

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2022



EDITORS NOTE

Where has the time gone, I can't believe that in just over 20 days it will be Autumn! Thanks to all the members who have helped us make great progress on our new HO scale, O gauge & N scale layouts. Work continues every Thursday evening and sometimes on a Tuesday afternoon, so come and help us as construction continues. Join in on the fun that is Model Railroading, after all that's why you joined our Society.

The Back to School Open House is probably over at this time and there will be a full report at the September business meeting. Our next Open House will be a one day affair on Saturday, November 5, 2022 in honor of National Model Railroad Month. Mark that date as we always need members help!

Hope to see you soon and remember Model Railroading is Fun!

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the August 4, 2022 Business Meeting

The President called the meeting to order promptly at 7 PM, with 10 members in attendance, including 4 of 5 officers.

President Richard Turton asked Rich Henderson to report on the Election and quorum changes: According to our bylaws, prior to recent changes, two thirds of the membership are required to satisfy our quorum requirement for meetings, and there was no language to allow for the election of officers by acclamation. Thirty-one (31) of our thirty-nine (39) members voted "Yes" to both proposals on the recent ballot to changes these policies. Two thirds of the membership (26 members) must vote in favor to enact such changes. The quorum requirement for business meetings is now one fourth (25%) of the total number of members. The membership may vote to elect an officer or slate of officers by acclamation when the officer or officers are unopposed.

President Turton recognized the special efforts of those members attending the Tuesday and other work sessions, including Dave E. and assistant Andrew for their efforts in improving the shop area lighting.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 1, 2022
Business Meeting**

**October 6, 2022
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2022
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 5, 2022
10am til 4pm
Workers Needed!**

**December 1, 2022
Business Meeting**

**Holiday Open House
December 17 & 18 2022
Workers Needed!**

**Santa & Mrs. Claus will be here on
Saturday from 1pm til 4pm**

**January 5, 2023
Business Meeting**



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Future lighting goals include restoring internal illumination for the display cases in the foyer.

Minutes: Ken Colvin moved to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting as published on the MVRRHHS website, with a second from Frank Benders. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The president read the treasurer's report on behalf of Keith DeVault who could not attend. MVRRHHS remains solvent and able to meet financial obligations.

Publicity: Rich H. informed the membership that PSA's (Public Service Announcements) for the upcoming Open House went out to 33 radio stations, and letters to schools are ready to send. Some Open House flyers are printed with more to come. Facebook posts will go out to our page and about twenty others this weekend (Aug 7th, 8th).

Our Facebook followers number 1,100.

Related to the Open House, members should expect an email call for volunteers soon.

Ad Cars: Nothing to report for the Business Express Ad Cars.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Donations: The caboose was checked post-meeting and found to contain \$64.

Old Business: None presented.

New Business: Rich H. seeks to meet with the Mall management to discuss using any decorations they may have to assemble a Center Court Christmas display. The management previously informed MVRRHHS that their Christmas tree

is damaged and they didn't intend to set it up. Rich suggested working with other Mall businesses, who may wish to contribute to the display effort. The question of repairing the Mall tree came up as did liability concerns. President Turton requested that Rich liaise with Keith D., who has interacted frequently with the Mall staff.

Dave Edwards reported that the Mall concourse O-gauge layout needs maintenance. Richard Turton expressed the importance of having the layout working as it will reflect on MVRRHHS. A member suggested replacing the coin box with a push-button timer until the coin box is repaired. Bob Tocarsik suggested adding a sign to the concourse layout indicating "Maintained by the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society.

LAYOUTS: O Gauge Rich H. reported that the outer mainline is finished and running. The O committee will install uncoupling sections following this month's Open House event. The layout requires an additional 10 sections of Gargraves straight track.

Motion by Rich H.: Purchase the needed 10 sections of track from the shop in Wheeling at \$120 max. Second: Ken Colvin. Motion approved.

The MTH Z-4000 transformer left control failed. Rich H. is looking into purchasing a second MRC Dual Power AC unit, matching our current backup transformer for \$200.

Rich continues to revise the O layout guidelines document and will distribute it soon for approval.

HO Scale Layout Richard T. reported that the HO crew made progress with the elevated track risers in the overpass peninsula, with the goal of completing

benchwork to the "Y" leading to the second level and staging. The west end staging construction will pause until after the Open House. Track laying is well underway from the east, with Eric M. contributing significant efforts during recent construction sessions. The crew finished the trusses required for the west staging, and two additional trusses may be needed for the transition from the peninsula to staging. Richard feels that we are within four sessions of completing the HO benchwork. We'll need 4-5 additional sheets of masonite for the backdrop.

Motion by Rich H.: Purchase 5 sheets of masonite at \$15 per sheet. Second: Ken C. Approved.

N Scale Layout Max McDonald reported that the supports are assembled and painted, and the layout now occupies its permanent location in the MVRRHHS space. The committee requests N scale Kato Unitrack to set up a loop for the Open House. They continue to discuss a track plan and are reviewing options on the Model Railroader layout design library website.

For the Good of the Order: Rich H. conveyed information provided by Mark Suek of the Mid-Ohio Valley club in Parkersburg. They'll host a train show on October 29th. Rich also provided our Open House event details to Mark.

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary MVRRHHS*



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