

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

## **MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

### **June, 2023**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

Summer is here! Time to work on your lawn, house, go on vacation, etc., but it's also time to work on the railroad. The real railroads never stop working and neither are we. Work sessions continue on most Tuesday afternoons. I try to send out an email to let everyone know. We could really use your help so come help us out. Get in on the fun of building our HO scale, O gauge or N scale model railroads, renew your friendships and meet new members!

The Back to School Open House is set for August 26 & 27, 2023 and we want to be able to show all our fans the progress that we have made since Spring. I'm looking forward to showing off our new railroads and proud to be part of such a dedicated group!

Welcome new member Ryan McKnight. He's just getting back into the hobby and is excited to be part of our group!

Remember Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Business Meeting***

Call to order by President Richard T.: 7 PM, with 15 members in attendance, including 5 officers.

#### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Motion to approve by Rich H., second by Wally V. Discussion: Strike "Business" from April minutes as meeting lacked quorum and could not transact business. (Wally V.) Approved as amended.

NMRA MCR Convention Review by Richard T. and others noting strong participation by MVRRHHS members, including Keith & Janet D., Frank & Jan B., Richard T., Michael H., Kenton C. & Bill Hudak. The convention finished in the black financially with a substantial benefit to Division 2 from the White Elephant sale. Some items sold benefited MVRHHS as well. Kenton C. announced that Richard T. received his MMR at the Convention Banquet.

#### **Treasurer's report (Keith D.):**

With a successful Spring Open House in April, the MVRRHHS is in good financial standing for the present.

#### **Publicity (Rich H.):**

Facebook remains at 1,200 followers with rounding

### ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**June 1, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**July 6, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**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**



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(turnover to 1,300 expected). Open House photos were liked and shared. We had good attendance at the Open House with families, patrons and children lingering to or beyond closing time. Get A Hobby again left discount cards for members and gave the Society a \$100 dollar gift certificate. Visitors made many positive comments.

**Business Express Ad Cars / Fundraising (Eric H., Richard T.):** No news to report as the new committee still needs to meet.

**Membership (Rich H.):**

We're now at 36 total members. Prospective member Ryan will attend as his work schedule allows. Rich H. moved to accept Ryan McKnight as a new member, second by Gary D. Approved by a majority of members present.

**Donations (Rich H.):**

We received \$40 for a repair done by Bill H.

**Old Business:**

None Reported

**New Business:**

Rich H. expressed concern about small credit card transactions and the possible need to establish a minimum purchase. Others felt that credit cards are the preferred method of purchase for so many. A discount for cash was suggested. The matter was tabled for further discussion with Jon H., who provides CC services to the organization.

Keith D. moved to pay liability premium, second by Rich H.; approved. State of WV business fee due in June. Keith mailed in our Federal tax filing to maintain 501(c)(3) status.

**LAYOUTS:**

**N Scale Layout:**

Max M. moved to accept layout plan as drawn and displayed on the N scale benchwork, second by Keith D., unanimous approval by members present. Wally V. stated the intent to purchase materials in the next week or so.

**O Gauge (Rich H.):**

Inside line done, more electrical drops needed. Layout ran well for the Open House. Materials needed: foam board, Gargraves track (on order with Jon H.). Dave E. reported progress on wire supports and other aspects of electrical wiring.

**HO Scale (Gary D.):**

The Signals Section reports that conduit is being installed for high and low voltage needs. ME industrial park track partially complete pending structure placement. Richard T. described benchwork progress over Chiefton and moving westward. Keith D. discussed second level progress and the need for plywood and electrical hangers. Cutting plywood for the complex curves of the North Bend peninsula proved challenging.

**For the Good of the Order:**

(Keith D.) The MVRRHS received a donation from Ward Paine's family in honor of a family member.

Motion to adjourn: Rich H. with a second from Gary D.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM EDT

**Eric J. Hopkins,  
Secretary MVRRHS**



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