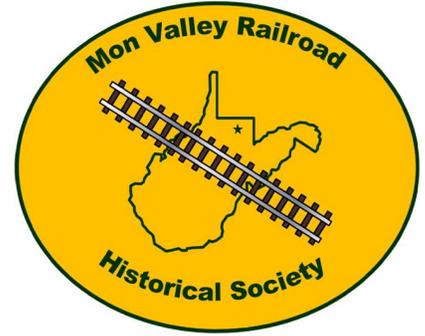


# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

## **MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

### **March, 2019**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

It's March, where did Wintertime go, Spring is only three weeks away. We have a busy time ahead with the NMRA Division 2 meeting coming up fast on March 17, 2019 and then the Spring Model Railroad Open House in April. We will need everyone's help to make these events go off without a hitch.

If you haven't paid your annual dues, please remember you have until March 31 to pay, however, your quick payment allows us to have a better grasp on the finances. Also, any donation you make, whether in cash or materials will help all of us in the year ahead.

Work is still progressing on the New coal mine scene and it finally has a name: Blackwater Coal & Coke. The name was approved by your Board of Director's because it ties in with our railroad's name and we didn't want a long drawn out process like what happened when we spent over a year to determine what our CB&O caboose fleet would look like.

Come down and visit, we miss you!

Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the Business Meeting February 7, 2019***

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President Lou Lemelle. Five Officers and Nine members and one guest present.

A motion was made by Rich to approve the January minutes and seconded by Frank. The motion to accept the January minutes was voted on and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Keith DeVault Treasurer reported that as of February 1, 2019 the Society was still solvent. Motion by Rich to approve the Treasurer's report with a second by Ward. Voted on and approved.

**Modules:** Ian has been working and reworking the ballast colors. Tom reported seeing a "suitcase type" latch system on modules during the Timonium Show and recommend we investigate for possible future use on our own modules.

**Main Layout:** Rich finished painting some limestone rocks. Jim has most of the plaster wrapped in. Gary has the interlocking at St. George nearly finished. Eric reported that during the cleanup session some lighting was discovered on the shelving.

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### ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**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  
Saturday 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 12 Noon to 4pm  
Workers Needed!**

**May 2, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**June 6, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**July 4, 2019  
Business Meeting**



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The lighting could potentially be used to illuminate dark areas around St. George. Eric also discovered some structures that may serve to compliment the lumber yard. Bill Hudak is working through and troubleshooting electrical issues.

**Publicity:** We have 541 Likes on FB. Rich also posted 3-4 additional photos. Rich Nolan from Kingwood has completed an application. Rich Nolan found us through the FB Page.

**Ad Cars:** John Christie has renewed. Morgantown Dental has been provided with a new form.

**Membership:** Of the 26 members active on the books, 16+ 1 college student have paid. An application was presented to the membership proposing Todd Clark for membership. Rich motioned that we admit Todd Clark as a member. Ward seconded the motion. A show of hands vote was cast and motion carried. Welcome Todd.  
**\*\*\*Dues are Due\*\*\***

**Donations:** Marty Knouse made a cash donation. Rich donated farm tractors, hay bales and assorted people figures as well as a B&O Kerosene Lantern. Dave Trader made a \$20 donation.

**Old Business:** The Saturday Clean Up addressed the work bench and many of the shelves. There is a table of unclaimed items to be picked up. Any unclaimed items will be available to members or for sale at future events. There are blue boxes at the end of the work bench belonging to Ad Cars. These need to be put away and stored.

**New Business:** Rich provided a detailed explanation of the Budget and specific items within. A

motion was made by Keith to approve the budget. A second was put forward by Ken. The budget was voted on and approved.

The goals for 2019 were presented and discussed. Rich made a motion to approve the goals which was seconded by Dave Edwards. The goals were voted on and approved.

