

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: for November 14, 2021
Subject: Item 4 Clinic Clearing House

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Early in 2021 we set up a clinic listing procedure and requested listings from each Division of Clinics available for sharing. Our last update to all the Divisions was September, 2021. At present 4 of our MWR divisions have provided clinic listings to share. CID, Fox Valley, Rock River Valley and WLD have provided listings.

We have had several request to share clinics and I have presented several. I have also worked to provide possible clinic information for Indy Junction 2022.

Planned Activities

I will continue to collect clinic lists from Divisions and make them available to other Divisions looking for additional clinic topics. I suggest the listing shared earlier is a good source for additional clinics.

I am term limited in 2022 so a transition will need to be made to another leader in the MWR.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley_

Date: 29 October, 2021

Subject: Convention – *Indy Junction 2022*

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The *Indy Junction 2022* convention committee continues to meet virtually (most recent was Sept. 28) to work through the planning for the convention. Prior to the last meeting Dan Banks, CID, agreed to chair the volunteer committee. Dan will be assisted by representatives from the other two regions. As with all conventions, we are looking for volunteers to help. If you have some time to spare during the convention and wish to volunteer, please let Dan know at: wabashbanks@att.net

The convention website, www.indyjunction2022.org , is online and continues to be updated with additional information. Registration, www.indyjunction2022.org/Pages/Registration is active allowing you to register for the convention. The hotel is also accepting reservations and can be reached from the registration page.

We are contacting layout owners, both for layout tours and for operations. Several prototype tours have been arranged, with the hopes of more as we get closer to the dates of the convention. Many locations suitable for prototype tours don't wish to commit too far in advance of the convention dates. Clinics are being arranged for both the NMRA clinics and the RPM clinics. Note: attendees will have the opportunity to attend both NMRA and RPM clinics. The train show continues to contact small-business manufacturers, asking them to attend the show. Our hope is to provide those who go to the train show the opportunity to meet and visit with active participants in the model railroad industry.

Registration Data for September 28, 2021 Zoom Call

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| Individual Registrations | 28 |
| Family Registrations (count includes attendee and family member(s)) | 24 |
| Registration Fees Collected | \$6,634.00 |

As of 9 October, accounting is as follows:

OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$17,538 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$9,077 |
| NET RETURNS | \$8,461 |

NET WORTH STATEMENT

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| TOTAL ASSETS | \$14,595 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$33,775 |
| NET WORTH | -\$19,180 |

If you haven't yet registered for *Indy Junction 2022*, now is the time to take care of that chore. Remember, the price of registration will increase on January 1, 2022. Register now and save some bucks. If you would, please use the convention hotel for your accommodations. The extra room-nights will help the convention's bottom line.

Planned Activities

The committee continues to work ensuring there will be adequate layouts for both touring and for operations. Similarly, there are several proto tours currently scheduled, and we hope there may be others added for your viewing pleasure. The committee will continue to work towards getting manufacturers included in the train show.

The convention is in need of a chair for the Non-Rail activities. If you know of someone who would be interested in working on this, please let me know. I can be contacted at: sastudley@gmail.com

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: for November 14, 2021
Subject: Item 6 Education

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have continues to operated CID Zoom Track Talk gatherings and helped arrange in person Track Talk meetings. Earlier this year we did two Zoom Track Talk gatherings per month with 18 to 25 members attending. We have now shifted to one Zoom Track Talk and one in person event each month. We have done in person layout visits, Modelers Meets by others, and we have a train show November 20th.

I have continued to do some clinics and try to help anyone requesting assistance. I have also offered clinics at our train shows.

Planned Activities

I plan to continue helping with any education requests.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman_
Date: October 13, 2021
Subject: Election Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Destruction of the ballots from the last election per BoD approval.

Planned Activities

- 1) Create the election ballot after the BoD approves the candidate slate at the Fall 2021 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure. The ballot will be in both “paper” form for the *Waybill* and as an e-ballot as specified in the Election Policy & Procedure.
- 2) Forward the “paper” ballot and voting instruction for on-line voting to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill* and launch the on-line e-ballot form.
- 3) Receive and count the ballots after the forthcoming election and prepare the Election committee report for the next BoD meeting.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.
Date: October 13, 2021
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the Waybill electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the Waybill on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 6) Hosted the Zoom May BoD meeting.
- 7) Assisted the President & Secretary with various web related documents
- 8) Assisted the SCWD web and email distribution team with the use of the Constant Contact email application. Currently the Constant Contact Account is shared among the FVD, SCWD and the MWR.
- 9) Negotiated and paid a discounted web hosting agreement with Blue Host good through 31 July 2024.
- 10) Web site activity on the following page. Activity is down slightly. See comments below the activity chart.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist with publishing electronic Waybill notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.
- 4) Future expense for 1/3 the Constant Contact email account is estimated at \$134 due June of 2022.
- 5) Assist the Secretary and President with the expanded use of the Constant Contact application for the region.
- 6) Support the Upcoming election process.

