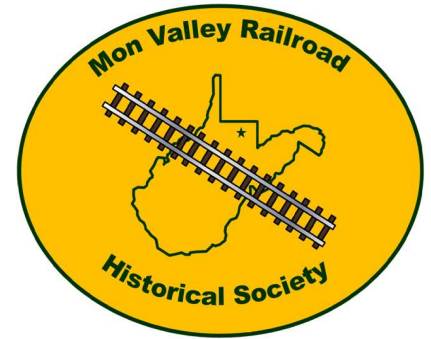


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MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

February, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

Members are getting together on Monday & Wednesday mornings around 9am to work on the HO & O gauge/scale layouts and we need your help. ALL members are welcome to come and help build our model railroads, after all, they are for ALL of us. Join us in the Fun Work! Call and/or email Keith to see what days members will be at the Society's clubhouse to work. You may want to bring a pair of work gloves with you.

Our next public get together will be on March 20th, 2022, the NMRA Division 2 meeting. ALL MVRHRS members are welcome to attend.

The Spring Open House has been set for April 2nd & 3rd, 2022. We will be open to the public for two days and will need all the help members can muster. Open Houses have become very popular. These events are getting our society noticed by the people of Morgantown. Visitors from the Holiday Open House that return will be looking forward to seeing our progress and I, for one don't want them to be disappointed.

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the January 13, 2022 Business Meeting

The January 13th, 2022 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:03pm with 4 officers and 9 members present. A motion was made by Rich Henderson and a second by Ken Colvin to have the December, 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 Mike Hohn. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: Four modules are on display, the rest are in storage.

Publicity: Rich Henderson reported the Holiday Open House was well received, people were lined up at the door to get in. Facebook page is doing well, we reached 12,572 people, had 1,770 Post engagements, we are up to 1,002 Page Likes and 1,062 Page Follows.

Ad Cars: No changes, Eric Hopkins is sending out renewals soon.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**February 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**March 3, 2022
Business Meeting**

**March 20, 2022
NMRA Div. 2 meeting**
All Members are Welcome

**April 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**April 2 & 3
Spring Open House**
Workers Needed!

**May 5, 2022
Business Meeting**

**June 2, 2022
Business Meeting**



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Membership: No changes, 37 members.

Donations: Rich Henderson donated The Woodland Scenic's foam risers, "O" gauge track bed & MTH z4000 transformer for the "O" gauge layout. Jon Hebb donated a brand new First Aide kit. Richard Turton donated 20 turnouts for the HO scale layout.

Old Business: Mike Hohn suggested we place the HO, O and N scale Layouts discussion under Old Business as these are informing the membership of what we have already finished.

HO Layout - Mike and members of the HO scale group have set a goal to build three uprights each over the next 6 to 8 work sessions. A goal to build to the Coal marshaling line by March 20th! He said we can always use more help. Painting of the legs in black helps to make them disappear. Supplies needed - an additional \$1,200 for plywood and other supplies, also a truck to transport materials. Mike made a motion for \$1,500, Ken Colvin made the second. Approved. Mike also added that he has started a notebook for reference for wiring, dimensions, etc. so we know what to use every time.

O gauge Layout- Rich Henderson showed members the Woodland Scenics items and transformer he donated, also the Lionel illuminated dead end siding bumpers. Rich made a motion for \$2,200 to pay for the "O" gauge Gargraves track, Ross Custom Switches (turnouts in HO), and other items needed for the track plan. Ken Colvin & Bob Gay made the second. Approved.

N scale- Nothing on this layout for now.

Ken Colvin will be teaching a special OLLI class on basic Model Railroading for WVU on Saturday, January, 22, 2022. After the class they will be touring our facility and are allowed to bring a visitor with them. The tour will start at 11am. Members will be needed.

Dave Edwards reported that all the valance lighting in the HO room has been replaced with new LED bulbs. He asked that a special "Thank You" be given to Bill Hudak and his wife, Deb for helping to complete the work quickly. All but 5 bulbs have also been replaced in the O gauge room & in the lobby/entrance area. These are all Direct wiring, NO ballasts. Dave said the LED bulbs that were earlier donated by Jon Hebb will go to the work shop lighting.

Four of the old HO modules have been set up in the back along the mirror wall and have the Ad car train & our passenger train on the tracks for display.

New Business: Rich Henderson said we needed to set the dates for the Spring Open House. Two choices were given, April 2 & 3 or April 23 & 24. Many conflicts came from members for the latter dates. He motioned to approve April 2 & 3, 2022 as the dates for the Spring Open House. Second by Lou Lemelle. Approved. Keith asked that we approve for the electrician to come back, give us an estimate and fix the outlets in both rooms that have stopped working. It should only take 1 or 2 hours. Keith made the motion, second by Ken Colvin, Approved.

Keith made a motion that we make John Bennett from Johnstown, PA an Honorary Member for One year, 2022. He donated \$500 to the society and has been down to help us work on the HO layout several times. Ken Colvin seconded. Approved

Keith said Menards is having a 15% off sale that ends on January 15 and he would go and pick up small items we need that will fit in the paper grocery sack Menards has provided. Motion by Keith, second by Ken Colvin. Approved

The BOD members need to set a date in January to have a Board meeting to set the budget, discuss goals, etc. for the membership to approve in February. Members will be notified by email of when the meeting will take place.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing

Motion to adjourn by Rich Henderson, many seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes taken by Rich Henderson in the absence of Secretary, Greg Malnikoff.



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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