It was announced that at the BOD Meeting names for the mines had been established. They are **Blackwater Coal & Coke Company St. George, WV Mine#7.**

Ken shared that due to the retirement of Sonja Wilson. Responsibilities at the Mountainlair have been turned over to someone else. The Shenandoah Room will no longer be available to us. Another room will be made available. Its size and location to be determined.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Lou reported having fun at Timonium. The next show will be in Cumberland, MD the first Saturday in May. (Rich will probably have two tables there.)

Keith taught a class at WVU for the OLLI program. He taught on the M & K Railroad and has asked to return and teach on the B & O.

Keith gave Dave a key to be used to make additional copies for membership.

Ian reported that on March 15<sup>th</sup> the Mon County Historical Society will be hosting a dinner and presentation on Local Trolley Lines. Ian will be teaching a class on April 5<sup>th</sup> for OLLI. He will speak on Railroad PR.

Motion to adjourn by Frank and seconded by Rich. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully,  
**Greg Malnikoff**  
**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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: [trainman430@comcast.net](mailto:trainman430@comcast.net)

Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 1834 by President Lou Lemelle. In attendance were,

- Lou Lemelle: President
- Gary Deavers: Immediate Past Pres.
- Keith DeVault: Treasurer
- Rich Henderson: Membership
- Greg Malnikoff: Secretary

The budget was discussed at length and approved. A detailed version of the budget will be available to the membership at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting in February.

## **Main Layout Goals**

Rich brought two sets of goals for the Society, one for the layouts and one for the Society's clubhouse. The BOD members discussed the goals and made revisions. The goals will be presented at the February business meeting for members to discuss, add to, change and vote on.

1. Finish the Farm scene above the "Old Helix" area. Make it a "Horse Farm" by adding fencing around the outside of the "Lift Out" area. Add Farm tractor & trailer, farmer, horses, hay bales, deer in field, some trees. I talked with Mike Hohn that built the Barn and he agreed. Gary suggested adding telephone poles along the tracks and maybe some Octagon telephone buildings so engineer's could keep in contact with dispatchers.

2. Finish scenery at Wilson's Mills - completing the town's Water tower and graveyard near the church, adding front edge scenery, telephone poles & Railroad signs.

3. Add Railroad signs, crossings, people, animals, bushes trees everywhere on the main layout.

4. Paint backdrop at the "St. George Yard", sky blue with some white added in. We have the paint necessary to do this.

5. Finish the "St. George Yard" with buildings, loading docks, people working, weeds & scrub brush. We have most of the materials to do this.

6. Work on St. George city itself and the new Industrial area.

7. Add new Signals for the railroad so ALL are the same. The **Signal Department**, will change the signal where needed to standardize signals throughout the layout.

8. Replace Main Layout lighting where and when possible, as finances permit.

9. Modular Layout - Finish scenery details, buildings, etc. on ALL

modules.

10. Gary said: We should schedule an "Operating Session" once every three months, so as to get members engaged, having fun & learning how to run trains like a real railroad.

Additionally, new names were proposed for the coal mine. After much discussion the BOD members settled on : **Blackwater Coal & Coke Company, St. George, WV Mine #7.**

## **Facility Goals**

1. Finish painting the walls with Yellow & Green pin-stripping, also do touch up where needed. Maybe paint the column in the center, near the Modular layout with yellow & green paint, to bring the whole area together.

2. Identify all wall & ceiling areas where plaster has or is falling, flaking, and or missing. Patch the holes and paint as needed. It looks bad, like we don't care about our group.

3. Check "Emergency" lighting, make sure it works in case of a real emergency. (Also, just in case a Fire Inspector from the City ever decides to visit us. We don't need a violation we can't pay for.)

4. We need more "Railroad" related items put on display, like Lanterns, signs, etc. Visitor's have often asked where are the Railroad lantern's, etc. We know they are EXPENSIVE, but perhaps some members have some things or know of people who have things they would donate! KEEP your eyes Open for things.

It was suggested we run a camera throughout the layout to identify additional cosmetic and functional needs.

Gary moved we present the Goals and Budget to the general membership at the next scheduled Business Meeting in February. Keith seconded the motion which was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1935.  
Greg Malnikoff, Secretary

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