with railroad heralds in each window. Keith said the mall won't allow this at this time. Keith & Mike will repaint the window black with materials provided by the Mall.

New Business: Bob Gay suggested we do some kind of slide show or presentation of Member's layouts at Open Houses. This is to give our visitor's a better idea of what model railroading is all about. He volunteered to come to members homes and take the pictures. It could be setup on a laptop and

shown on a bigger screen. Also, he suggested we make a small display to show the three different scales "O" gauge, HO & N scale, this could be on a small wood or foam board and would help visitor's visualize the differences in sizes.

Rich said at the recent Marx convention at the Kruger St. Toy & Train museum he had a conversation with the owners. They are giving presentations at local Wheeling & Ohio malls on different topics and would like to come down when we have our next open house. Keith made a motion to approve and Rich Seconded, approved. Rich will contact the museum and try to set it up.

Dave Edwards said he could possibly get us a 42in. Flatscreen TV to show VCR tapes & DVD's. Keith made the motion, Dave seconded, Approved.

For the Good of the Order: Frank said the NMRA Division 2 will have a display of T-track (N scale) and Free-Mo (HO Scale) at the upcoming Greenberg show in Monroeville, PA. Eric Hopkins said that the S scale group will also be there.

Mike Hohn said that RMC magazine has several good articles on the B&O and WM on a big layout in the July issue. It has a nice track plan with high & low levels.

Keith informed us that Denzil Riley is having a work session on Wed. July 7th from 1pm to 4 or 5pm. He needs help getting his railroad back up and running. Also, Frank Coats is having an operation session on July 9th with room for 4 or 5 members to join in.

Dave Edwards said that Trains magazine has some good articles on Rails & operations for displays.

Ken Colvin said that due to a flood in his basement he is thinning out books and donating them to us to sell and to Animal Friends Thrift shop.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Rich Henderson and seconded by many.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm

Minutes taken by Rich Henderson for

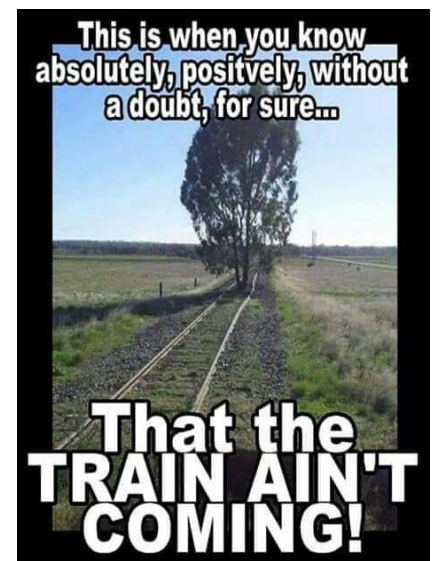
Greg Malnikoff
Secretary, MVRRHS



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

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