

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

March, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

Spring is on the way and I can't wait for warmer weather and longer days! Members are getting together on Monday & Wednesday mornings around 9am to work on the HO & O gauge/scale layouts. We have also scheduled some Saturday work sessions for members that are working jobs. ALL members are welcome to come and help build our model railroads. Join us in the Fun Work! You may want to bring a pair of work gloves with you.

The NMRA Division 2 meeting is on March 20th, 2022. 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 we can get. Please set aside some time for us.

By now every member has a copy of the "Budget", please look it over and bring a copy to the meeting. We must vote to approve the budget for the year!

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the February 3, 2022 Business Meeting

The February 3rd, 2022 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 1901 (7:01pm) with 4 officers and 8 members present. A motion was made by Rich Henderson and a second by Richard Turton to have the January, 2022 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 Dave Edwards. Motion voted on and approved.

Publicity: Rich Henderson reported as of 2/2/22 Facebook had reached 4332 people with 1021 likes and 1081 following.

Ad Cars: No new cars to report. Eric reported that renewal applications would go out 2/4/22. There was discussion about the feasibility of making the Ad Cars in O scale. It was pointed out that HO is much more cost effective. A suggestion was a static display of the Ad Cars then run them on the Main Layout for Open Houses and Special Events.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**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**

**July 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**August 4, 2022
Business Meeting**



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We were reminded of the difficulty of housekeeping issues and keeping track of the cars when placed on the Main Layout.

The Main was not intended to be used for display or operating the Ad Cars. More discussion is needed on this issue.

Membership: Ken Colvin and Keith DeVault received an application from Roger Dalton who requested Associate Membership. Keith motioned the application be approved. Rich Henderson offered a second to the motion that was voted on and approved.

Donations: Mike Hohn received a check for a \$50 while Ken Colvin received a box of HO scale trains.

Old Business: The Board of Directors met twice. During the first meeting the board met to discuss and approve the rent increase as required to continue our lease. During the second (regular) meeting both the yearly goals and budget were finalized. Minutes of the regular BOD meeting will be in the next newsletter.

LAYOUTS

HO Layout - Mike Hohn updated the membership on the to date progress made on the Main Layout. More primer needs to be added before the blue for the sky, then track laying can begin. Mike stated that Monday and Wednesday work sessions would continue throughout the month of February with an occasional Saturday. February 12 from 9a till noon is a work session that is an opportunity for non-retired members to participate.

O gauge Layout - Rich Henderson requires 10 more sheets of 4' x 8' x 1" foam to place around the entire O layout. The track is experiencing some delay, but when it comes in, they will start placing track. Rich

made a motion that 10 sheets of 4'x8'x1" and at least 6 tubes of PowerGrab be purchased. Dave Edwards made a second and after a vote the purchase was approved.

N scale - No design was presented. Greg Malnikoff pointed out that a decision by committee needed to be made regarding the use of Atlas Flex Track or Kato UniTrack. Design opportunities and constraints are particular to which track is used. T-Track modules were a recommendation from Keith, but it was agreed that more conversation and research needed to be done within the committee.

New Business: Keith DeVault made a motion that additional material be appropriated to surround the layouts with the grey skirting. Second by Bill Hudak. Voted on and approved.

*****Rich Henderson wanted to go on record as he thanked Mike Hohn for going through many of the boxes organizing, cleaning out and just identifying what was in each box.

For the Good of the Order:
Nothing

Rich made a motion to adjourn, to which Greg offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1939 (7:39pm).

*Greg Malnikoff,
Secretary MVRHS*

Board of Director's Meeting January 27, 2022

Present were: President Lou Lemelle, Vice President Ken Colvin, Treasurer Keith DeVault, Secretary Greg Malnikoff, Member at Large Rich Henderson and Immediate Past President Gary Deavers.

The meeting was opened at 5:16pm.

The budget was presented and discussed by Rich and Keith. The budget was completed and approved by the BOD.

A proposal was made by Rich to increase membership dues by \$5.00 across the board. We have not raised Dues in over 10 years. This change if Approved by the membership would be enacted for all new members in 2022 and for all members for the 2023 business year.

Goals were presented, discussed, voted on and approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Greg Malnikoff,
Secretary MVRHS*



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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