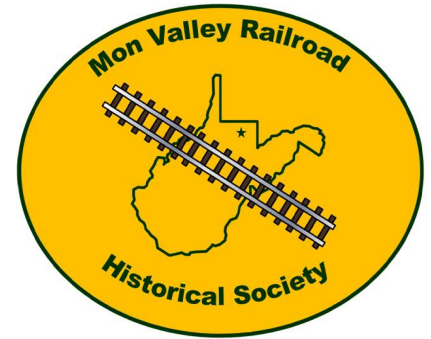


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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

May, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

Survey Says - Well you'll have to wait for the May Business meeting to find out the answer to the survey I sent out by email asking whether members had a home layout or not.

Work continues to progress on the HO scale and O gauge layouts, but at a slower pace. We really "Need" your help. If you would like to help in the construction of either the HO scale or O gauge layouts please feel free to come and do so. 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. Check with Keith by email or phone for days & times!

A group of Cub Scouts will be at the Society on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 around 6:30pm for an educational visit. Any member/s who would like to show up and help are most welcome.

Election results will be announced at the business meeting. IF you have not voted get your email ballot back to Greg before May 2nd.

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Business Meeting

The April 7, 2022 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:00pm with 4 officers, 7 members and 3 guests present. A motion was made by Mike Hohn and a second by Bob Gay to have the March, 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 Frank Benders. Motion voted on and approved.

Publicity: Rich Henderson reported Facebook had 1,066 Likes, 1,134 Page Follows. We reached 14,012 people from March 7th thru April 3rd, 2022. Post engagements hit 895 for the Spring Open House. The "Spring Open House" was a roaring success. We had many visitors on Saturday and a good crowd on Sunday.

Ad Cars: As Eric Hopkins was late arriving Rich Henderson said he knew of no further renewals. He also announced his formal resignation from the Ad car committee.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**May 5, 2022
Business Meeting**

**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**

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



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He stated that it was fairly easy to create the 2 inch x 1 1/4 inch rectangle and then add the business information & any logo or picture.

Membership: Rich Henderson reported that we lost three members who chose not to renew but that we had two new memberships to vote on. Bill Quigley and Peter Turner, both into O gauge trains. Bill is known by several members and Peter took the opportunity to give us some details of his hobby. Both were unanimously Approved. Welcome to the Society!

Donations: Mike Hohn donated “sheet” cork that will be used on the HO layout for sidings. It is thinner than regular HO roadbed and will allow cars on the sidings to roll into the sidings easier. Keith DeVault stated that we received a donation from Steve Kite and that the person interested in buying most of the Modular layout if fact did purchase them.

Nominating Committee: Frank Benders reported as Richard Turton was not able to be at the meeting. Frank said they had some trouble finding members willing to be officers but finally put a slate of candidates together. Candidates are Richard Turton for President, Kenton Colvin for Vice President, Keith DeVault for Treasurer, Eric Hopkins for Secretary and Rich Henderson for Membership Director. The slate of officers/BOD members will go to the current Secretary, Greg Malnikoff. Ballots will be sent out via email, as we have done for the last two years. Ballots must be returned to the Secretary by May 1st, 2022 to be counted.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None (Except Layouts)

LAYOUTS

HO: Mike Hohn reported that the blue sky had been painted. The committee has started laying the code 100 track in the staging yard and that will transition to the code 83 track on the mainlines. He also said we need to buy more turnouts and track for the two mainlines. Mike said they needed to start thinking about the wiring. He said, Gary is working up a wiring diagram for the Dispatchers office that will include two tracks, staging and eventually four tracks. The committee also needs help working on the HO layout, the current group is getting worn out. Mike said they are continuing the Monday work sessions (9am til 12 noon) but members can also help on Thursday evenings. He also suggested that we should all work together on the various layouts. Rich agreed. Keith bought a long drill bit to use for drilling down through the framework for the wiring and said they were thinking of building a temporary loop at the right end so we could have continuous running during open houses. Rich added that the sky was not done the right way, it’s all plain blue and would have to be repainted.

N: Greg Malnikoff was unable to attend the meeting but asked for the membership to finalize where the N scale layout will be located. He and the N scale committee are not going to proceed until the location has been agreed to by the members. Keith said the N scale will go along the back “mirror wall” and the remaining modules will be stripped. Items will be saved and the rest discarded. He suggested building a bookcase with open shelves to be placed in the niche with the B&O sign at the entrance area. Many members agreed with the placement of the N scale and bookcase idea. Keith made the motion, second by Ken Colvin, Approved.

O: Rich Henderson said that first he wanted to apologize for his behavior at the March business meeting. He let his feelings get out of control. He was hurt and angry and almost left the society. He added that the HO committee had made many changes to the HO layout plan and those changes were never approved by the membership. Rich felt that better communication was needed to avoid problems. Many members agreed. Mike said that changes were necessary but also agreed we needed better communications. It was agreed that minor changes, by all the various layout committee’s would handled on there own but any major changes would be brought to the members for approval before hand.

Rich said that the O gauge layout has been tossed about, first being planned against the wall as a dogbone, then to be built on the old modules as Mike suggested, finally totally new construction. We moved to fast. The plan went from complex to very simple and now is back to complex. Rich showed the members a quick sketch he made just after the March business meeting and the final plans that he came up with after talking with Ken and Keith. The O gauge committee is now comprised of Rich, Ken & Keith. Rich then motioned that the new O gauge track plan be approved. A second by Dave Edwards. Motion unanimously Approved.

For the Good of the Order: Frank suggested that we have food, coffee, water etc. at the next NMRA meeting. Many attending were hungry and thirsty. Keith said we can’t sell any items because the Mall requires Food Handlers cards for ALL food sales. Several members said we can make coffee for ourselves and give it away along with bottled water and/or cookies, donuts etc. It was agreed.

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Also, we are going to try to have the NMRA Division 2 meeting every year in March at the society's clubhouse.

With no further business, Rich moved we adjourn. There were many seconds.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm
Rich Henderson for 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

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