

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

November, 2018



EDITORS NOTE

Well, time sure does fly. The Mountaineer Week Model Railroad Display is over. I had a good time and I believe all the members that were present did too. The show was a great success. We had many visitors over the three day weekend and all were resound in their praise of our layout! I want to thank every member that helped to make this event a success. We answered lots of questions, pointed out lots of little details and our visitors were pleased with our helpfulness.

Now we are on track for the Holiday Open House in December. We need the same commitment from members to make this show our best. It's the last time we will be able to highlight our organization this year. We need to finish several projects or get them looking as best they can in limited time. When people see we are proud of our work they tend to be more generous in their praise and donations. The more we turn on the charm, answer questions, point out details and show our pride the more people feel like helping us. It's our opportunity to shine and to excite people to join our Society. Let's turn on the charm!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting October 4, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:42pm by Treasurer Keith DeVault in the absence of President, Lou Lemelle. Minutes were taken by Rich Henderson in the absence of Secretary, Greg Malnikoff. Two Officers and six (6) members present. A quorum requires 25% of the membership (6) members. Therefore, business was conducted.

A motion was made by Rich Henderson to approve the September minutes as printed in the newsletter. Bill Hudak seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault reported we in the black as of the end of September 2018. There is just enough money to get us through December. Tom Kirby donated to the Special Savings account. Motion by Mike Hohn to approve the Treasurer's report, Second by Gary Deavers, Approved.

Modules: Mike Hohn said ballasting continues. He found another code 100 section of track but it is not on the main lines so doesn't have to be replaced right away. Mike recommended that we take track cleaning supplies with us to the Mountainlair.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**November 1, 2018
Business Meeting**

**December 1, 2018
OP Session
Starting around 9am**

**December 6, 2018
Business Meeting**

**December 15 & 16, 2018
Holiday Open House
Workers Needed!**

**January 3, 2019
Business Meeting**

**February 7, 2019
Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2019
Business Meeting**

**April 4, 2019
Business Meeting**



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Main Layout: Bill Hudak fixed a couple of turnout problems during the OP session. Rich said that trees, shrubs, grass and three houses have been added to the hills above the “we” track, still more to do. Eric Hopkins said that the lights in the new mine are working and are on a separate power source. He also found a dead spot in the trackage near St. George. Jim Kubanick showed us a building kit for a Cold Storage building he wants to put at the end of the mine yard. Everyone agreed. Gary showed us the new Repeater Board. It looks like the kind used in the early 20th century. It will be in place soon.

Publicity: Rich reported that the facebook page has 507 “Likes”, 510 people are “Following” the page. The Open House video by Larry Linger was watched 194 times and the pictures of the work on the “we” track got 167 hits. Public Service announcement and notices to Ad car business have been sent out for Mountaineer Week. Newspaper articles & photos will go out by Thursday, October 11, 2018. Rich also showed us two small flyers, one for Mountaineer Week that will be placed in the Ballroom to draw visitors down to our layout, the other is for our Holiday Open House and will be placed on the table where visitors can pick it up.

Ad Cars: No Change. Rich said we should try to get some of the old cars renewed. Eric will be sending out renewal notices in the next few weeks.

Membership: No Change

Donations: None

Old Business: Gary reported that we had eight (8) members and seven (7) guests for the OP session in September. The guys from Johnstown had a good time. Dave Baker from Johnstown was the

Dispatcher, Jim Kubanick was the Trainmaster and Eric Hopkins worked the yard at Ravenswood & St. George. Gary suggested we have another OP session on Saturday, December 1, 2018 instead of on New Years day. Jim said the “Switch list” system isn’t working very well. It slowed down the trains and caused some frustration for all. We had a discussion on what to do. Finally we decided to just work it out and move on.

The Mountaineer Week show is on Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20 and on Sunday, October 21. Set up will be on Thursday, October 18, starting around 6pm. Takedown at 4pm on Sunday. We need all the help we can get from members. Rich will be sending out an email for sign ups.

Rich showed off the “Feature article” by Sarah Marino from the Dominion Post. Everyone agreed it was a good article. Thanks to Gary for getting a couple of copies of the paper. The article will be put in our files.

New Business: Eric Hopkins reported that Broadway Limited can do “Steam repairs” on the Y6b but it is out of warranty and will cost a minimum of \$99 for the repair. The subject was tabled for now.

Rich said we were contacted by Rebecca Deem, Life Enrichment Director of the Crossings in Morgantown. She asked if we did presentations for residents of Nursing care facilities. He replied yes and set up a March or April 2019 time. Rich will keep in touch.

Dave Edwards asked about getting a couple of small Lionel locos for the old Mountaineer Mall train layout. Rich said there are a couple of train shows where he can find something.

Rich made a motion to stop all reimbursements for the next year due to the financial situation we are in. Anything needed should come from

member donations. Dave Edwards seconded with the proviso that reimbursements only be given IF the membership approves it prior to purchase. The motion was not voted on. Rich made another motion, that we transfer \$500 from the Special Savings to the General Fund. Keith said we should wait to see how the Mountaineer Week show goes. The motion was tabled until next month.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing.

Motion to adjourn by many. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Respectfully,
Rich Henderson
for Secretary, Greg Malnikoff



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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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