

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

February, 2019



EDITORS NOTE

Time sure moves fast, January is almost over and Spring is right around the corner. We are making good progress on the main layout especially on the new Coal mine area. Members are also working on the industrial area near St. George and on the St. George yard area. If you haven't been down to the Society clubhouse in a while, why not make a visit. It's time for all of us to get our hands dirty and complete several scenes on the layout!

Please remember your annual dues. Yes, you have until March 31 to pay, however, your quick payment allows us to have a better grasp on the finances. Any donation you make, whether in cash or materials will help all of us in the year ahead.

Finally, the February business meeting is very important. This meeting is when you, the members vote on the proposed budget and goals for the whole year! Come to the meeting, bring your own ideas, listen to the BOD's ideas and vote. We need your help and input!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting January 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Ward Paine. Four Officers and Ten members present. (It should be noted that President Lou Lemelle arrived a little late but allowed VP Paine to continue running the meeting. So all five officers were present). A motion was made by Mike to approve the December minutes and seconded by Frank. Gary clarified that the 10 Atlas Engines listed under Donations were actually "On Loan" from G & D Locomotive Leasing. The motion to accept the December minutes was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault was not present, but the Treasurer's Report was given by Rich. After most favorable results from the Open House, we are still solvent as of January 2019. Motion by Gary to approve the Treasurer's report with a second by Greg. Voted on and approved.

Modules: Mike reported that Ian had done more ballasting on the end pieces. Mike expects to make a proposal on what should or needs to be done to finish the project. Mike feels it reasonable to expect completion of work on the modules in the next few months.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**February 7, 2019
Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2019
Business Meeting**

**March 17, 2019
NMRA
Division 2 Meeting
Society Opens at 12 Noon**

**April 4, 2019
Business Meeting**

**April 6 & 7, 2019
Spring Open House**

**May 2, 2019
Business Meeting**

**June 6, 2019
Business Meeting**



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Main Layout: Rich finished painting some more rocks. Jim is working on a section near the wall and is working on a bridge kit to access the farm.

Work on the Repeater is progressing. Wiring and lights still need to be addressed.

More phones will be added to the layout where needed.

Publicity: Nothing reported at this time except to point out that the next Open House is April 6 & 7. It was recognized by all that the PR prior to Open House was extremely effective. Dave pointed out additional locations for future posters.

We have 535 Likes and 538 Followers on FB. This is after the new diesel pics were posted.

Ad Cars: Dr. Lemley has renewed.

Membership: An application was received for Todd Clark. Marty Knouse was re-instated with full privileges.

*****Dues are Due*****

Donations: A Lionel battery operated clock was donated by Marty Knouse. Rich donated some rocks and a "Realistic Tree" kit. Frank was in receipt of a "Shop & Save" train set donated by Gary Marlin, one of Frank's past co-workers.

Old Business: Gary reported that the OP went well, but we were short on engineers. Overall the Layout ran well. The Car Cards were also effective.

Rich declared "We had a GREAT Open House". We had lots of people both days and great exposure from both TV stations. The Society also experienced positive financial success.

Lou reported that the rubber mats,

used for leg comfort, were working well.

New Business: Gary proposed an Operating Session Committee to keep members interested. The committee function would be to organize and prepare for future Operating Sessions. Gary motioned, Tom seconded. Motion approved.

Eric inquired if he can post a video of the Ad Car Train. All posts should go through Rich. Work is required for scene transitioning in the St. George area.

Gary suggested people begin to bring in storage totes to store their personal possessions when not in use or on the layout. This may help with general cleanliness and organization of the Society space and assist with security of individuals belongings. One of the benefits of Totes is their ability to be stacked.

Gary requested and motioned for a "Saturday Clean Up" on 1/26/19 beginning at 10am. A second was put forth by Tom. The motion was voted on and approved.

For the Good of the Order:

The Greenburg Show was the weekend following the business meeting. Rich, Keith, and Marty had planned to attend. Rich had room in his car for 2 people.

The Timonium Show is the first weekend in February.

Tom reported that the website in general needed to be updated. "At a minimum, new pictures".

Frank reported an Open House at the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club in New Eagle on Jan 6.

On Sunday January 27th the New

Eagle Train Show will be held at the New Eagle VFD.

The Grand Central Train Show is scheduled for the same weekend as Timonium.

Motion to adjourn by Gary and seconded by Rich. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully,
Greg Malnikoff
Secretary MVRHS



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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