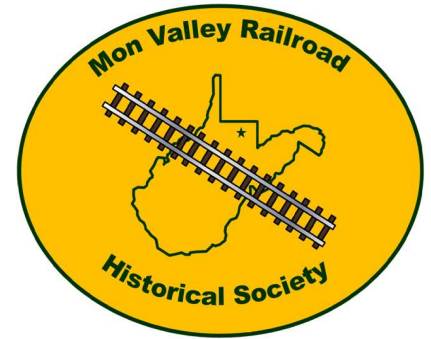


# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

## **MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

### **November, 2021**



#### ***EDITORS NOTE***

The Alzheimer's Walk Open House is over. We had many visitors coming through the doors checking us out. The Mall was more crowded than it has been in years! It was a good feeling to see people out enjoying themselves and working together for a good cause.

Now we need to come together for another good cause, the building of a new HO scale layout. During the October business meeting the membership approved the purchase of the lumber and other materials to start construction. Keith DeVault as our Treasurer has been given the authority to negotiate with the different lumber places to get the best price. Once we have our materials we will need the help of members to unload it, move it and begin construction.

Our next event will be the National Model Railroad Month Open House on Saturday, November 13, 2021. This one day from 10am til 4pm replaces our three (almost four) day Mountaineer Week event. No need to take apart/move modules, just come in, open the doors, turn on the lights and turn on the trains! WOW! It is just that simple, what a relief.

Hope to see you soon.

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



#### ***Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Business Meeting***

The October 7th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ken Colvin at 1900 (7pm) with 4 officers and 8 members present. A motion was made by Frank Benders and a second by Rich Henderson to have the September, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Keith DeVault made his report. The society remains financially stable and healthy. Rich Henderson made a motion to accept with a second by Frank Benders. Motion voted on and approved.

**Modules:** Some stalling has been reported on the inside track especially the turns. Rich and Keith offered discussion about the conversion of the modules from HO to O Gauge. The discussion included concerns about having a functioning layout until the new HO layout is able to run a train for events. Keith made a motion with a second from Rich to dismantle the HO modular layout and re-establish it as O gauge with work not to commence until after the Christmas Holiday Open House. The motion was voted on and approved.

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#### ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**November 4, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**November 13, 2021  
National Model Railroad  
Month Open House  
10am til 4pm**

*Workers Needed!*

**December 2, 2021  
Business Meeting**

**December 18 & 19, 2021  
Holiday Open House**

*Workers Needed!*

**January 6, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**February 3, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**March 3, 2022  
Business Meeting**



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**Publicity:** Facebook had 933 likes, 990 following. The HO track plan had 525 likes, 142 engagements, and 4 comments. Over 5300 people viewed the pictures of the Autism visit.

**Ad Cars:** No new updates to report.

**Membership:** Denzel Riley (former member) submitted application. Keith made a motion to approve Denzel's application and Gary gave his second. Motion voted on and approved. Welcome aboard Denny!

**Donations:** Denny Riley (new member) made a donation.

**Old Business:** It was reported that the Autistic youngsters, staff, and family all seemed to very much enjoy their visit with us.

John Perry from Operation Life Saver put Rich in contact with Kester Roth for the Operation Life Saver coloring books.

**New Business:** Rich made the membership aware that the O gauge plan is available for "study and inspection."

Dave mentioned that The Mall needed to acquire a working cash box for the coin operated Railroad.

**Main Layout:** Keith presented a list of lumber needs as a ballpark number of what we need to get construction under way. He requested everyone submit their needs so he can pursue pricing which might improve based on volume.

Rich made a motion we allow Keith to make purchases for the start of construction for both the HO and O layouts. The authorized dollar amount not to exceed \$2400.00.

Dave gave a second and motion was approved by vote.

At the September Division II

meeting Frank wants to volunteer our club to host the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of March of 2022. The date would be 03/20/2022. Keith made a motion we host the meeting. Frank seconded the motion which was approved by vote.

**For the Good of the Order:** Ken Colvin brought sample and shared Lionel Double "0" gauge trains. These items were intended as static display trains. Thanks for sharing, Ken.

Rich made a motion to adjourn, to which Gary offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1948 (7:48pm)

**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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