

Minutes

NMRA Midwest Region Meeting of the Board of Directors

DATE

November 2, 2024

TIME

10:00 AM – 12:00 P.M. CDT

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Bob McGeever, President MWR NMRA

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McGeever, Connie J. Coy, Jim Landwehr, Phillip Burnside, John Coy, Dan Banks, Jim Osborn, Steve Studley, Michael Hirvela, David Leider, Dave Mashino, John Poray, Robert Perry, Precilla Roderick, Burnell Breaker, Art Dawson, Jr., Gary Baker, Mike Lehman, Marty Hendrickx, Alex Schneider, Greg Bueltmann

Guests present: Michael Roderick, Larry Nelson, Bob Landwehr, Rod Thomson, Denis Zamirovski

Absent: Thomas Ose, Paul Hillmer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2, 2024 were presented. John Coy moved to approve the minutes. Precilla Roderick seconded. Motion carried. There were no Minutes for the Meeting of the Members, as it did not occur in May.

REPORTS

The Committee Reports were approved and placed on file. Director at Large reports were approved and placed on file. Business related to the following reports were dealt with as they arose: Regional Advisory Committee, the Treasurer's Report, DuPage Division.

Old Business:

Items 1, 2: Marty Hendricks reported that the Illinois Business Agent and MWR D&O Insurance were in order and on file in his report. MWR is insured and payment will be made by 12/1/2024.

Item 3: Bob McGeever moved that the MWR Bylaws be amended to state that meetings of the BOD would take place the first Saturday in May and the First Saturday in November each year from 2025 forward at 10 a.m. to Noon CDT via ZOOM. John Poray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Reactivation of WISE Division. Bob McGeever noted that the WISE Division has updated its Constitution and bylaws in accordance with NMRA standards. To that end, he moved that WISE go active effective November 4, 2024. Burnell Breaker will get hard copies out of the documents and they will be on file with the MWR. Precilla Roderick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Item 1: Meeting of the Members was discussed. It did not occur in May and by NMRA standards it must be held twice a year to allow members of the NMRA to have a voice in Regional Business. Discussion followed. An Ad Hoc Committee

was created to decide how to best proceed in having the MOM. The Committee is comprised of: Marty Hendrickx, Jim Osborn, John Coy, Alex Schneider.

Item 2: Bob McGeever noted that the Regional Advisory Committee has requested the development of a graphics program for Brand standardization. Dan Banks and Phil Burnside volunteered to assist with this. Jim Osborn states there is a Template for Community Relations online. Jim will assist with distribution of materials online.

Item 3: Treasurer's Report was appended to Reports prior to meeting as Keith Thomsen has resigned the position, Bob McGeever created the report and noted that concerning was the cost of producing hardcopy of The Waybill newsletter: Printed newsletters are no longer cost effective for the region. Dave Leider moved to discontinue production/distribution of the hard copy version of the newsletter and phase it out at the end of 2025. Dan Banks seconded the motion. Discussion about distribution for the Division Waybills was included in this item. Jim Osborn, Bob McGeever, Dave Leider and Dave Mashino formed a committee to help implement the elimination of hard copy newsletters. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Discussion came from Treasurer's Report that Youth Funds are not tied to the Boy Scouts to support youth activities. Included was how to redirect these funds to the Youth Participation Committee to assist Thomas Ose in his efforts. Alex Schneider offered to update the application form which he will get from Tom Ose. Item tabled until May Meeting.

Item 5: DuPage Division informed to place its revised Bylaws and constitution on file with their Division and the MWR.

Item 6: Steve Studley moves to accept the slate of Nominees for 2025: President: John Coy, Vice President: Bob Perry and Michael Roderick, Director at Large: Jeff Dean, Mark Faust, Michael Hirvela, Larry Nelson, Precilla Roderick, Jim Temple and Bob Landwehr. Motion Seconded by John Coy. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7: Jim Osborn requested that the MWR pay up to \$1045.00 for its share in maintaining the MWR share of web expenses. A portion of the website cost is shared with the Fox Valley Division. Precilla Roderick so moved; seconded by Michael Roderick.

Item 8: Conventions: Bob McGeever noted that Trainfest is coming up and will be nationally funded. Divisions will participate in planning, Jenny Hendrick to do the booking.

Dan Banks discussed possibilities of Dual Region conventions. He is asking for help from divisions for northern MWR. He also requested that the CID 2025 convention be removed to not coincide/compete with Trainfest. John Coy Moved to accept Dan's request; John Poray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trainfest will be November 23-24, 2024 at the Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI from 9:00a.m.to 5:00pm, both days.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Midwest Region Board of Directors of the NMRA will be by Zoom on May 3, 2025 from 10 AM – Noon (CDT).

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Jim Landwehr moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dan Banks. Motion passed unanimously.