MWR Historical Website activity

| Metric | Oct-March 2018 | April-Sept 2018 | Oct-March 2019 | April-Sept 2019 | Oct-March 2020 | April-Sept 2020 | Oct-March 2021 | April-Sept 2021 * |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Sessions | 3024 | 2427 | 3462 | 2364 | 3100 | 2043 | 2072 | 1916 |
| Users | 2085 | 1772 | 2454 | 1592 | 2138 | 1527 | 1487 | 1408 |
| Page Views | 5938 | 5176 | 6424 | 5924 | 5596 | 3719 | 4010 | 3345 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Content Viewed | | | | | | | | |
| Home Page | 1715 | 1773 | 2014 | 1362 | 1685 | 1293 | 1143 | 977 |
| Waybill | 953 | 911 | 1151 | 921 | 1126 | 877 | 1162 | 960 |
| Division Map | 269 | 222 | 240 | 171 | 281 | 152 | 161 | 128 |
| Conventions | 290 | 276 | 472 | 294 | 279 | 93 | 213 | 263 |
| DuPage Div. | 1153 | 310 | 1118 | 269 | 1048 | 480 | 440 | 305 |
| Contest Photos | 73 | 196 | 97 | 1072 | 115 | 74 | 17 | 16 |
| Minutes | 64 | 49 | 48 | 22 | 19 | 85 | 31 | 92 |
| About us | 21 | 24 | 24 | 13 | 18 | 28 | 12 | 17 |
| Clinic Resources | 34 | 22 | 34 | 17 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 12 |
| Elections | 17 | 22 | 63 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 201 | 8 |
| Contact us | 30 | 41 | 35 | 29 | 18 | 14 | 13 | 8 |
| Model Photos | 126 | 82 | 97 | 63 | 41 | 36 | 44 | 29 |
| Notices | 144 | 150 | 202 | 94 | 93 | 72 | 69 | 75 |
| Prototype Photos | 45 | 26 | 38 | 18 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 9 |
| Policies | 72 | 29 | 23 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 27 | 40 |
| Reg Officers | 338 | 350 | 339 | 290 | 323 | 179 | 188 | 186 |
| Address Change | | | | | New | 28 | 49 | 58 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals From: | | | | | | | | |
| Direct Entry | 1290 | 1252 | 1484 | 2364 | 1420 | 1023 | 1031 | 1011 |
| Organic Search | | | | | | New | 340 | 239 |
| Referrals | | | | | | New | 134 | 169 |
| Social | | | 97 | 27 | 23 | 20 | 9 | 12 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| User Devices: | | | | | | | | |
| Desktop | 70% | 77% | 68% | 68% | 67% | 70% | 68% | 68% |
| Mobile | 22% | 15% | 23% | 23% | 27% | 25 % | 27% | 28% |
| Tablet | 8% | 8% | 9% | 9% | 6% | 5 % | 5% | 4% |
| | | | | | | | | |

* Recent activity is down slightly. The impact of Apple IOS14 security on our reporting statistics is currently unknown. Google estimates it might be 70% of Apple mobile devices. Slightly over 1/3 of mobile devices that access our site are Apple devices – or about 8-9% of our traffic.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley_
Date: 29 October, 2021
Subject: Long Range Planning

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Although there have been not duties associated with long range planning assigned, I would suggest there may be a need for a committee to investigate membership expansion and retention. Membership numbers have been decreasing for the recent past. The pandemic has also hurt our numbers. Now that the pandemic is lessening (hopefully), it is important to publicize the NMRA as we once again have face-to-face meetings and events.

Planned Activities

Discuss with President McGeever to see if the above suggestion is needed.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: October 15, 2021

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. The monthly report includes a roster, and the following reports as appropriate: 30 days past due on renewal, 60 days past due on renewal, new members, renewed members, rerailed members, members subscribing to the *Crossbuck* in the current month, deceased members, and change of address.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes.

