

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

August, 2023



EDITORS NOTE

The Back to School Open House is now less than three weeks away. We need everyone's help in making it a great success. An email will soon be sent out asking for volunteers to work the event, Please help!

Work sessions are now scheduled for each layout. Members who want to help with the HO scale layout are meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm til 4pm. O gauge layout sessions are on Sundays from 1pm til 4pm and work sessions for the N scale layout are on Monday evenings from 6:30 til 8:30pm. ALL members are welcome to come to any or all sessions and help us build our new layouts. The more help we have the quicker the work will progress. This means our loyal fans out there in the public will see more progress.

National Model Railroad month is in November and we usually have a one day Open House. We will discuss this possible event at the business meeting.

Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the July 6, 2023 Business Meeting

President Richard T. called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with 13 members and/or officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Wally V. moved that the minutes be approved as published in the July 2023 MVRHRS newsletter, second by Rich H. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Keith D. listed income and expenses. The MVRHRS remains solvent and able to meet its financial obligations. Required tax and business licensing forms were submitted and the Society is in good standing with the State.

Publicity:

Rich H. indicated that the nominal Facebook followers total remains at 1,200 and should turn over soon. Layout construction photos generated likes and shares. Back To School Open House flyers are printed and ready to distribute.

Fundraising (formerly Ad Cars) :

Richard T. and Eric H. plan to set up a meeting via email in the coming days to get this important committee rolling.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**August 3, 2023
Business Meeting**

**August 26 & 27, 2023
Back to School
Open House?
Workers Needed!**

**September 7, 2023
Business Meeting**

**October 5, 2023
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2023
Business Meeting**

**November 4, 2023
National Model
Railroad Month
Open House??**



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Membership:

Rich H. reported that we now have 38 members. A quorum of members now stands at 10.

Donations:

Keith D. noted a small donation in the Caboose, the memorial donation previously recorded and an anonymous donation. Material donations include PowerGrab adhesive and foam board.

Old Business:

None reported.

New Business:

Keith D. presented Richard T.'s third Master Model Railroader (MMR) certificate. Richard now has achievements in seven of ten categories and was honored at the most recent NMRA Division 2 meeting.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :

Rich H. reported that the installation of scenic foam board continues. Dave E. indicated that the control panel is nearing completion and wiring is ongoing. Additional track needed to complete the layout is on order.

HO Scale:

Keith D. commended Dave E., Frank B. for their assistance with the ongoing effort to complete the supports and benchwork for the second level. Gary D. finished installing electrical conduit throughout the layout, including outlets in appropriate locations. Local controls for interlocking are under construction and a desk for the operator's office arrived and is ready for assembly. Eric H. says that the Valley Crossing peninsula should stop looking like a recycling collection point as the cardboard profiles are nearing completion. These profiles

will be marked and cut to represent cross sections of the peninsula and serve as the basis for additional layers of scenic underlayment and surface materials.

N Scale Layout:

The N Scale layout committee began construction and has a shopping list for additional needed materials. The N scale layout will be the beneficiary of a gift card to the Society from Get A Hobby in Uniontown, PA. Details for making purchases will be worked out with the Treasurer. Keith D. mentioned that he has a complete Lenz DCC system from the Pittsburgh S Gaugers who switched to Digitrax.

For the Good of the Order:

Work sessions scheduled by layout committees:

O Gauge: Sunday, 7/17;

N Scale: Monday evenings;

HO Scale: Tuesdays, 1pm – 4pm

Mountaineer Mall owners and management recently visited the Society.

Dave E. reported the MVRRHS share of two months worth of earnings from the Mall concourse O gauge layout that he maintains on behalf of the Society. Layout timers may need replaced.(?)

Motion to adjourn with multiple seconds at 7:29pm.

***Eric J. Hopkins,
Secretary MVRRHS***



***Mon Valley Railroad
Historical Society
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