

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

April, 2025



EDITORS NOTE

The Spring Model Railroad Open House was a Great success! We were practically over-run with visitors all day on Saturday and Sunday, even with the severe thunderstorm that blew through town. Guests both old and new marveled at all three layouts. There were many questions asked and answered. One of the most common was, "How long have you been working on this?" Most couldn't believe it when they heard, "about three years".

Children enjoyed running trains on the HO layout and little ones played with the Brio wood train or chased the O gauge around and around.

I want to **THANK** all the members who worked the open house and cleaned up our facility! You all did a Great job.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the March 6, 2025 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:01pm with 17 members, including 6 of 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Frank B. moved that we approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2025 business meeting as published in the March 2025 newsletter; seconded by Rich H. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.) Gains exceeded losses for the month and the Society remains in good financial standing.

Publicity: (Rich H.) Ads are out for the Spring Open House coming up on the 15th and 16th of this month, including newspaper press releases as well as new signs and pamphlets.

Fundraising: (Richard T.):New Your Community Foundation grant applications are due and research is needed to see where MVRHHS may be eligible. Richard suggested ceiling tile replacement and remodeling the back classroom area as possible candidates for funding. Please email any suggestions.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**April 3, 2025
Business Meeting**

**May 1, 2025
Business Meeting**

**June 5, 2025
Business Meeting**

**July 3, 2025
Business Meeting**

**August 7, 2025
Business Meeting**

**August 2025??
Back to School
Open House**

**September 4, 2025
Business Meeting**



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Membership (Rich H.): No new members. A couple of current member still haven't paid 2025 dues. One member is discontinuing due to illness. Rich printed new name tags.

Donations: (Rich H.): A donation of HO scale trains is pending. Rich helped fund the installation of ceiling fans and upgraded lighting.

Facilities: Jon H. listed accomplishments over the past month: lighting, fans and control updates. Costs are coming in close to original estimates. Members should be aware of any potentially hazardous electrical arrangements, e.g. daisy-chained power strips or extension cords. The latter should be unplugged at the end of each session.

Old Business: MVRRHHS logo apparel shipped today and are expected to be delivered by early next week. Garment quality, including hats, is very good.

New Business: The latest board of directors review is now published in the latest newsletter. In the budget category, the Society's expenditures exceed income overall but the organization remains in good shape financially. The membership was given the opportunity to review the proposed budget for 2025 and approved it without descent.

Steve K. inquired about the adequacy of the Society's liability policy. Keith D. explained that the policy meets the requirements of the Mall management and that he will make the policy available to members for further discussion.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.) reported the installation of more trees, dirt, grass and bushes, as well as deer and

garden crops. An estimated 4 additional containers of ballast are needed to complete the ballasting of all tracks.

HO Scale: Keith D. described progress on the peninsula, including grass over extensive areas and the first insallation of trees. Richard T. mentioned a planned Scenic Express order for trees. Volunteers will be needed to prepare them for installation.

N Scale Layout: (Max M.) Fascia is now installed along the expanded layout front. Trains should be running for the Open House. West end track is complete with ongoing work on the eastern end. Wally V. displayed freelance structures he's built for the layout.

For the Good of the Order: Richard T.: A heating upgrade impact survey is now available near the entrance. Members may participate. Information compiled from the survey will contribute to the close out report for the grant received for the installation of heaters

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn from Rich H., second by Gary D.; Meeting adjourned at an unrecorded time.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Hopkins, MVRRHHS secretary



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