Maintained a table of Region members who have "opted-out" of a printed *Waybill*.

Maintained a table of Division zip codes.

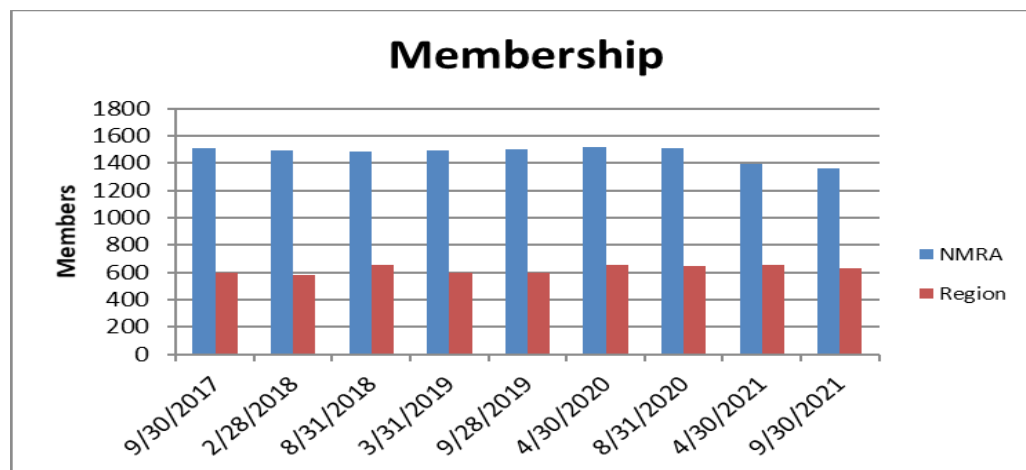
Continued working with the Region Constant Contact Coordinator to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those NMRA members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*. Managed a "postage due" account with the Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data



| Date | | Division | | | | | | | | | | Out of Region | Grand Total |
|---------|--------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|---------------|-------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 15 | | |
| 9/30/17 | Region | 66 | 46 | 47 | 41 | 94 | 8 | 64 | 29 | 89 | 33 | 84 | 601 |
| 9/30/17 | NMRA | 185 | 153 | 123 | 96 | 246 | 21 | 214 | 94 | 216 | 81 | 84 | 1513 |
| 2/28/18 | Region | 63 | 48 | 43 | 37 | 91 | 7 | 58 | 30 | 87 | 36 | 81 | 581 |
| 2/28/18 | NMRA | 183 | 156 | 122 | 97 | 248 | 21 | 202 | 96 | 210 | 78 | 81 | 1494 |
| 8/31/18 | Region | 58 | 47 | 43 | 33 | 82 | 5 | 55 | 29 | 82 | 35 | 94 | 563 |
| 8/31/18 | NMRA | 176 | 152 | 121 | 101 | 235 | 21 | 196 | 98 | 210 | 80 | 94 | 1484 |
| 3/31/19 | Region | 63 | 47 | 38 | 35 | 88 | 9 | 60 | 27 | 71 | 31 | 125 | 594 |
| 3/31/19 | NMRA | 167 | 147 | 121 | 98 | 234 | 22 | 197 | 103 | 201 | 77 | 125 | 1492 |
| 9/28/19 | Region | 58 | 45 | 32 | 28 | 84 | 10 | 55 | 23 | 74 | 28 | 164 | 601 |
| 9/28/19 | NMRA | 167 | 146 | 118 | 91 | 229 | 22 | 191 | 94 | 205 | 75 | 164 | 1502 |
| 4/30/20 | Region | 51 | 40 | 40 | 29 | 87 | 11 | 57 | 18 | 70 | 34 | 219 | 656 |
| 4/30/20 | NMRA | 162 | 145 | 115 | 95 | 226 | 20 | 188 | 83 | 188 | 74 | 219 | 1515 |
| 8/31/20 | Region | 46 | 40 | 40 | 31 | 80 | 9 | 59 | 16 | 66 | 32 | 224 | 643 |
| 8/31/20 | NMRA | 158 | 146 | 112 | 97 | 223 | 21 | 183 | 82 | 187 | 73 | 224 | 1506 |
| 4/30/21 | Region | 59 | 49 | 42 | 32 | 91 | 11 | 67 | 21 | 67 | 33 | 182 | 654 |
| 4/30/21 | NMRA | 150 | 131 | 104 | 92 | 217 | 21 | 177 | 76 | 179 | 65 | 182 | 1394 |
| 9/30/21 | Region | 58 | 51 | 42 | 34 | 93 | 11 | 66 | 21 | 71 | 37 | 149 | 633 |
| 9/30/21 | NMRA | 141 | 137 | 106 | 90 | 219 | 20 | 173 | 76 | 179 | 68 | 149 | 1358 |

