

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

July, 2024



EDITORS NOTE

Well, we are halfway through this year. Time sure does fly when you're having Fun!

This July business meeting is very important. The members will be voting on several items recommended by the Board of Directors. These items include revising our Community Outreach Program, a possible new logo and other things. I know it's a busy time of year, lots of vacations and outside work but please try to attend this meeting if at all possible. Information will be sent to members via email so everyone has time to review the items to be voted upon.

Work sessions continue on Sunday afternoons for O gauge, Monday evenings for the N scale and on Tuesday afternoon for the HO scale layout. Members are welcome to come and help during these work sessions. These are your new model railroads, so come and help!

Our next Open House is on August 24 & 25. Please consider helping.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the June 6, 2024 Business Meeting

Call to order: 7:00pm by President Richard T.

In attendance: Five officers and ten members for a total of fifteen.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Call to order: 7:00pm by President Richard T.

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Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)

Donations exceeded expenses for a second month and the Society remains on a stable financial footing and able to meet its obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.)

With eight new Facebook followers, our total is now up to 1,376. Photos of the recent Early Head Start visit and layout construction received numerous likes, comments and shares.

Fundraising :(Richard T.)

Richard T. reported that he submitted a grant application to Your Community Foundation for the purpose of funding heating system upgrades. Richard expressed optimism regarding our chances of success and is hopeful that, should the Society receive a grant, we'll have a degree of flexibility in how to spend it.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**July 11, 2024
Business Meeting**

**August 1, 2024
Business Meeting**

**August 24 & 25, 2024
Back to School
Open House
Workers Needed!**

**September 5, 2024
Business Meeting**

**October 3, 2024
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 2 & 3, 2024
Workers Needed!**



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The membership discussed additional funding opportunities, including the Spark Grant Program of Walmart, as well as a plan to deposit any awarded grant funds in a separate account and maintain documentation on how the funds were spent. Future efforts may focus on annual funding to help provide ongoing financial security.

Targeted investments for potential grant awards include heating, lights, ceiling tiles, and foyer improvements. All members are invited by the Fundraising committee to submit ideas as part of a "10-year plan" approach.

Membership: (Rich H.)

Rich H. introduced William B., a prospective member who models in HO, N, S and O scales, with a focus on structures. Keith D. moved that the Society accept William as a new member with a second from Roman C. The vote to approve was unanimous. Society membership now stands at 44. An updated roster will be circulated soon. Welcome to our newest members!

Donations:

A visitor donated HO and Brio trains, the latter of which can be used or kept as replacement stock for items that become worn or broken in the Society's current Brio set.

Facilities (Jon H.): Jon reported the need for new fire extinguishers and Rich H. mentioned that the lights in the exit signs need to be replaced. Bill H. recommended that we test the emergency lighting monthly to ensure reliability. Rich H. moved that the Society purchase exit sign lights and fire extinguishers, seconded by Ken C. Approved.

Old Business:

Rich H. reminded the Society of the dates proposed last meeting for the November NMRA Model Railroading Month and Holiday open house events, November 2-3, and December 14-15, respectively. Jon H. moved to accept the dates with a second from Gary D. The motion passed unopposed after a brief discussion.

New Business:

Jon H. suggested a large Geotrax "layout" to be rolled onto the main concourse, with Mall administration approval.

The July business meeting was moved by acclamation to July 11th due to the July 4th holiday.

Jon H. raised the subject of new logos. The matter was tabled pending consideration at the Board of Directors meeting on June 24th.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

More painting was done and additional paint was purchased. The question of the means of supplying electrical power to the layout came up and an electrician will be consulted if necessary.

HO Scale: (Gary D.)

The first of several planned signal arrays was built by Gary from a highly detailed and challenging kit.

N Scale Layout:(Max McD.)

The east yard is now functional and Wally V. added visually striking clouds to the backdrop. Max also purchased a track cleaning system for the N scale layout and asked to be reimbursed. Max motioned, it was Seconded and Approved.

For the Good of the Order:

Max M. reported the recent purchase of a tract of land near Buckhannon with an old train

tunnel. Photos coming soon.

Motion to adjourn from Rich H. with a second from Gary D.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric J. Hopkins,
Secretary MVRRHHS*

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