

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

June, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

HELP! We need members to work on the HO scale & O gauge layouts! Construction continues be at a snails pace. These model railroads will be for every member to run their trains on. This is your society and we need help in the building process. Members are working every Thursday evening. We are going to schedule some Sunday afternoon work sessions so keep an eye on your email.

The Open Houses have been approved for the rest of the year. Check the schedule to the right on this page. If you can help at one or more of these events please set aside the time. Emails are sent out to the membership before each event so we can have an idea of how many members are coming to help.

The Holiday Open House will be very special this year, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be visiting on Saturday, December 17th from 12 noon til 4pm!

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Business Meeting

The May 5th, 2022 meeting was called to order by President Lou LeMelle at 1900 (7:00pm) with 5 officers. 7 members and 1 guest present. A motion was made by Greg and a second by Kieth to have the April, 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 made a motion to accept with a second by Gary. Motion voted on and approved. Keith reported he would be paying out for insurance as well as to the state. He needs to purchase more checks. The expenditures were noted and approved by vote.

Publicity: Facebook/META have made changes to information and data points available and how they appear. We will still be able to see "Followers". But will not know how many "Likes". We have 1100 "Followers" at present.

Ad Cars: nothing to report.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**June 2, 2022
Business Meeting**

**July 7, 2022
Business Meeting**

**August 4, 2022
Business Meeting**

**Back to School
Open House
August 27 & 28, 2022**

**September 1, 2022
Business Meeting**

**October 6, 2022
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2022
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 5, 2022**



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Membership: The active roster presently lists 38 members. Rich will publish a new roster. Rich conducted a one question survey asking members if they had a home layout. Yes or No. There were 16 respondents. 7 “HO”, 2 “O”, 1 “N”, and 1 “S”.

Donations: An anonymous donation of the benchwork lumber and hardware for the “N” Scale project was reported.

Old Business: Election of Officers. On April 9th electronic Ballots were sent out via email by the Secretary. 22 Members responded. 22 members affirmed the nominations put forward by the Nominating Committee. The new officers will be transition in June and take over in July.

New Business: Rich made a point that we needed to confirm dates for the Open Houses for the rest of the calendar year. The 27th and 28th of August for the Back to School OH. November 5th is a one day OH for National Model Railroad Day. December 17 & 18 listed as a possible for the Holiday Open House. Mike stated we needed to have something running before the August OH. Keith made a motion we accept the dates listed above with a stipulation. If the “O” Scale Layout is not presentable to the public, by the last week of July; the Back to School OH be postponed or cancelled. Second to the motion offered by Mike. Voted and approved. Rich feels the outside loop “The Main” can be operational for the Back to School Open House.

Ken suggested another Open House in October. John Hebb presented a case against an October OH. The subject was dropped.

LAYOUTS

O: Jeremy and Jay have done some work and started on the extension. Rich laid out 2 curves and marked them off. Some track is still on backorder. After the outside turn is laid, he will trace the edges to create a guide for other turns. Rich requested 100 feet of 16 gauge wire (red, black, and white) as well and another sheet of plywood. He will create a “to do” list so members will be able to jump in and help at their own.

HO: Mike reported much of the roadbed is down. Homosote needs to be secured to the plywood. Presently progress is hung up on missing turnouts that are “on order”. The wiring can begin. Gary asked for a “Really Large Radius turnout for the interlocking. Keith stated that since he will be paying the state, insurance and purchasing checks, we appropriate funds and he will do a bulk purchase of wire to meet the wiring needs for both HO and O scale. \$500 was the suggested appropriation, to which made a motion was made by Rich with a second from Eric. Voted on and approved.

Keith reported the HO committee wants to purchase the NCE Powerhouse Pro – 5 amp System. Rich proposed an allocation of \$1000 which was seconded by Ken. Voted on and approved.

N: Greg reported that since the length of the N scale project was increased to 20 feet, additional benchwork is required. Greg is performing the construction at home for the convenience of setting up, breaking down, and cleaning which consumes large amounts of time when work is done at the society. Greg plans to have the completed structure at the society for the June Business Meeting. He requested assistance for the building of the support stands. Keith offered

to get with him after the meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing.

Rich made a motion to adjourn, to which Ken offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 2010 (8:10 pm).

Greg Malnikoff
Secretary MVRHRS



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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