(Region members are those members with a Waybill subscription)

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley_
Date: 29 October, 2021
Subject: Nominating

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Researched the incumbent DALs to see who was still eligible to run in the 2022 election for a second term. After that was determined, an article was written for the *Waybill* requesting volunteers to run for a DAL position. Contacts were made and we have ended up with a slate of five nominees. They are:

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| Mike Roderick – eligible for a second term | CID | |
| Gary Children – eligible for a second term | WISE | |
| Phillip Burnside | | CID |
| Dan Hinel | | CID |
| Dave Mashino | | CID |

Planned Activities

The nominees' bios and photos will have been sent to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter issue. This will happen prior to the MWR BoD meeting. Deadline for the *Waybill* is November 10 and our meeting is on the 13th.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: John Robert Coy
Date: October 19, 2021
Subject: DAL Report to May 2021 to Nov. 2021

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Assisting Planning for Franklin Indiana Train Show 2022

Planning Avon, Indiana Train Show Feb 5, 2022

Lead person at CID Modelers Meet Oct. 2021

Participated in a number of Zoom Meetings. .

Attended all Division and Region Meetings.

Always Promoting NMRA on Internet

Assisting Others in their AP journey

Planned Activities

Attend, Assist, Display layouts, Danville Indiana Train Show Nov. 2021

Manager/Leader/Promoter of Avon, Indiana, Train Show, Feb 5, 2022

Continuing Director at Large duties 2nd term began May 2021

Assisting Others in their AP journey

Working on my final AP category—scratch-building cars

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Jerry Peterson
Date: 10/27/2021
Subject: Midwest Region Director At Large

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended Michiana Division activities and monthly meetings via Zoom

Attended Wise Division meeting via Zoom

Attended San Diego Division of the PSR meeting via Zoom

Attended Central Indiana Division meeting via Zoom

Attended North Central Region Division 9 meeting via Zoom

Attended various local OPS sessions obtaining feedback on how the NMRA can support the individual member.

Performed duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Planned Activities

Plan on attending other Division meetings via Zoom or in person

Continue to perform duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Continue to attend local OPS sessions.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Roderick_

Date: 10/15/2021

Subject: DAL Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID held its First 2-day train show in May of 2022 with a very good turnout. I have formed a group of people to help manage this new show in its new format. We have both vendors and manufactures on this committee. I have also started a column in the CID's Rusty Spike newsletter and will be posting more information in the MWR's Waybill. I have been working to make some changes in how we run this show going forward by having people help me out with it.

Other activities have been chasing the BigBoy into St. Louis, MO and writing about my UP Experience. Helping to get more people into the NMRA to grow our membership as well. Also helping move one of Division's train show to a new location.

Planned Activities

We have 2 train show coming up in the near future and the Indy Jct. 2022. Looking forward to August of next year with the Gateway Convention 2022 being held in St. Louis, MO and the Franklin Train Show late that month of August, 2022.

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From: Eric Peterson
Date: For November 14, 2021
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**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors
From: Philip Herman Superintendent WLD
Date: 10/18/2021
Subject: Winnebagoland Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

In-person Board Meeting 6/19/2021
Board Meetings Held Virtually 12/12/20, 1/28/2021, 4/7/2021, 9/1/2021

WLD Spring Meet 10/2/2021 Neenah, WI

- 11) Photo and Model contests
- 12) Model displays
- 13) Three Clinics
- 14) Annual membership meeting
- 15) Layout tours

WLD Workshop Wednesday's Virtual Events

- Feb. 24th
- May 19th
- Sept. 22nd

Content includes Clinics, Modelers show and tell and Layout tours.

Planned Activities

WLD Annual Operating Session Nov. 6th Waupaca Wi.
Layouts being operating Rodger Hildebrandt and Arpad Eiler.

