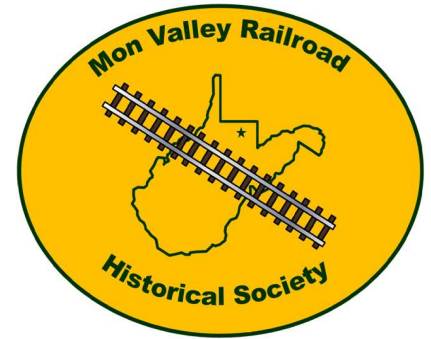


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

April, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

The NMRA Division 2 meeting is over & everyone has a good time. More on this at the business meeting.

The Spring Open House is just around the corner and may be over by the time you get this newsletter. If not, then we need workers for the Open House! There will be a full report on the open house at the April business meeting. Thanks in advance to everyone that helped out!

Work continues to progress on the HO scale and O gauge layouts. If you would like to help in the construction of either layout please feel free. This is your society and we need everyone to help in the building process. Check your email for days & times!

Thanks to everyone that has worked hard these past months to get our society to where it is today!

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the March 3, 2022 Business Meeting

The March 3rd, 2022 meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Colvin at 1901 (7:00pm) with 5 officers and 11 members present. A motion was made by Dave Edwards and a second by Frank Benders to have the February, 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. Greg made a motion to accept with a second by Rich. Motion voted on and approved.

Publicity: FB had 1,042 Likes, 1,104 Page Follows. We reached 9,261 people in March. Included on the page were Pictures of layout construction(630 hits), Photos by Keith of B&O 1,256 hits)and M & K pictures with 675 hits.

Ad Cars: Renewal notices have gone out. Eric received 2 renewals and Keith received 7 for a running total of 13.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

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

**April 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**May 5, 2022
Business Meeting**

**June 2, 2022
Business Meeting**

**July 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**August 4, 2022
Business Meeting**

**September 1, 2022
Business Meeting**

**October 6, 2022
Business Meeting**



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Membership: No applications at present, but Rich is talking with a couple people who have yet, to commit.

Donations: John reported \$24.82 from the website. This was after fees were deducted. To the O scale layout Ken donated 5 cars.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. John suggested donations be included in budget planning as a goal.
2. Mike suggested we keep and maintain a balance sheet. John made a motion of the suggestion and Steve offered a second. Voted for and approved.
3. The Board approved an increase of \$5 for membership at every level. If approved, new members following approval of the increase, would be responsible for the increase. The increase would then be included in the 2023 dues. Marty made a motion that full member dues amount be \$70 (a \$10 dollar increase). Richard offered a second. Voted and approved. Mike made a motion to approve increasing the cost of membership, to which Marty did second the motion. Voted on and approved.
4. A “Nominating Committee” needed to be formed to identify candidates for the upcoming election of officers. The committee to be formed in March and poll members. A list of candidates to be presented at the April Business Meeting and elections to take place in May. The officers elected for the next two-year term to be announced in June. Officers to

begin serving in July. Eric Hopkins, Richard Turton, and Frank Benders volunteered for the committee.

5. As there is a party interested in purchasing the old modular layout, Mike suggested a committee be set up to determine how much of the module would be sold and determine the price. Rich asserted that this be done by the BOD. Keith made a motion which was seconded by Steve to that affect. Motion voted on and approved.

LAYOUTS

HO: Richard Turton reported “Much work has been done to get the roadbed and back ground done before the NMRA meeting.” We may need to purchase more Masonite. Work days continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, but will change to one day a week (Monday). We need more cork roadbed. Keith made a motion that an additional \$500 be allocated for additional supplies. Rich made second and the motion was approved by vote. Ken commended the work crew on the advancement of work done.

O: Rich Henderson reported Switches, tracks, curves, and uncouplers came in, but he had miscalculated the amount of track needed. Track laying has started and we should be able to run something on the O Gauge for the Open House. Eric addressed the committee (Rich and Ken) with design change suggestion. His suggestion was to have an area or location where a member could access and work on the layout without crawling underneath. MUCH discussion ensued. Many statements were made. Keith motioned the track plan be modified to create access and a

“Showcase” display. Mike made a second. There was one Nay during the vote, which passed.

N: No Report.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing

Greg made a motion to adjourn, to which many offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 2032 (8:32pm).

*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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