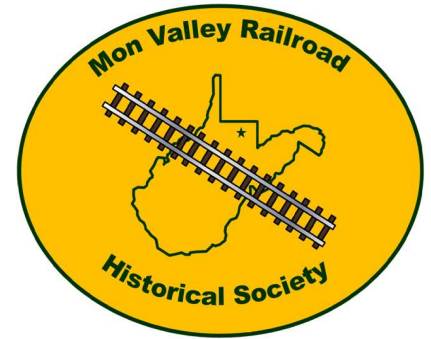


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

March, 2020



EDITORS NOTE

I'm sure everyone is well aware of the "Virus Crisis" that has disrupted all our lives. All I can say is "Keep the Faith" and pray for everyone.

I sent a email message to all members that our BOD/officers have cancelled the Spring Open House and the April business meeting, so this will be the last newsletter until after May.

Elections for new officers/BOD members has been postponed until at least May. Keith let us know that our business license will now be due July 1, so that gives us some time to hold elections and still get our paperwork to the WV Secretary of States office.

What can we do? Well, stay home, call your friends & relatives and try to help cheer them up. Wash your hands and disinfect surfaces. If you go out, try to keep your distance.

Finally, I think prayer works. Pray to what ever God you please, or Higher Power you believe in. Faith can and does create miracles.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Business Meeting

The March 5th 2020 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:30 with 4 officers and 9 members present and 1 guest. A motion was made by Gary and a second by Rich to accept the February Meeting Minutes. Discussion ensued and the motion was changed to a clarification regarding the Elmer's glue. The minutes should reflect and specify "Elmer's White Glue" also known as "Glue All" not to be confused with the Elmer's School Glue. The amended motion was voted on and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Keith. A motion accept was made by Rich and a second by Mike. Voted and approved.

Modules: Mike will continue toward completion.

Main Layout: The station is looking better. Jim reported that he started painting the hills and requested a name for the new mine. Blackwater Coal & Coke # 7 was the name provided.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**April 2, 2020
Business Meeting
Cancelled Due to Virus!**

**May 7, 2020
Business Meeting??**

**June 4, 2020
Business Meeting**

**July 2, 2020
Business Meeting**

**Kids Day
July 18, 2020 ??**

**August 6, 2020
Business Meeting**

**Back to School
Open House
August 29 & 30, 2020
Workers Needed!!**



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Publicity: Public Service Announcements went out to the radio stations. Additional announcements will go out to the TV stations and schools, to include Covenant Christian School and Chestnut Ridge Ranch. FaceBook has 567 Likes and 608 following. The new pictures that were posted drew 210 hits while the Open House announcement drew 163 hits.

Ad Cars: 1 Renewal reported, Morgantown Dental, whose care needs to be refreshed. Presently we are at 8 Ad Cars.

Membership: DUES ARE DUE! There are still members who have not renewed their membership. Rich will contact those members by email.

Donations: There was a large donation made.

Old Business: The Open House is coming up March 28 & 29. Rich suggested we bring Open House posters to our churches. He put out a plea for workers and pointed out that we need a good cleaning, pointing out that we haven't had a good cleaning since before November.

Mike requested an update on the status of updating the website. In response with announced that Keith would start the process of taking and cataloging new pictures. Rich is in the midst of revamping the membership application process. He made a motion we eliminate links or pictures of member layouts. After a second by Greg, the motion was voted on and approved.

New Business: Frank announced the Division II meeting to be held at the Society on the 3rd Sunday in April. Keith, Mike, and Frank will have their layouts open.

Frank requested that people planning to attend sign up with him or sign up on line.

Rich asked for a Nominating Committee to approach members about running for offices in the upcoming society elections. Frank, Eric, and Mike stepped up and volunteered for the committee. Keith made a request for the Treasurer to order new checks.

After a motion by Eric and second by Rich, the motion was approved by vote.

Lou reported the Cumberland Train Show was scheduled for May 9th. Rich mentioned he would have 2 tables.

Keith announced the Regional Convention would be held in Greentree from May 28-30. Member Layouts will be open and there will be a bus tour.

For the Good of the Order: Eric Hopkins suggested we revisit/reconsider being involved with "Kids Day". We can register with "Main Street" on line if we want to get involved again. July 18th is Kid's Day and you should contact Eric individually if you want to be involved.

It was mentioned that Eric Hansmann is the MRH "Editor at Large". It was pointed out that Eric has been widely published and makes numerous contributions to media pertaining to model railroading.

Motion to adjourn by Rich, second by Gary.

The meeting Adjourned at 2011 hours (8:35 pm).

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