

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

October, 2018



EDITORS NOTE

October is almost here and that means Mountaineer Week. We will be packing up the modular layout and taking up to the Shenandoah Room of the Mountainlair on Thursday evening, October 18, 2018. We will need all hands on deck for this move and setup. I will be at the Mountainlair early (around 5:30pm) to get the room open and ready. I will have the tables setup by the time members get there to setup the modules. Please try and help in any way you can. Our hours for Friday & Saturday are 11:00am til 8:00pm. These are long days and we will need every member to help watch the layout, answer questions and entice visitors to become new members. Sunday hours are from 11:00am til 4:00pm and then takedown, pack up and transport the modules back to the Society clubhouse. This event needs extra effort by all members to make it a success. Our finances are pretty low right now, donations from visitors will make or break us. It is also the opportunity for us to excite people to join our Society. Let's turn on the charm!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting September 6, 2018

At 7:30 pm the meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle. Present were 4 officers and 8 members.

A motion was made by Rich to accept the previous minutes as published. A second was submitted by Mike Hohn. A vote was cast and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith read the monthly Treasurer's Report. We have an ending balance of \$952.86. A motion was made by Gary to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mike Hohn. A vote was cast and the motion passed.

Modules: Mike reported that some ballasting was done, approximately 2/3rds through the first part of the front 2 tacks. The remainder are in the "Black Cinder" stage. Mike will fill in some places.(Sand may be used). Bill reported that some feeder wires were installed. Mike announced that we need an electrical plan. Bill said wiring should be completed before ballasting. Frank and Bill agreed to work on the wiring the following Thursday.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 6, 2018
Business Meeting**

**September 29, 2018
OP Session
Starting around 10am**

**October 4, 2018
Business Meeting**

**October 18, 19, 20, 21
Mountaineer Week
Train Show**

**Thursday, October 18 - starting at
6pm
Friday, October 19 - 11am to 8pm
Saturday, October 20 - 11am to 8pm
Sunday, October 21 - 11am to 4pm
Take down after 4pm
Workers Needed!**

**November 1, 2018
Business Meeting**



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Main Layout: Lights are working. Some of the rocks have been painted. Rich has placed some trees. During the Open House some problems were identified such as with rail connections that caused some shorting out. These were repaired. We have not yet, tried to employ the LEDs. Gary presented a diagram for the installation of the Repeater Board. He reported that installation should be completed by the Operating Session. One board will be at the Main Interlocking and the other at the bottom of the steps. Keith thanked Dave for get the lights done at Saint George before the Open House.

Publicity: Rich reported 503-508 likes on our Facebook page. New pictures have been posted on the page. Rich reported that the newspaper did not get the publicity for the Open House into publication. He talked with Katie and suggested an article since we hadn't been in the paper for at least 10 years. Katie said it was a good idea. Rich to follow up. Rich is updating the publicity for Mountaineer Week at the Mountain Lair for October 19,20, & 21.

Ad Cars: No Change

Membership: No Change

Donations: \$5 in caboose

Old Business: Rich declared the Open House a success and thanked all who helped. The turn out was not as expected or hoped for which could have been influenced by the absence of newspaper publicity. Hoping that the Mountainlair and December Open House will be more productive. Rich thanked Steve Kite for the N & W, Southern and B&O signs and Gregory Malnikoff for the Jersey Central and B&O

signs. He thanked Lou for helping paint the stairway. Lou thanked everyone for helping and pointed out that even though the Dominion Post did not carry our advertising, Facebook and other media did.

New Business: Garry announced that the Op Session on Saturday September 29 will start at 10 am. People from Johnstown will be attending. Our members and other train operators are invited. We will need a switch list. Gary will check on the some of the paperwork he might have at home.

Rich proposed that we continue with the painted striping to the bathroom door. We should paint the bathroom door and door jam, then continue the striping around the room. The purple (Dusty Rose) curtain should be disposed of. After elaborating the idea Rich made a motion to perform the work. Gary put forth a second to the motion which was voted on and approved. Discussion ensued about specifics on how to proceed. Ideas and plans will be further developed.

For the Good of the Order: Rich made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Frank. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully,

Greg Malnikoff,
Secretary MVRRHHS



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