

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

December, 2017



EDITORS NOTE

Our Holiday Model Railroad Open House and the Pleasant Street Holiday Open House is over and both were well attended. All three winners of the Chinese Auction have been contacted and have picked up their prizes.

Our annual January 1st Op Session is up next. It will start around 9:00am on Monday, New Years Day! All members are welcome to attend. This event gives our members a chance to learn how a railroad works. Lunch will be provided by members bringing Chilli, soups, bread & crackers!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday season. The new year will bring new events, a possible move and lots of work for our organization. The Board of Directors will have a meeting sometime in January to set goals for the year and our budget. Finances are always tight but remember, "You only get what you pay for" OR "Nothing Free was ever worth anything". Donations to our Society are always welcome!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting November 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with three (3) officers, nine (9) members present. Minutes are being taken by Rich Henderson as our Secretary, Dave Edwards is down with the Flu. Minutes of the November 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Eric Hopkins made an amendment to the minutes, should have read, "Eric Hopkins contacted NorthWest Short Line about repairing the drive gear for the Y6b from Broadway Limited. They do not stock the gear, in part because BLI has not provided needed information. NWSL can, however, make one if we provide the specifications. They suggested that we buy a quartering tool and do the gear installation ourselves in order to gain this valuable skill for our organization. NWSL is also willing to install the gear at their usual labor rate of \$45 per hour. We discussed just sending it back to BLI, though there is uncertainty regarding whether or not they do their own repairs or out-source such work. Eric will take the product information from the box and contact BLI directly to find out their policy, procedure and cost." Motion to accept the minutes with amendment by Rich Henderson, Second by Lou Lemelle, Approved.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**January 1, 2018
Operating Session
9:00AM til ??**

**January 4, 2018
Business Meeting**

**February 1, 2018
Business Meeting**

**March 1, 2018
Business Meeting**

**April 5, 2018
Business Meeting**



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Treasurer's Report: All bills paid, we are in the black. Motion to approve by Frank Benders, Second by Bill Hudak . Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: Bill Hudak bought new plugs for the electrical connections, some are already in place, some still need changed. The yard needs a power pack and Mike suggested we could use a toggle switch. Gary says the signals are working good.

Main Layout: Mike Hohn is still working on the lumber yard. A turnout at St. George has been repaired and is working. Bill Hudak said the sidings at the new coal mine are working. Eric Hopkins has cleaned the track in the new coal mine area. Jim has a retaining wall.

Publicity: Rich said that the publicity for the Holiday Open House is out. We have 440 Likes and 438 followers on facebook. We got a donation of \$20 from Cindy Keeling through facebook for our fundraiser. Only problem is that facebook only disperses funds once we get \$100 in donations. Rich started a new fundraiser for the Coal mine scene, no donations for it yet.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins reported that Renewal notices went out on December 3rd.

Membership: Just a reminder that annual membership dues are due by December 31, 2017. There is a "Grace period" that ends on March 31, 2018. Keith asked everyone to get their dues in as quickly as possible.

Donations: We received a framed Union Pacific color photo and a brass spittoon from Mrs. Ann Compton of Reedsville, her father & grandfather, Edwin Tipton Jr. & Sr., both worked for the UP in Wyoming & Nebraska.

Old Business:

The model railroaders workshop was a "No Go", only one person responded for the event and he called on Friday evening! Mike Hohn said this kind of event is held by the Division and it is always free. Others said that they are also presented at the Greenberg shows in Monroeville for free after a person pays to get into the train show. We may or may not try again in the Spring.

Eric Hopkins contacted Broadway Limited about our Y6b loco, sent to BLI, they received it and within 24 hours it was on the way back. The new gear driver should be an easy install. Very positive results!

New Business:

Rich ordered new signs to help with membership from Vistaprint. They were on sale, he got two (2) posters to put up on the walls and a posterboard one to put on an easel. All three are up around the room.

Rich suggested a Christmas ad to be placed in the Dominion Post near the Holidays. He passed around a possible ad proof. Members made some changes in wording. The ad will cost \$164 and Rich will pay \$70 toward the ad, other members made donations for the ad, the society will pay the rest . Motion to approve the holiday Ad by Rich Henderson, second by Eric Hopkins, Approved.

Rich was contacted by the manager of the Mountain People's Co-op. They are planning an Open House on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 11am to 3pm. They asked if we wanted to participate. Rich emailed the membership and most members wanted to do this event. They are doing all the publicity for it. Rich made a motion to participate in the Pleasant St. Open House, second by Lou Lemelle, Approved.

Gary reminded everyone about the annual Operating Session on January

1, 2018 beginning at 9am. He has sent invites out to model railroader's in the area. There is a set schedule to run trains and sidings that have "Blue" flags on them are not to be messed with, as cars have been placed there for trains to pick up! We will need 4 yard masters, 2 tower operators and a clerk at St. George. For lunch we will have Chilli and/or soups, bread & crackers.

For the Good of the Order:

Mike Hohn showed off a little building he made for an online RR forum challenge. It's a hot dog stand made of wood and decorated as "Gary's Hot Dogs". Looks Great!

Keith said we may have a new place after the first of the year. The old Mountaineer Mall is thinking about having a place for us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully,

Rich Henderson for

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRHRS



ARTICLES WANTED

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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