WLD Board Meeting 12/1/2021

2022 WLD Spring Meet TBD
2022 WLD Fall Meet TBD

Proposed locations: Wuasau, WI., Seymour, WI., Manitowoc, WI

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Jimmie Tatum_

Date: Oct 29, 2021

Subject: IVD Activates

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Held our first in-person division meet in September
Hosted annual IVD cookout in August

Planned Activities

Continue with in-person meets going forward
Planning winter potluck for members

To: MWR Clerk
From: Jimmie Tatum
Date: Oct 29, 2021
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for November 2021

Division: Illinois Valley Division

President/Superintendent
Name: Jimmie Tatum
NMRA Membership Number: 149137 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.
Name: Minton Dings
NMRA Membership Number: 126114 0A

Secretary/Clerk
Name: Randy Sommers
NMRA Membership Number: 168830 00

Treasurer/Paymaster
Name: Ken Burr
NMRA Membership Number: 146932

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To: Board of Directors
From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent
Date: October 13, 2021
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Zoom Board Meetings 6/6/2021, 10/6/2021
CID In Person Executive BOD Picnic 8/8/2021
Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth
Franklin Tran Show May 15 & 16 2021
Annual Business Meeting May 16, 2021

CID Modelers Meets

October 2, 2021

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications went electronic with first issue of 2021

Track Talk one virtual meetings and one in person meeting monthly discussing wide variety of topics.

On average 25 members attending.

Planned Activities

CID plans to have similar schedule for CID Board meeting, Modelers Meets, and Train Show

Participation, Layout tours per Covid 19 quarantine guideline.

Favorite Contest being held at Danville Train Show November 20, 2021 (100 X 100 scale feet display)

Bi-Weekly Track Talk - Virtual Meetings via Zoom or in person

CID Board Meetings virtual via Zoom 12/5/2021

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth locations and dates TBD

-Noblesville(Lebanon)-January 2022

Layout Tour (Area TBD)

CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 23, 2020

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Director, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division (FVD), Div #2809

Date: October 2, 2021

Subject: FVD Report for Fall 2021 MWR BoD Meeting, November 2021

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- As noted in the May 2021 report, due to the restrictions and limitations imposed by the State of Illinois regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and actions to minimize its transmission, the Fox Valley Division cancelled all in-person activities for the 2020-2021 season. Further, the Park District building we had been using for in-person meetings still has limitations in place, thus we have continued to use virtual member meetings over the Internet.
- We commenced our 2021-2022 season on September 26th with a ZOOM meeting over the computer. We has 29 attendees, including the feature clinic presenter from Gateway Division in Missouri. As of this writing, success this season will be occurring over the next several months.
- The Fox Valley Division, in conjunction with the DuPage Division, have a member solicitation and information table at the Great Midwest Train Show, aka: The Wheaton Swap. FVD manned the table during August and October with DuPage Division manning the table in September. We plan on continuing alternating table presence through June 2022.

Planned Activities

- Given the unknown status of future State of Illinois COVID limitations on people gathering, we will be continuing to use the ZOOM virtual meeting system for the entire 2021-2022 season, subject to change as the COVID situation and State Health Department requirements may be modified. Future monthly meetings are scheduled through May 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent,
Fox Valley Division

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors

From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division_

Date: 10-17-21

Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The DuPage Division wrapped up our 2020-2021 meeting season with our last Division meeting, via Zoom, on May 2, 2021.
- Typically, our Division schedules some sort of an outing in June – a railroad park, a 1-1/2” scale live steam operation – often with a cookout included, but this year our outing went in a slightly different direction. In June 2021 one of our members hosted an intra-Division sale in his garage to sell off many items donated to him and/or the Division from various estates. Bargain prices were listed with a no-haggling rule and much of the collected stuff was sold off netting the Division a nice profit.
- On August 29, 2021 the Board of Directors’ met to plan the upcoming 2021-2022 meeting season. Meetings were scheduled for September 12, 2021, October 3, 2021, November 7, 2021, December 5, 2021, January 9, 2022, February 6, 2022, March 6, 2022, April 3, 2022 and May 1, 2022.

Having kept in touch with the staff at our meeting place, St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Downers Grove, IL., we were informed we could return to having in-person meetings. Our first was on September 12, 2021. Our December meeting usually consists of a holiday luncheon for Division members and spouses but we still have not confirmed with the church staff the possibility of bringing food into the building and serving it.

