

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

July, 2018



EDITORS NOTE

Ah, Summer is here, cutting grass, trimming, planting flowers and gardens, work around the house, but it's also time to work on the railroad! Many members are hard at work on the new coal mine scene and on the scenery at the "wye" on the upper level of the layout. If you can find the time, come on down and help them build our railroad. They can't do it alone, well they could, but it's more fun to build it together! Let's try to have something new for our visitor's to see at the Back to School Open House in late August.

Our new Officers/BOD members have taken their places and will be officiating at the July business meeting. Let's all try to help them build up our organization, build our layouts better and move the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society forward. Too many times at our public events I still hear, "We never knew all this was here in Morgantown". It's up to every member to spread the word about our group. If people know about us then they are more likely to visit, tell friends about us and/or join our Society.

Stay cool this Summer & Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting June 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with four (4) officers, eight (8) members present. Minutes of the May 2018 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Mike Hohn, Second by Lou Lemelle, Approved. Gary thanked Dave Edwards for taking care of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Keith gave us the financial report for May 2018. All bills paid, we are in the black. Motion to accept by Bill Hudak, Second by Greg Malnikoff, Approved. Keith said that he has re-filed our 501(c)(3) papers with the IRS for two years. Also the WV Secretary of States office now has a "Portal charge" of \$1.00 in addition to the regular \$25.00 charge. He asked for reimbursement. Mike Hohn moved, Second by Frank Benders, Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: Mike Hohn & Dave Trader have started ballasting.

Main Layout: Eric Hopkins reported that the light in the Coal tipple is closer to completion. Rich has glued foam in place at the "wye" on the upper level and is getting ready for Sculptamold.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**July 5, 2018
Business Meeting**

**July 15, 2018
NMRA Division 2
Meeting**
Society opens at 12 noon

**August 2, 2018
Business Meeting**

**August 25 & 26, 2018
Back to School
Open House**
Workers Needed

**September 6, 2018
Business Meeting**

**October 4, 2018
Business Meeting**



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Publicity: Rich said we have 490 "Likes" on the facebook page. The picture of an electrical ballast for lighting sitting on the HO track module got 271 hits and was shared by 13 with three comments. The Spring Open House video by Larry Linger got 60 views. Thanks to Larry for making these videos for us.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins said we received the renewal from Dr. Lemley at REA for their boxcar ad.

Membership: No change.

Donations: Nine dollars in the caboose. Tom Kirby donated \$50.00 to the modular transportation fund.

Old Business:

Keith reported NO new news about us moving to a new place.

Gary asked about the cub scouts visit, Rich said he had nothing new to report.

New Business:

Rich said that we have eight (8) lights out over the main layout and asked that we get new bulbs and/or ballast to fix them. Dave Edwards said we need to make sure we get the right bulbs as LED's are taking over and fluorescent bulbs are getting harder to find. Gary asked Dave to check the bulbs and get the right ones to replace. Motion by Rich Henderson, second by Eric Hopkins, Approved.

The NMRA meeting is in July and Neil Shore will present a program on the early PA Turnpike and its connection to the old South Penn Railroad that was converted to the road. Frank said the meeting will take place upstairs at the Black Bear. He also asked for volunteers to help move tables & chairs so the floor does not get scratched up. Keith and Mike's layouts will be open for visitors.

Tom Kirby asked if anyone went to the Fayette County Train Day. Several members responded that they did. The guy at the Millsburg RR museum has tons of stuff including a Western Union office, train station, articles, etc.

For the Good of the Order:

Gary reminded everyone of the new officers and said he looked forward to just being a member & Immediate Past President. He also donated a DVD of the Cumberland & Grafton division of the B&O.

Motion to Adjourn by many,

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm
Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRRHs



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:
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