

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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

May, 2023



EDITORS NOTE

Our Spring Model Railroad Open House was a rousing success! Visitors started coming thru the doors before 10am on Saturday. There was a steady stream of people all day with lots of sales of donated items. Lots of people with railroading stories to share and very positive comments on our hard work. On Sunday we had good attendance as well. My personal THANKS to all the members who came to help!

Just a reminder, the May business meeting is on Thursday, May 11th. This is due to the MCR convention in Pittsburgh. Several of our members have helped to set up this event and some of our members will be in attendance.

Work sessions continue on most Tuesday afternoons. I try to send out an email to let everyone know. Come get in on the fun!

Remember Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the April 6, 2023 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at a little past 7pm, MVRRHHS President Richard T. presiding.

Attending: Eight members, including three officers. The treasurer and vice president could not attend. Lacking a quorum, no business requiring membership approval was undertaken during the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled pending an online vote or the presence of a quorum at the next business meeting.

Treasurer's report (Keith D.):

Keith D. was absent, and no report was presented.

Publicity (Rich H.):

Materials are out for the upcoming Spring Open House on April 15th and 16th. Several members reported seeing a story on WDTV, Channel 5 Weston / Clarksburg. Facebook ads for multiple pages are ready to go out. Flyers are available at the Society and were emailed to members. Rich passed some out to open businesses in the Mountaineer Mall. Facebook continues to indicate 1,200 followers and should roll over to 1,300 soon. and early open house announcements

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**May 11, 2023
Business Meeting**

**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**



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received numerous likes and shares. Photographs posted from the MVRRHHS-hosted NMRA Division 2 meeting in March, layout work and early open house announcements received numerous likes and shares.

Business Express Ad Cars (Eric H.):

No news to report. The president indicated that the related ad hoc committee on fundraising needs to meet prior to the next meeting.

Membership (Rich H.):

Thirty-seven members are expected to renew, a number adjusted following the notice of non-renewal from several members due to health or other factors.

Donations (Rich H.):

Some engines are out for sale that Bill H. repaired. Richard T. reminded the group that multiple items that he dropped off several weeks ago need to be displayed for sale. Dave E. delivered Society proceeds from the concourse train layout. A member stated that the coin-operated layout is marked as out of order again.

Old Business:

None Reported

New Business:

None Reported

LAYOUTS: O Gauge (Rich H.):

Tunnels, bridge abutments completed, track tuning taking place. Dave E. is creating a wiring diagram for the operating uncouplers.

HO Scale:(Richard T.)

Accomplishments include backdrop updates, the first portion of the eventual full second level branch line brackets and sub-roadbed, as well as continued track laying in yard and industrial areas

and considerable signals and interlocking work by Gary D.

N Scale Layout: (Wally V.):

The draft track plan has been available in hard copy form on the N scale benchwork and was also disseminated to the membership via email. Comments are welcome and may be entered directly on the paper copy or by email. The committee anticipates a vote at the May business meeting. The subject of budget came up and a review of past minutes should reveal the amount already committed.

For the Good of the Order:

Please sign up to crew the Spring Open House Saturday and / or Sunday, April 15th – 16th.

Meeting adjourned by 7:30pm.

*Eric J. Hopkins,
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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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