- At our August 29, 2021 Board of Directors’ meeting, eleven appointed Trainmaster positions all accepted their positions for the upcoming meeting season. These positions include Greeter/Nametags, Railroad Show Coordinator, (2) Outreach positions, Division Newsletter (Waybill) Editor, Membership Chair, Contest Chair, Achievement Chair, Social Media Chair and two At-Large positions. All Trainmaster positions will run through May 31, 2022.
- Our September 12, 2021 meeting included a presentation by Perry Sugerman on iron ore trains and iron ore train operations on a model railroad based on those same operations in the Minnesota/Upper Michigan iron ore ranges. The contest was “anything goes” and based on what members had worked on during the pandemic when we were not meeting in person.
- Our October 3, 2021 meeting included a presentation by Dave Lull on micro-layouts – complete layouts contained within ten square feet – and focused on a traction layout set in the 1940s. The contest was structures.

To: Board of Directors
From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division_
Date: 10-17-21
Subject: Division Activities
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- Our November 7, 2021 meeting will include a presentation by Fred Henize on operations on his N-scale home layout, The Apple Valley Route. The contest is scheduled to be Supporting Characters – anything associated with the railroad but functions in a supporting role.
- The DuPage Division's annual All American Railroad Show, a one-day exhibit of modular operating layouts open to the public and typically scheduled for late March, was cancelled at the last minute in 2020 as the pandemic took hold, and the March 2021 show was also cancelled as the pandemic was still in full swing when planning would typically have started in October 2020.

In September 2021 we inquired with Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL., in whose fieldhouse the show is held, regarding the possibility of scheduling a show for March 2022 and were happy to hear the school is looking forward to the return of the show after a two-year hiatus. We have a green light to proceed albeit with the caveat that if there is a resurgence of the pandemic such that public facilities are once again closed, our show could be cancelled. But at present all systems are go and 32 invitations to exhibitors have been mailed out.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Golden
Superintendent, DuPage Division

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Greg Bueltmann, Superintendent Michiana Division

Date: October 29, 2021

Subject: Division Director Report for Michiana Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Michiana Division BoD Meetings (6/12/2021, 8/14/2021, 9/11/2021, and 10/9/2021)

Michiana Division Monthly Membership Meetings and Clinics

| Date | Topic |
|--------------------|---|
| June 19, 2021 | Joint Meeting with NCR Region 9 - "Tanks For Solids, Liquids and Gases" by Rich Mahaney |
| July 17, 2021 | Outing to Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson, Indiana |
| August 21, 2021 | Outing to National New York Central Railroad Museum, Elkhart, Indiana |
| September 18, 2021 | Outing to Greg Bueltmann's Ore Line Layout (Gary, IN), Griffith Railroad Museum (Griffith, IN), and Munster Train Depot (Munster, IN) |
| October 16, 2021 | Outing to Elkhart Model Railroad Club Train Show, Nappanee, IN |

Weekly Thursday Evening Sessions

| Date | Topic | Presenter |
|----------|---|-----------------|
| 5/6/21 | Staging - Rich Trowbridge | Rich Trowbridge |
| 5/20/21 | Rolling Through Roland on the Story City Line | Clark Propst |
| 5/27/21 | Fernwood's Paul Bussey RR Garden Rebuild | Ron Jillson |
| 6/3/21 | Grain Elevator Photos | Ron Christensen |
| 6/10/21 | Cleveland Coop | Rich Hanke |
| 6/15/21 | Photos from Tama County | Ron Christensen |
| 6/24/21 | Unknown Elevator File | Ron Christensen |
| 7/1/21 | Story City Branch - Turn Back Curve | Clark Propst |
| 7/15/21 | High Pressure Dome Cars | Ron Christensen |
| 8/5/21 | St. Louis RPM Recap | Doug Harding |
| 8/12/21 | Clark Propst - Zeroing in on Zearing | Clark Propst |
| 8/19/21 | Three Week Layout Renovation | Clark Propst |
| 8/26/21 | Interchanges on the Minneapolis and Northland Railway | Lester Breuer |
| 9/2/21 | Bulk Oil Dealers | Ron Christensen |
| 9/16/21 | Lumber and Lumber Yards | Doug Harding |
| 9/30/21 | Coal in the Upper Midwest | Doug Harding |
| 10/7/21 | Rich Hanke Limestone | Rich Hanke |
| 10/14/21 | Improvements to the Gas Station | Ron Christensen |
| 10/21/21 | Deckers Meat Packing Design and Construction | Clark Propst |
| 10/28/21 | Deckers Meat Packing Operations | Clark Propst |

Planned Activities

Quarterly BoD Meetings, Monthly Clinics, and weekly Thursday sessions will continue.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever_
Date: November 2, 2021
Subject: Regional Advisory Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

There has been no RAC activity since our last meeting.

Planned Activities

The RAC will be holding a Zoom session on Sunday Nov 7th at 1PM to discuss a digital version of the NMRA magazine. There is a program underway to migrate the magazine to a digital format. An email blast with a link to an example magazine and a poll has been sent to the members. Unfortunately, the Zoom session conflicts with my monthly division meeting so I will not be able to attend.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley_
Date: 29 October, 2021
Subject: Immediate Past President

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Under the title “other duties as assigned by the President” I have been acting on a temporary basis as Convention Committee Chair. Please see my Convention Committee report for information regarding working as a Director of the *Indy Junction 2022* Convention. This convention will be the result of three NMRA regions – Mid Central, North Central, and Midwest working together to provide a four-day regional convention. Also included in the convention will be the Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) Conference.

Planned Activities

Learn about on-line registrations that could be ported over to the MWR and its divisions. Note any other processes of the convention that would be good additions to MWR regional conventions. Are there other ways of accomplishing the interchange of model railroad information than what has become our standard formula?

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Connie Coy

Date: November 3, 2021

Subject: Secretary Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Collect and create packet of Reports for November 21, 2021 MWR BOD meeting

Planned Activities

Purchase laptop and Nitro Pro to provide clerical duties for Midwest Region of NMRA.

Item 37
October 28, 2021
Treasurer's Report

Year-to-date Income statement and balance sheet information for September 2021 are attached for your information. A comparison to prior year is included.

Year-to-date September 2021 revenues totaled \$4,580.72, a decrease of \$514.09, or 10.1% from last year. This resulted from no convention revenue (down \$654.00); lower NMRA revenue share (off \$130.00); and 14.3% decrease in subscription revenues (down \$384.09). Net loss of \$3,136.99 was \$3,945.29 below prior year reflecting the lower revenue, increased convention related expense/seed money (\$2,685.00) and web related costs (up \$367.24 due to multi-year web hosting expense which could be accrued and amortized over three year period).

September 30, 2021 cash balance was \$41,130.12, a decrease of \$2,883.13 from prior year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Keith A. Thomsen
Treasurer

| Midwest Region NMRA | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| YTD Income Statement Comparison | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | Jan - Sep 21 | Jan - Sep 20 | \$ Change | % Change |
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| | Convention Income | 0.00 | 654.00 | -654.00 | -100.0% |
| NMRA | | | | | |
| | Revenue Sharing | 2,274.00 | 2,404.00 | -130.00 | -5.41% |
| | Subscriptions | 2,306.72 | 2,690.81 | -384.09 | -14.27% |
| | Total NMRA | 4,580.72 | 5,094.81 | -514.09 | -10.09% |
| | Total Income | 4,580.72 | 5,748.81 | -1,168.09 | -20.32% |
| Expense | | | | | |
| Convention Expenses | | | | | |
| | Seed Grant | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 100.0% |
| | Convention Expenses - Ot | 685.00 | 0.00 | 685.00 | 100.0% |
| | Total Convention Expenses | 2,685.00 | 0.00 | 2,685.00 | 100.0% |
| NMRA Rebate | | | | | |
| | Rebate to Divisions | 2,274.00 | 2,404.00 | -130.00 | -5.41% |
| | Total NMRA Rebate | 2,274.00 | 2,404.00 | -130.00 | -5.41% |
| Overhead Expenses | | | | | |
| | President | 45.90 | 0.00 | 45.90 | 100.0% |
| | Web | 592.73 | 225.49 | 367.24 | 162.86% |
| | Total Overhead Expenses | 638.63 | 225.49 | 413.14 | 183.22% |
| Waybill | | | | | |
| | Postage | 561.21 | 580.17 | -18.96 | -3.27% |
| | Printing | 1,558.87 | 1,730.85 | -171.98 | -9.94% |
| | Total Waybill | 2,120.08 | 2,311.02 | -190.94 | -8.26% |
| | Total Expense | 7,717.71 | 4,940.51 | 2,777.20 | 56.21% |
| | Net Ordinary Income | -3,136.99 | 808.30 | -3,945.29 | -488.1% |
| | Net Income | -3,136.99 | 808.30 | -3,945.29 | -488.1% |

Midwest Region NMRA

Balance Sheet as of September 30th

| | | Sep 30, 21 | Sep 30, 20 | \$ Change | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Checking/Savings | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | |
| | BMO Harris Checking | 41,130.12 | 44,013.25 | -2,883.13 | -6.55% |
| | Total Checking | 41,130.12 | 44,013.25 | -2,883.13 | -6.55% |
| | Total Checking/Savings | 41,130.12 | 44,013.25 | -2,883.13 | -6.55% |
| Accounts Receivable | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | | | | | |
| | NMRA Receivables | 241.76 | 182.27 | 59.49 | 32.64% |
| | Total Accounts receivable | 241.76 | 182.27 | 59.49 | 32.64% |
| | Total Accounts Receivable | 241.76 | 182.27 | 59.49 | 32.64% |
| | Total Current Assets | 41,371.88 | 44,195.52 | -2,823.64 | -6.39% |
| | | 41,371.88 | 44,195.52 | -2,823.64 | -6.39% |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | | | | |
| | Accounts payable | 1,123.00 | 0.00 | 1,123.00 | 100.0% |
| | Total Accounts Payable | 1,123.00 | 0.00 | 1,123.00 | 100.0% |
| | Total Current Liabilities | 1,123.00 | 0.00 | 1,123.00 | 100.0% |
| | Total Liabilities | 1,123.00 | 0.00 | 1,123.00 | 100.0% |
| Equity | | | | | |
| | Opening Bal Equity | 17,393.30 | 16,823.62 | 569.68 | 3.39% |
| Permanently Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| | Moskal Award Funds | 165.20 | 165.20 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| | Youth Program Funds | 6,560.74 | 7,130.42 | -569.68 | -7.99% |
| | Total Permanently Restricted Fu | 6,725.94 | 7,295.62 | -569.68 | -7.81% |
| | Unrestrict (retained earnings) | 19,266.63 | 19,267.98 | -1.35 | -0.01% |
| | Net Income | -3,136.99 | 808.30 | -3,945.29 | -488.1% |
| | Total Equity | 40,248.88 | 44,195.52 | -3,946.64 | -8.93% |
| | | 41,371.88 | 44,195.52 | -2,823.64 | -6.39% |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 41,371.88 | 44,195.52 | -2,823.64 | -6.39% |

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Vice-President, MWR

Date: October 3, 2021

Subject: MWR VP Report for Fall 2021 MWR BoD Meeting, November 2021

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Since being elected to the VP position last Spring, I have no activity to report.

Planned Activities

- Support the Region President and the Board of Directors and the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
VP, MWR

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: November 2, 2021
Subject: Presidents Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Explored the possibility of getting Directors and Officers insurance for the region and divisions. The WISE division has been carrying it for some time. Other 501 organizations I am involved with carry it. The idea was to set up a plan at the regional level that be an “umbrella” that covered all the divisions just as the NMRA liability insurance covers all the regions and divisions. The vendors I work with can not set up that kind of D&O coverage.

Worked with the Treasurer of the WISE division to convert Trainfest from private sector liability insurance coverage to the NMRA policy at a significant cost savings for the show.

At our last BOD meeting we received a report from Mike Slater the Superintendent of the WISE division reporting that the division was in distress and that the MWR may have to get involved. Both the future of Trainfest and the WISE division was in doubt. This issue has consumed most of the time I have put into MWR activity since our last BOD meeting.

I have been sitting in on WISE BOD and Trainfest meetings. To make a long story short, during the third week of October the Super, Asst Super and Treasurer announced their intent to resign from the WISE BOD and probably the NMRA. Further, members of the WISE BOD were discussing amongst themselves a merger with the SCWD. I reached out to the Treasurer and asked him to remain on the BOD for the duration of the crisis and he agreed.

I have been working with the Clerk to set up a WISE BOD meeting to deal with the resignation and replacement of the Super and Asst Super. There is a real chance that no one will step up to fill the positions. The WISE BOD may declare themselves an “inactive division” under Article V Section 8 of the MWR bylaws. This would make it my reasonability to appoint, with the approval of the MWR BOD, an interim Super, Asst Super, Treasurer, and Clerk who would be tasked with figuring out the future of the division. By implication, the rest of the WISE BOD would be dissolved.

It is my understanding that all Trainfest activity will be on hold for several months while the future of the division is worked out.

Since the WISE is the home of the NMRA and Trainfest is such major show for our hobby, I would really like to find a way to preserve both.

Planned Activities

Attend the Nov 10th WISE BOD meeting and see what happens.

